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**1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE**

The House met at 10.00 am according to adjournment. The President took the Chair and read the prayers.

The President acknowledged the Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation and its elders and thanked them for their custodianship of this land.

**2 STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—NON-ATTENDANCE OF SUMMONED WITNESSES**

The President made a statement updating the House on the matter concerning the non-attendance of five witnesses, summoned under section 4 of the Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901, to a hearing of the Select Committee on the Relationship between the Dural Caravan Incident and the Passage of Relevant Bills through the Legislative Council on Friday 20 June 2025.

The President informed the House that the five witnesses had reconsidered their position and agreed to attend voluntarily a hearing scheduled on Friday 27 June 2025.

**3 ORDER FOR PAPERS—2025-2026 BUDGET (Formal Business)**

Mr Tudehope moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2101: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, excluding the Budget Papers for the financial year 2025-2026, in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement and Minister for Natural Resources, the Treasury, the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office relating to the 2025-2026 Budget:

- (a) all advice, correspondence, briefing papers and documents provided by New South Wales government departments, agencies and public trading enterprise sectors to the Treasurer, Treasury, the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office relating to the 2025-2026 Budget, including but not limited to:
  - (i) any documents that assess the impact of any of the measures outlined in the Budget,
  - (ii) any models or documents that estimate the revenues to be raised as a result of the measures outlined in the Budget,
- (b) all advice, correspondence, briefing papers, budget kits and budget electorate reports provided to any members of Parliament relating to the 2025-2026 Budget,
- (c) all documents provided to individual members of Parliament outlining regional electorate capital works summaries, by electorate, including but not limited to documents described as electorate reports and regional reports in Prime - the financial management system used by Treasury,
- (d) all documents which refer to capital expenses by electorate, by agency, funded by appropriations from Parliament as well as funds from asset sales and other sources, including but not limited to documents described as electorate reports and regional reports in Prime - the financial management system used by Treasury,
- (e) all documents which refer to capital and recurrent expenses by electorate, including but not limited to documents described as electorate reports and regional reports in Prime - the financial management system used by Treasury, and
- (f) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Question put and passed.

**4 ORDER FOR PAPERS—2025-2026 BUDGET FINANCES (Formal Business)**

Mr Tudehope moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2102: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement and Minister for Natural Resources, the Treasury, the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office relating to the 2025-2026 Budget finances:

- (a) any document detailing recurrent and capital estimates at agency level for the financial years 2024-2025 to 2025-2026 inclusive, noting that printouts provided from the Treasury's Financial Information System should only be the version consistent with the 2025-2026 Budget,
- (b) any document identifying uncommitted, unallocated funds or contingencies within those forward estimates, noting that printouts provided from the Treasury's Financial Information System should only be the version consistent with the 2025-2026 Budget,
- (c) all estimates relating to projects included in the Essential Infrastructure Plan,
- (d) any document showing economic and other assumptions underpinning the estimates for the financial years 2025-2026 to 2028-2029 inclusive,
- (e) any document identifying or qualifying risks and contingent liabilities that might impact the financial years 2024-2025 to 2027-2028 inclusive,
- (f) any document that relates to the state's future financial position as revealed in the estimates,
- (g) any documents pertaining to 2024-2025 actual budget performance not requested elsewhere in this order,
- (h) all documents pertaining to revenue estimates 2025-2026 to 2028-2029 inclusive, and
- (i) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Question put and passed.

**5 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975 (CTH) (Formal Business)**

Mr Murphy moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2103: That this House notes that:

- (a) 11 June 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) into law,
- (b) the Racial Discrimination Bill was introduced in the Senate in 1973 by Commonwealth Attorney General Lionel Murphy and passed by the Parliament in 1975,
- (c) the Racial Discrimination Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person because of his or her race, colour, descent, national origin or ethnic origin or immigrant status in many areas of public life, and
- (d) this was one of many progressive legal reforms introduced by the Whitlam government which had a significant positive impact on our nation.

Question put and passed.

**6 JEFF SHAW MEMORIAL LECTURE 2025 (Formal Business)**

Mr Murphy moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2104: That this House notes that:

- (a) on 19 June 2025, the 2025 Jeff Shaw Memorial Lecture was held at the Parliament House Theatre,
- (b) the lecture is a joint event held by the NSW Society of Labor Lawyers and Unions NSW, along with partner sponsors,
- (c) the 2025 lecture was delivered by the Honourable Justice Adam Hatcher, President of the Fair Work Commission, and
- (d) the Jeff Shaw Memorial Lecture is held annually in recognition and honour of the work of the Honourable Jeff Shaw QC, who was the New South Wales Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relations from 1995 to 2000 and a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, and that as Minister, he advanced the rights of workers, workplace safety and worked to eliminate discrimination.

Question put and passed.

**7 WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2025 (Formal Business)**

Mr Murphy moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2105: That this House notes:

- (a) that World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20 June 2025,
- (b) the enormous contribution refugees make to New South Wales in business, culture, essential work and local communities,
- (c) Australia's obligations under international law to welcome refugees, and
- (d) that the celebration in 2025 includes a printed ground decal titled "Three Women" by artist Atong Atem which stretches over seven metres long and five metres wide, and is displayed in Sydney's CBD between Elizabeth Street and Phillip Street, outside the entrance to Martin Place Station.

Question put and passed.

**8 ORDER FOR PAPERS—ALLIANZ STADIUM, MCDONALD JONES STADIUM AND PENRITH STADIUM (Formal Business)**

Mr Latham moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2109: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 1 January 2019 in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport and Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Venues NSW, the Office of Sport or the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport relating to Allianz Stadium, McDonald Jones Stadium and the new Penrith Stadium:

- (a) all documents relating to the Allianz Stadium at Moore Park and:
  - (i) the tender, purchase, contracting, supply, installation, grow-lights, quality testing, investigations, maintenance, cost and replacement of playing surfaces, relating to turf, soil, sand drainage and associated materials, including tender specifications and assessments,
  - (ii) declarations of interest, benefits, including travel, accommodation or hospitality, past employment or commercial-association made by Venues NSW management and employees in relation to hirers and suppliers,

- (iii) insurance arrangements, possible or actual insurance claims or duty of care to players or athletes using the venue,
  - (iv) interaction with hirers of facilities concerning the quality and suitability of the playing surface, including the National Rugby League (NRL) or the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA),
- (b) all documents relating to the McDonald Jones Stadium at Broadmeadows and:
  - (i) the tender, purchase, contracting, supply, installation, grow-lights, quality testing, investigations, maintenance, cost and replacement of playing surfaces, relating to turf, soil, sand drainage and associated materials, including tender specifications and assessments,
  - (ii) declarations of interest, benefits, including travel, accommodation or hospitality, past employment or commercial-association made by Venues NSW management and employees in relation to hirers and suppliers,
  - (iii) insurance arrangements, possible or actual insurance claims or duty of care to players or athletes using the venue,
  - (iv) interaction with hirers of facilities concerning the quality and suitability of the playing surface, including the National Rugby League (NRL) or the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA),
- (c) all documents relating to the new Penrith Stadium construction project (presently known as BlueBet Stadium) and:
  - (i) the tender, purchase, contracting, supply, installation, grow-lights, quality testing, investigations, maintenance, cost and replacement of playing surfaces, relating to turf, soil, sand drainage and associated materials, including tender specifications and assessments,
  - (ii) declarations of interest, benefits, including travel, accommodation or hospitality, past employment or commercial-association made by Venues NSW management and employees in relation to hirers and suppliers,
  - (iii) insurance arrangements, possible or actual insurance claims or duty of care to players or athletes using the venue,
  - (iv) interaction with hirers of facilities concerning the quality and suitability of the playing surface, including the National Rugby League (NRL) or the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and
- (d) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Question put and passed.

## 9 THE WOMEN'S CLUB (Formal Business)

Mrs Overall moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2113: That this House acknowledges:

- (a) that in 1901, over 100 women gathered at The Women's College at the University of Sydney, not for tea, but to fight, forming The Women's Club to train their voices, share ideas, sharpen their arguments and campaign for one of the most powerful tools in a democracy, the vote,
- (b) that on Friday 20 June 2025, The Women's Club marked 100 years since another element of their vision was realised in the NSW Parliament, the election of the first woman to this Parliament, Millicent Preston-Stanley, as the Member for the Eastern Suburbs in 1925,
- (c) the book and presentation by Dr Wendy Michaels OAM recalling the life and times of Millicent Preston-Stanley, "the Battleaxe of the Bearpit", and
- (d) the trailblazing women who refused to be silent, called for a voice and helped change history, and that this legacy continues to be honoured through The Women's Club almost 125 years on.

Question put and passed.

**10 SERVICE OF MR JOHANES (KANCHO) WONG (Formal Business)**

Mr Banasiak moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2115:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) Mr Johannes Wong known respectfully as Kancho Wong, is the founder and head instructor at Wong's Dojo, a long established martial arts school dedicated to the instruction of traditional Okinawan Meibukan Goju Ryu Karate, Koburyu Kobudo and Naha-Te, and
  - (b) the significant and on going contribution that Mr Wong has made to Australian martial arts over the past 70 years through his training, instruction, and leadership as the Kancho or head of school dedicated to traditional Okinawan styles of martial arts and the passing on of these arts to not only his students but other Kanchos and very senior martial artists, and in other martial arts systems in New South Wales.
- (2) That this House further notes that Mr Wong's distinguished martial arts credentials include:
  - (a) Tenth Dan in Naha-Te, recognised as the only living Grand Master, keeping alive this ancient martial art,
  - (b) Ninth Dan in Kobudo, the traditional Okinawan weapons art, awarded by Master Takashi Kinjo in 2014 and he is widely respected for his continual pursuit of excellence and his willingness to expand his martial arts knowledge through collaboration with masters from a range of disciplines and schools,
  - (c) Eighth Dan in Meibukan Goju Ryu Karate, awarded by Master M. Ikimyagi in 2013,
  - (d) First Dan in Jujitsu and Judo, and
  - (e) recognition as a master of Buddhist Fist Kung Fu, demonstrating a lifelong pursuit of martial knowledge across multiple disciplines.
- (3) That this House notes Mr Wong's:
  - (a) extraordinary military service and background, having joined the Indonesian Green Beret Special Forces at the age of seventeen, where he served for five years, and during this time he underwent rigorous elite training, including a now legendary hundred mile endurance run, which he did in his karate uniform and barefoot, from Malang to Surabaya, beginning at 5.00 pm and running continuously until nearly midnight the next day, finishing with bleeding and blistered feet, and earning the respect of his peers and superiors,
  - (b) training also included being dropped in the jungle with no food or supplies, having to survive and navigate back, in exercises where many did not return which is evidence of the physical and mental endurance he developed in the most extreme of conditions,
  - (c) commendable decision to leave military service to support his family, returning home when his father suffered a stroke and eventually migrating to Australia in 1974, where he restarted his martial arts journey and went on to become a quiet but foundational pillar of the martial arts community in New South Wales,
  - (d) immense contribution to martial arts education, having personally trained more than five thousand soldiers during his military career in Indonesia and thousands of civilian students since arriving in Australia, with many of his students having gone on to become state and national champions in karate and kobudo, international officials, successful professionals, and instructors in their own right, and

- (c) long-standing partnership with the Australian Martial Arts Championships, a division of the World Martial Arts Championships, and the integral role of Wong's Dojo in both traditional and sport karate arenas over many decades.
- (4) That this House acknowledges:
  - (a) Kancho Wong's personal philosophy that defines his instruction that martial arts is not just about fighting or sport, but about becoming a good person, helping others and building peace in the world, and that he has always said his proudest achievement is not a title or medal, but the transformation of his students into kind, honest and successful individuals, and
  - (b) the strength of Mr Wong's family, including his wife Mrs Nancy Wong, who has a black belt in Jujitsu, their children Lucy Wong, Fen Ingersole and Peter Wong, all of whom are karate instructors, and his grandchildren Kyle and Jade Ingersole, who now help lead the dojo alongside him and continue his legacy into the next generation.
- (5) That this House thanks and honours Mr Johanes, Kancho, Wong for his lifetime of extraordinary dedication to martial arts, his service to his country and the immense influence he has had on martial artists, families and communities across New South Wales through discipline, humility and compassion.

Question put and passed.

## **11 INTERNATIONAL CLEANERS DAY 2025 (Formal Business)**

Mr Buttigieg moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2116:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) 15 June marked International Cleaners Day, a day acknowledging the vital service of cleaners to our society by keeping people safe,
  - (b) International Cleaners Day originated from a key moment in the American Justice for Janitors movement, when, on 15 June 1990 in Los Angeles, cleaners peacefully protesting their pay and conditions were met with a violent response from law enforcement, leaving many injured, however, the workers persevered in their fight for better rights and inspired many others to do the same, and
  - (c) in recognition of International Cleaners Day, the Health Services Union paid tribute to the essential work of cleaners in the healthcare system, importantly in protecting the community from the spread of infectious diseases.
- (2) That this House acknowledges and thanks cleaners across New South Wales for their invaluable contributions to our state.

Question put and passed.

## **12 WALK WITH CHRIST EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION 2025 (Formal Business)**

Mrs Carter moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2118:

- (1) That this House notes that
  - (a) the annual Walk with Christ took place in Sydney on Sunday 22 June 2025 to mark the feast of Corpus Christi,



- (b) this Eucharistic procession drew an estimated 20,000 Christians from across Sydney to process around the central business district in a stunning display of religious faith, unity and peace,
- (c) Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP gave a special blessing to NSW Parliament House and all of its members during the procession, and
- (d) also in attendance were:
  - (i) the Honourable Damien Tudehope MLC,
  - (ii) the Honourable Aileen MacDonald MLC,
  - (iii) Ms Robyn Preston MP,
  - (iv) Dr Hugh McDermott MP,
  - (v) the Honourable Susan Carter MLC.
- (2) That this House congratulates the Archdiocese of Sydney on the successful organisation of this community event and we look forward to their hosting of the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028.

Question put and passed.

### **13 SALT CARE NOWRA (Formal Business)**

Mrs Ward moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2126:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) Salt Care is a local, not for profit volunteer based charity that provides benevolent relief to the South Coast Nowra Community providing immediate and long term assistance to the homeless, socially disadvantaged, those who suffer from mental health issues, the disabled, indigenous, elderly and young people at risk,
  - (b) the contribution of Nowra based Salt Care providing support services including assisted housing, NDIS support, food services, emergency shelter, disaster relief and job opportunities across the Shoalhaven empowering individuals to rebuild their lives,
  - (c) Salt Care was started in 2009 with a thoughtful idea to provide groceries to those in need during a particularly difficult time for the community in Bomaderry, and with the hard work of volunteers and staff, the charity has expanded to run from Wollongong to Batemans Bay, and
  - (d) Salt Care costs \$4 million annually to run and relies on Government funding as well as community fundraising to support its critical work.
- (2) That this House acknowledges the invaluable care and support provided by the Salt Care team and its volunteers for their contribution to supporting their community.

Question put and passed.

### **14 TAIWANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AUSTRALIA (Formal Business)**

Ms Merton moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2130:

- (1) That this House congratulates Mr Peter Huang on his inauguration as the 20th President of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Australia (TCCA), and recognises the contribution of the outgoing 19th President Michael Wu and his Executive Committee in promoting social, cultural and economic exchanges between the Taiwanese and Australian people.

- (2) That this House acknowledges the TCCA Gala Inauguration Dinner held on 23 June 2025 and attended by the Honourable Rachel Merton MLC, the Honourable Jacqui Munro MLC, Monica Tudehope MP, the Mayor of Ryde City Council, Councillor Trenton Brown, Councillor Barbara Ward of Ku-ring-gai Council and Councillor Steven Huang from Brisbane City Council.
- (3) That this House recognises the important work undertaken by the TCCA since its formation in February 1998 in advocating for the Taiwanese Australian community, in strengthening ties between Taiwan and Australia, and promoting cooperation between Taiwanese and Australian businesses.

Question put and passed.

#### **15 CENTENARY OF THE QUEENWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (Formal Business)**

Ms Merton moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2132:

- (1) That this House congratulates Queenwood School for Girls in Mosman on its Centenary, celebrating 100 years of educating young women since its establishment in 1925 by Miss Grace Lawrance.
- (2) That this House acknowledges the Queenwood Centenary Concert, held at Sydney Town Hall on 18 June 2025, and congratulates the Principal, Ms Marise McConaghy, and the Chair of the Council of Governors, Ms Kelly McFadden, on hosting a wonderful musical celebration that honoured the School's legacy of fostering truth, courage, and service.
- (3) That this House acknowledges Queenwood's commitment to a liberal education, nurturing academic rigour and community spirit, and commends Queenwood for its role in shaping generations of principled and confident women.

Question put and passed.

#### **16 PASSING OF RAYMOND EDWARD PECKHAM (Formal Business)**

Mr Lawrence moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2135:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) lifelong Aboriginal activist Raymond Edward Peckham or 'Uncle Ray' as he was widely known, passed away peacefully at Dubbo Base Hospital on 6 June 2025, aged 95 years,
  - (b) Uncle Ray was one of the most important Aboriginal leaders of the 20th Century, whose work in aboriginal politics, the Communist Party and the union movement led him to travel extensively across New South Wales in the 1950s and 1960s to assist Aboriginal communities segregated on reserves and missions and to build support across the working-class movement for Aboriginal rights,
  - (c) Uncle Ray was deeply inspired by the work of Pearl Gibbs and Bill Ferguson, two Aborigines Progressive Association leaders, whose vision of full citizenship rights, equality and freedom he shared through his dedicated life's work,
  - (d) Uncle Ray was born on 24 June 1929 in Bunyip Victoria, one of thirteen children who spent his early years settled at the Talbragar Reserve near Dubbo, and deeply impacted by the racist Aborigines Protection Act 1909 (NSW) which excluded him from schooling,
  - (e) his father Thomas Peckham, a Wiradjuri man from Parkes, was active in the Aborigines Progressive Association and the trade union movement, speaking out against discrimination, and his mother Linda, a Wondjalín woman from Wellington, was the head cook at Dubbo Base Hospital,

- (f) following work on properties and as a police tracker in Kempsey, Ray moved to Sydney in 1950 where he joined the Aboriginal Rights Council with Pearl Gibbs, travelled to East Berlin for the Peace Festival in 1951 as the only Aboriginal delegate and marched at the front with 30,000 people to the Sydney Domain demanding peace and an end to racism,
  - (g) Uncle Ray joined the Communist Party, the only political party to oppose the White Australia Policy at this time and was present at the historic meeting in 1957 at Sydney Town Hall that launched the campaign for a referendum to remove discriminatory clauses from the Australian Constitution, and he fought hard for the next ten years for a successful outcome in this referendum,
  - (h) throughout the 1960s, Ray campaigned with his union, the Builders' Labourers Federation, the Communist Party, the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship and the Aborigines Progressive Association in Sydney to demand an end to the racist tyranny of the Aborigines Protection Act 1909 (NSW) and the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board that enforced it, including convincing trade unions to take collective action to force pubs and other establishments to allow entry to Aboriginal people,
  - (i) Ray led fights which secured proper housing for many Aboriginal people living in tin shacks in Coonamble, Coomaditchie near Port Kembla and Purfleet outside Taree and Moree,
  - (j) Ray was instrumental in achieving reforms in 1963 that removed the ability of the Welfare Board to quarantine wages and confine Aboriginal people to reserves and a right for Aboriginal people to drink, and by 1969 his dedicated activism led to the abolition of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board, and
  - (k) Uncle Ray has strong ties to Dubbo, resettling in Dubbo in the 1990s after decades of dedicated activism around Australia, where he campaigned for local causes such as the fight to stop coal seam gas in the Pilliga Forest and served as a member of the Wiradjuri Council of Elders and as an Elder in Residence at Charles Sturt University.
- (2) That this House further notes that the funeral of Uncle Ray will be held on Friday 27 June 2025 at St Brigid's Catholic Church in Dubbo.
  - (3) This House passes on its deepest condolences to the family of Uncle Ray and encourage all people to learn more about the life and achievements of this remarkable Wiradjuri leader.

Question put and passed.

## **17 COOMA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE HERITAGE LISTING (Formal Business)**

Mr Lawrence moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2136: That this House notes that:

- (a) on 19 June 2025 an official plaque was formally unveiled at Cooma Correctional Centre to recognise its inclusion on the NSW State Heritage Register,
- (b) the plaque was unveiled by Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections, the Honourable Anoulack Chanthivong MP,
- (c) Corrective Services NSW Commissioner, Gary McCahon PSM, also attended the event, which recognised the challenging past of Cooma Gaol, a correctional facility used exclusively between 1957 and 1984 to imprison people for the crime of homosexuality, a crime that remained illegal in New South Wales until it was decriminalised in 1984,

- (d) the Minns Government took the opportunity on this occasion to reiterate its apology to the people convicted under these discriminatory laws and held in custody for no crime other than expressing their identity,
- (e) the inclusion of Cooma Correctional Centre on the NSW State Heritage Register acknowledges the Gaol's challenging history and will ensure the physical site is preserved for generations to come,
- (f) reopened in 1957 with a specific purpose of incarcerating men for homosexual offences, Cooma Gaol is known to have been used for human testing, with the objective of eradicating homosexuality and the new Audible podcast series "The Greatest Menace" saying that psychologists and psychiatrists were "coming in all the time" after the jail reopened in 1957, and "They were trying to get them on the 'right' track... They reckoned they could cure them.",
- (g) in 1958, the Government announced a committee of inquiry into the "cause and treatment of homosexuality" where it was said that the intention was to employ "experts in the fields of medicine, psychiatry, penology and social and moral welfare",
- (h) a statement of the Government at the time names Cooma prison as "a special institution for convicted homosexual offenders" which will "facilitate the investigation",
- (i) the gaol was also used to imprison sex offenders against children, in a context where the same criminal offences inappropriately governed sexual relations between adult men of the same sex and sexual relations between adults and children,
- (j) historical documents suggest that the then New South Wales Justice Minister, the Honourable Reg Downing took credit for establishing the prison and expressed pride in the project, and the Government had received a request to consider renaming the Downing Centre, the court complex in the Sydney Central Business District after Reg Downing, in light of this history, and this request has come following the landmark Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes, which investigated unsolved suspected hate crime deaths of LGBTIQ people, or people who were presumed to be LGBTIQ in New South Wales between 1970 and 2010, and the Government has adopted all recommendations of the Inquiry, and
- (k) the Government will not rename the Downing Centre.

Question put and passed.

## 18 TRACKSIDE ARMIDALE (Formal Business)

Mrs MacDonald moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2138:

- (1) That this House congratulates the Women's Shelter Armidale and its partners on the official opening of Trackside, a new Youth Hub and Community Service Centre in Armidale.
- (2) That this House acknowledges the innovative service model of the Hub which provides 24/7 access to critical supports for young people, including crisis accommodation, meals and training opportunities through a commercial kitchen, access to health, housing and education services and a safe space to connect, recharge and grow.
- (3) That this House commends Penny Lamaro and the broader working group, including local service providers, government departments and community stakeholders for their commitment to building a responsive, place based and sustainable model tailored to the needs of young people in the New England region.
- (4) That this House notes the strong community collaboration that made the Hub possible, including the generous support from Transport for NSW, the stewardship of the Women's Shelter Armidale, and the vital contributions of Armidale Regional Council.

- (5) That this House further notes that the opening was attended by many members of the local community including students from Armidale Secondary College, Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan MP, Mayor of Armidale Regional Council, Sam Coupland and Councillors Brad Widders and Susan McMichael.
- (6) That this House affirms that the Trackside initiative embodies the belief that "it takes a village to raise a child", creating the right environment for young people to thrive and determine their own futures.

Question put and passed.

## **19 BUSINESS NSW HOUSING CHALLENGES BRIEFING IN ARMIDALE (Formal Business)**

Mrs MacDonald moved, as formal business, private members' business item no. 2139:

- (1) That this House notes the recent briefing event hosted by Business NSW in Armidale on 17 June 2025, presenting the New England North West (NENW) Housing Report developed in partnership with Housing Now.
- (2) That this House commends Business NSW New England North West for bringing together regional stakeholders through a series of roundtable discussions to address pressing housing challenges including affordability, supply and planning inefficiencies.
- (3) That this House applauds the collaborative and solution focused approach of the NENW region, with practical recommendations such as:
  - (a) strengthening the independence and consistency of planning decisions,
  - (b) utilising artificial intelligence to streamline development approvals,
  - (c) investing in the local planning workforce, and
  - (d) reforming outdated planning frameworks and levies.
- (4) That this House acknowledges the proactive leadership shown by regional communities in identifying and advancing policy solutions rather than waiting for government direction.
- (5) That this House recognises the resilience, innovation and "can do" attitude that characterises Country New South Wales and affirms the importance of supporting regional voices in shaping state wide reform.

Question put and passed.

## **20 AUDITOR-GENERAL—REPORT**

The Clerk, according to the Government Sector Audit Act 1983, announced receipt of a Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General entitled "Regulating mine rehabilitation", dated 25 June 2025, received out of session and published this day.

## **21 WRITTEN ANSWER TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

The President informed the House of the publication in today's Hansard of a written answer to a supplementary question without notice asked on the previous sitting day and lodged with the Clerk since the last sitting of the House.

**22 NOTICES OF MOTIONS****23 NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Ms Jackson withdrew government business notice of motion no. 1 on the Notice Paper for today relating to the Water Management Legislation (Stronger Enforcement and Penalties) Bill.

**24 BUSINESS POSTPONED**

Notice of motion no. 1 on the Notice Paper of business of the House postponed by Ms Sharpe until next sitting day.

**25 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (60 DAY DEEMED APPROVAL) BILL 2025**

Mr Ruddick moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 1986: That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to provide that certain development applications, modification applications and certificates are deemed to have been approved if the consent authority or certifier has not determined the application within 60 days of it being made; and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Bill presented.

Bill read a first time and published.

Mr Ruddick then moved: That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion made (Mr Nanva) and question: That this debate be now adjourned until five calendar days ahead—put and passed.

**26 ORDER FOR PAPERS—WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION**

Mr Tudehope, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 2107 by:

- (1) Omitting "21 days" and inserting instead "28 days".
- (2) In paragraph (l) inserting at the end "reforms".

Mr Tudehope moved, according to notice, as by leave amended: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 28 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 25 March 2023 in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Youth Justice, the Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety, the Premier's Department, Parliamentary Counsel's Office, The Cabinet Office, Treasury, the Department of Customer Service, Insurance and Care NSW (icare) or the State Insurance Regulatory Authority relating to workers compensation legislation:

- (a) all documents relating to actuarial modelling and assumptions regarding changes to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 or the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998,

- (b) all documents relating to drafting instructions for the exposure draft of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (c) all documents relating to drafting instructions for the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (d) all versions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (e) all documents relating to proposed amendments to the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, including all costings, briefings, modelling, or advice,
- (f) all documents relating to premium filings for the Nominal Insurer,
- (g) all documents relating to the Nominal Insurer Valuation,
- (h) all documents relating to the expansion of Schedule 4 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987,
- (i) all documents relating to consultation regarding changes to workers compensation,
- (j) all contracts relating to Claim Service Providers,
- (k) all correspondence sent between the Premier and the Treasurer, including between their offices, relating to workers compensation,
- (l) all correspondence sent to or received from a trade union relating to workers compensation reforms, and
- (m) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr Graham, by leave, spoke beyond the time for debate.

Debate continued.

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According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted at 11.00 am for Questions.

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## **27 QUESTIONS**

According to standing order, at the conclusion of Questions, supplementary questions for written answers were asked by members.

## **28 TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Mr Tudehope moved, according to standing order: That the House take note of answers to questions.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**29 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS****30 ORDER FOR PAPERS—WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION**

Order of the day read for resumption of the interrupted debate of the question on the motion of Mr Tudehope, as by leave amended (private members' business item no. 2107): That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 28 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 25 March 2023 in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Youth Justice, the Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety, the Premier's Department, Parliamentary Counsel's Office, The Cabinet Office, Treasury, the Department of Customer Service, Insurance and Care NSW (icare) or the State Insurance Regulatory Authority relating to workers compensation legislation:

- (a) all documents relating to actuarial modelling and assumptions regarding changes to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 or the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998,
- (b) all documents relating to drafting instructions for the exposure draft of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (c) all documents relating to drafting instructions for the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (d) all versions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025,
- (e) all documents relating to proposed amendments to the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, including all costings, briefings, modelling, or advice,
- (f) all documents relating to premium filings for the Nominal Insurer,
- (g) all documents relating to the Nominal Insurer Valuation,
- (h) all documents relating to the expansion of Schedule 4 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987,
- (i) all documents relating to consultation regarding changes to workers compensation,
- (j) all contracts relating to Claim Service Providers,
- (k) all correspondence sent between the Premier and the Treasurer, including between their offices, relating to workers compensation,
- (l) all correspondence sent to or received from a trade union relating to workers compensation reforms, and
- (m) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate resumed.

Mr Nanva moved: That the question be amended by omitting in paragraph (h) "documents" and inserting instead "modelling".

Debate continued.

Mr Latham spoke a second time to the amendment of Mr Nanva.



Mr Tudehope, by leave, spoke a second time to the amendment of Mr Nanva.

Ms Suvaal spoke a second time to the amendment of Mr Nanva.

Ms Boyd spoke a second time to the amendment of Mr Nanva.

Debate continued.

Question put: That the amendment of Mr Nanva be agreed to.

The House divided.

Ayes .....15  
Noes .....21  
Majority.....6

#### AYES

Banasiak	Donnelly	Moriarty
Borsak	Houssos	Murphy (teller)
Buckingham	Jackson	Nanva (teller)
Buttigieg	Lawrence	Primrose
D'Adam	Mookhey	Suvaal

#### NOES

Barrett	Hurst	Mitchell
Boyd	Latham	Munro
Carter	MacDonald	Overall
Cohn	Maclaren-Jones	Rath (teller)
Fachrmann	Martin	Roberts
Fang (teller)	Merton	Ruddick
Higginson	Mihailuk	Tudehope

#### PAIRS

Graham	Ward
Kaine	Farlow

Question resolved in the negative.

Original question, as by leave amended—put and passed.

### 31 ORDER FOR PAPERS—OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH) AND OTHER SHARED USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Ms Boyd, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 2134 by:

- (1) Omitting "21 days" and inserting instead "28 days".
- (2) Omitting paragraph (c) and inserting instead:

"(c) all documents created since 1 December 2021 containing substantive discussions relating to the first lease or licence agreement after a service changed from being a parent, Parents and Citizens association, or school managed service to any other type of service, and the determination of licence fees for private or commercial operators approved by School Infrastructure NSW for OOSH services, canteens, uniform shops or logos,".

- (3) In paragraph (d) omitting "documents, including briefings, reports, memoranda, emails and communication, relating to".
- (4) Omitting paragraph (f).
- (5) Omitting paragraph (g).
- (6) Inserting at the end:

"(2) That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 42 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents, including all communication sent between the Department and public schools or Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) providers, created since 1 April 2019, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney or the Department of Education relating to the OOSH recategorisation and transition process, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House."

Ms Boyd moved, according to notice, as by leave amended:

- (1) That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 28 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 1 April 2019, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney or the Department of Education relating to licensing for Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) and other shared use of school facilities:
  - (a) all documents, including briefings, reports, memoranda, emails and communication, relating to the Department's policy change announced in December 2021 regarding OOSH licence categories and the associated tender processes,
  - (b) all documents, including briefings, reports, memoranda, emails and communication, relating to all reviews or audits, conducted or arranged by the Department, of OOSH licence categorisations or the associated tender process, including all findings or outcomes,
  - (c) all documents created since 1 December 2021 containing substantive discussions relating to the first lease or licence agreement after a service changed from being a parent, Parents and Citizens association, or school managed service to any other type of service, and the determination of licence fees for private or commercial operators approved by School Infrastructure NSW for OOSH services, canteens, uniform shops or logos,
  - (d) all notices issued by School Infrastructure NSW to terminate or suspend licences, leases or agreements for OOSH services, canteens, uniform shops or logos,
  - (e) all documents, including briefings, reports, memoranda, emails and communication, relating to the transfer of responsibility for licencing OOSH services, canteens, uniform shops or logos from the Early Childhood Education Directorate to School Infrastructure NSW, and
  - (f) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.
- (2) That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 42 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents, including all communication sent between the Department and public schools or Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) providers, created since 1 April 2019, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney or the Department of Education relating to the OOSH recategorisation and transition process, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

### **32 ORDER FOR PAPERS—PROCUREMENT BOARD DIRECTION 2024-02**

Mr Tudehope moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2108: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents created since 1 January 2025 in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement and Minister for Natural Resources or Treasury (including the New South Wales Procurement Board) relating to Procurement Board Direction 2024-02, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

### **33 MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Deputy President reported receipt of the following messages from the Legislative Assembly:

#### **(1) Statute Law Amendment (Administrative Appeals Tribunal) Bill 2025**

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title "An Act to amend certain Acts and instruments consequent on the enactment of the Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2024 of the Commonwealth; and for related purposes" returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

#### **(2) Evidence (Audio and Audio Visual Links) Amendment (Local Court Bail Division) Bill 2025**

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title "An Act to amend the Evidence (Audio and Audio Visual Links) Act 1998 to formalise the use of audio visual links in first appearance bail matters; and to facilitate the commencement of the Bail Division of the Local Court" returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

### **34 ELECTORAL FUNDING AMENDMENT (MAJOR POLITICAL DONORS) BILL 2025**

Order of the day read for resumption of the adjourned debate of the question on the motion of Ms Mihailuk (private members' business item no. 1842): That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Motion made (Mr Murphy) and question: That this debate be now adjourned until next sitting day—put and passed.

**35 ORDER FOR PAPERS—SAFework NSW INVESTIGATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**

Mrs Carter, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 2117 by omitting "21 days" and inserting instead "28 days".

Mrs Carter moved, according to notice, as by leave amended: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 28 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 1 September 2024 in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety, the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Youth Justice, the Premier's Department (including NSW Industrial Relations) or the Department of Customer Service (including SafeWork NSW) relating to a SafeWork NSW investigation of the University of Sydney:

- (a) all documents regarding a complaint made to SafeWork NSW about safety concerns at the University of Sydney relating to psychosocial hazards, including bullying and harassment of Jewish staff members,
- (b) all documents regarding the results of the preliminary investigation, dated 20 February 2025,
- (c) all documents regarding the reasons why the recommendation for a full investigation and further investigation were not followed, and
- (d) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**36 SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPETITION REFORMS IN ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING**

Mr Martin moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2143:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on competition reforms in electronic conveyancing in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the impact of outages on property settlements, including home buyers and small businesses,
  - (b) current pricing and opportunities to drive competition via pricing action,
  - (c) New South Wales' commitment to deliver interoperability to the market by December 2025, including the status of the reform, the process for execution and the transparency of progress,
  - (d) the Registrar General's enforcement powers under the NSW Electronic Conveyancing Enforcement Act 2022 to compel electronic lodgement network operators to comply with the reform,
  - (e) the recommendations of the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission's June 2024 eConveyancing Market Study,
  - (f) the relationship between the banks and the monopoly network, and
  - (g) any other related matter.

- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
  - (a) three government members,
  - (b) three opposition members, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, being Mr Banasiak, Ms Boyd and Mr Martin.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Martin and the Deputy Chair be elected by the committee at its first meeting.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
  - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
  - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between Opposition, crossbench and Government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
  - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
  - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr Graham, by leave, spoke beyond the time for debate.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

### **37 CULTURAL AND MUSICAL CONTRIBUTION OF AC/DC**

Mr Buckingham moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 1981:

- (1) That this House notes that on 22 November 2023 this House unanimously supported a Notice of Motion moved by the Honourable Jeremy Buckingham MLC, which called the Government to:

- (a) recognise AC/DC as New South Wales' and Australia's most successful, and one of the world's most popular, performing artists, and
  - (b) construct a permanent public memorial that recognises the achievements of AC/DC and commemorates their globally significant musical and cultural contribution over the past 50 years.
- (2) That this House further notes that in February 2025 in response to questions in a Budget Estimates hearing regarding the construction of a public memorial honouring AC/DC and the Young family, the Premier of NSW Chris Minns said "I know the Young's. I love AC/DC. Perhaps I could take it on notice, but it sounds like a good idea."
- (3) That this House calls on the NSW Premier and the State Government to take action to enact the resolution passed by this House and the public commitment the Premier has made, to ensure that the greatest cultural and music export from this Nation, the greatest rock and roll band in the history of the known universe, is appropriately recognised by way of a significant and prominent public memorial in the city and state from which they rose to conquer the world.

Debate ensued.

Mr Buckingham, by leave, tabled Two documents depicting proposed monuments commemorating AC/DC developed by Glenn Smith and the Honourable Jeremy Buckingham MLC.

Debate continued.

Mr Buckingham moved, according to standing order 94: That:

- (a) the time for debate on this motion be extended by 10 minutes, and
- (b) each subsequent speaker may speak for not more than 3 minutes.

Question put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr Buckingham, by leave, tabled Document containing the lyrics of the AC/DC song "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap".

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

**38 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Legislative Assembly:

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a bill with the long title "An Act to amend the Industrial Relations Act 1996 in relation to bullying at work and sexual harassment in connection with work; to amend the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 to provide for matters relating to work health and safety disputes and other miscellaneous matters; and for other purposes" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

Bill, on motion of Mr Graham (on behalf of Mr Mookhey), read a first time and published.

According to standing order, Mr Graham tabled a statement of public interest.

According to standing order, Mr Graham declared the bill to be an urgent bill.

Question: That the bill be considered an urgent bill—put and passed.

Ordered: That the second reading of the bill stand an order of the day for next sitting day.

**39 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT (NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL DEED TERMINATION) BILL 2025**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Legislative Assembly:

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a bill with the long title "An Act to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to provide for the statutory termination of the Northern Beaches Hospital Deed; and for related purposes" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

Bill, on motion of Mr Graham (on behalf of Mrs Houssos), read a first time and published.

According to standing order, Mr Graham tabled a statement of public interest.

According to standing order, Mr Graham declared the bill to be an urgent bill.

Question: That the bill be considered an urgent bill—put and passed.

Ordered: That the second reading of the bill stand an order of the day for next sitting day.

**40 M52 BUS SERVICE**

Ms Suvaal (on behalf of Dr Kaine) moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2112:

- (1) That this House notes that in 2021 the former Liberal National Government cut the M52 bus service, severing the direct link between Parramatta and the central business district through Ryde.
- (2) That this House acknowledges that the Minns Labor Government is investing \$452 million in the 2025-2026 Budget to improve bus services across New South Wales, support the rollout of 50 new bendy buses and meet rising costs for local bus operators.
- (3) That this House further acknowledges that the Minns Labor Government is restoring the M52 by expanding the 500X service to Parramatta.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Ward moved: That the question be amended by:

- (1) In paragraph (1) inserting at the end ", and that the former Government left five new metro lines delivered or in delivery and nine new or upgraded motorways."
- (2) Inserting after paragraph (3):

"(4) That this House acknowledges the bendy buses were built overseas.

(5) That this House further acknowledges the Labor Government's transport vision is to only deliver one bus route at a time."

Debate continued.

Mr Buttigieg moved: That the amendments of Mrs Ward be amended by omitting in paragraph (2) all words after "Inserting after paragraph (3):" and inserting instead:

""(4) That this House rejects the record of bus privatisation from the former government.""

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Mr Buttigieg to the amendments of Mrs Ward be agreed to—put and passed.

Question: That the amendments of Mrs Ward, as amended, be agreed to—put and negatived.

Original question put and passed.

#### **41 ORDER FOR PAPERS—STEPHEN LAMBLEY**

Ms Hurst moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2144: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research and Minister for the Central Coast, Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission or Greyhound Racing New South Wales relating to all complaints, investigations, inquiries, inspections or disciplinary action regarding Stephen Lambley, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

#### **42 ORDER FOR PAPERS—RESTRUCTURE OF CREATE NSW OR CREATE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ms Munro moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2123: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents created since 1 July 2024 in the possession, custody or control of the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, the Treasurer, the Premier, the Premier's Department, The Cabinet Office, Treasury or the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport relating to the restructure of Create NSW, or Create Infrastructure, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

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Mr Graham sought the leave of the House to speak beyond the time for debate.

Objection taken.



Leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Mr Nanva moved: That the question be amended by omitting "21 days" and inserting instead "28 days".

Debate continued.

Mr Graham spoke a second time to the amendment of Mr Nanva.

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Mr Nanva be agreed to—put and passed.

Original question, as amended: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 28 days of the date of passing of this resolution all documents created since 1 July 2024 in the possession, custody or control of the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, the Treasurer, the Premier, the Premier's Department, The Cabinet Office, Treasury or the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport relating to the restructure of Create NSW, or Create Infrastructure, and any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House—put.

The House divided.

Ayes .....20  
Noes .....14  
Majority.....6

#### AYES

Boyd  
Carter  
Cohn  
Faehrmann  
Fang (teller)  
Farlow  
Higginson

Hurst  
Latham  
MacDonald  
Maclaren-Jones  
Martin  
Merton  
Munro

Overall  
Rath (teller)  
Roberts  
Ruddick  
Tudehope  
Ward

#### NOES

Buckingham  
Buttigieg  
D'Adam  
Donnelly  
Graham

Houssos  
Jackson  
Lawrence  
Moriarty  
Murphy (teller)

Nanva (teller)  
Primrose  
Sharpe  
Suvaal

#### PAIRS

Barrett  
Mitchell

Kaine  
Mookhey

Question resolved in the affirmative.

#### 43 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

The Assistant President reported receipt of the following message from the Legislative Assembly:

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title "An Act to amend legislation establishing certain New South Wales cultural institutions to increase the membership of the governing body of each institution to include at least one young person" returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

#### **44 RETURNS TO ORDERS**

##### **(1) Administration of the Opportunity Class and Selective schools 2026 entrance exams**

The Clerk, according to resolution of the House of Wednesday 28 May 2025, tabled:

- (a) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, together with an indexed list of documents
- (b) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, of documents subject to a claim of privilege
- (c) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, of documents subject to a claim of personal information.

##### **(2) Early childhood education and care sector - Further order**

The Clerk, according to resolution of the House of Tuesday 18 March 2025 and Thursday 27 March 2025, tabled:

- (a) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, together with an indexed list of documents with certain privileged and personal information redacted as ordered
- (b) return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, of documents subject to a claim of personal information.

##### **(3) The Bays Precinct planning proposals**

The Clerk, according to resolution of the House of Wednesday 4 June 2025, tabled:

- (a) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, together with an indexed list of documents
- (b) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, of documents subject to a claim of privilege
- (c) A return received on Wednesday 25 June 2025 from The Cabinet Office, of documents subject to a claim of personal information.

#### **45 ORDER FOR PAPERS—WATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Ms Faehrmann, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 2140 by omitting paragraph (c) and inserting instead:

"(c) all documents created since 28 March 2023 regarding:

- (i) Specific Purpose Water Access Licences in relation to subcategories for McPhillamys Belubula River gold mine and Aboriginal cultural access,
- (ii) calculations for water required for Specific Purpose Water Access Licences,
- (iii) recirculation dams in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source,
- (iv) Water Access Licence conditions for Floodplain Harvesting (Unregulated River) Water Access Licences in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source or for Floodplain Harvesting (Regulated River) Water Access Licences in the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source,
- (v) Closing the Gap in relation to water,
- (vi) Water Sharing Plan prescribed wetlands, and".

Ms Faehrmann moved, according to notice, as by leave amended: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 35 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage, the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Youth, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Water NSW, the Natural Resources Access Regulator or the Natural Resources Commission relating to water management in New South Wales:

- (a) all documents created between 1 January 2019 and 30 June 2020 regarding changing the A Class commence to pump threshold at Bourke Town gauge,
- (b) all documents created since 1 January 2019 regarding:
  - (i) the delegation, sharing, transfer or subcontracting of responsibilities or functions of WaterNSW to any other party, group or agencies,
  - (ii) works approvals 80WA726646, 80CA700606, 80CA701253 or associated works approvals and Water Access Licences,
  - (iii) Water Access Licence 44638 or associated works approvals and Water Access Licences,
  - (iv) definitions or meanings in relation to irrigation works approvals, uncontrolled flows, or rainfall runoff exemption, including changes to definitions,
- (c) all documents created since 28 March 2023 regarding:
  - (i) Specific Purpose Water Access Licences in relation to subcategories for McPhillamys Belubula River gold mine and Aboriginal cultural access,
  - (ii) calculations for water required for Specific Purpose Water Access Licences,
  - (iii) recirculation dams in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source,
  - (iv) Water Access Licence conditions for Floodplain Harvesting (Unregulated River) Water Access Licences in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River Water Source or for Floodplain Harvesting (Regulated River) Water Access Licences in the Gwydir Regulated River Water Source,
  - (v) Closing the Gap in relation to water,
  - (vi) Water Sharing Plan prescribed wetlands, and
- (d) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

#### **46 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—IDENTITY PROTECTION AND RECOVERY BILL 2025**

The Assistant President reported receipt of the following message from the Legislative Assembly:

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a bill with the long title "An Act to enable the Secretary to exercise functions to support individuals and organisations in protecting, recovering and remediating personal information in relation to the compromise of personal information; to provide the necessary exemptions from privacy and other laws; and for related purposes" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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GREG PIPER  
Speaker

Bill, on motion of Ms Jackson (on behalf of Mr Graham), read a first time and published.

According to standing order, Ms Jackson tabled a statement of public interest.

Ms Jackson moved, according to standing order: That standing orders be suspended to allow the passing of the bill through all its remaining stages during any one sitting of the House in the next sitting period.

Question put and passed.

Ordered: That the second reading of the bill stand an order of the day for the first sitting day in the next sitting period.

#### **47 BUSINESS POSTPONED**

Private members' business item no. 2122 postponed by Mr Rath (on behalf of Ms Munro) until a later hour of the sitting.

#### **48 NET ZERO BY 2050 COMMITMENTS**

Ms Suvaal moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2120:

- (1) That this House acknowledges that:
  - (a) climate change presents a significant threat to the environment both globally and in New South Wales, and
  - (b) achieving Net Zero by 2050 is essential to mitigate the impacts of climate change and to meet international obligations.
- (2) That this House condemns the NSW Branch of the National Party for abandoning their commitment to Net Zero by 2050, turning their back on rural communities, farmers and future generations who will bear the brunt of inaction on climate change.
- (3) That this House calls on the NSW Branch of the Liberal party to:
  - (a) publicly reaffirm their support for Net Zero by 2050, and
  - (b) work constructively to support climate action that creates jobs, reduces emissions, and builds a cleaner and more resilient economy.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes .....19  
Noes .....13  
Majority.....6

## AYES

Boyd  
Buckingham  
Buttigieg  
Cohn  
D'Adam  
Donnelly  
Faehrmann

Graham  
Higginson  
Hurst  
Jackson  
Lawrence  
Mookhey

Moriarty  
Murphy (teller)  
Nanva (teller)  
Primrose  
Sharpe  
Suvaal

## NOES

Barrett  
Carter  
Fang (teller)  
Latham  
MacDonald

Maclaren-Jones  
Merton  
Mitchell  
Munro

Overall  
Rath (teller)  
Ruddick  
Ward

## PAIRS

Houssos  
Kaine

Tudehope  
Farlow

Question resolved in the affirmative.

**49 BUSINESS POSTPONED**

Private members' business item no. 2110 postponed by Mr Rath until a later hour of the sitting.

**50 SERVICE OF PETER ELZER**

Ms Higginson moved, according to notice, private members' business item no. 2127:

(1) That this House notes that:

- (a) on Friday 13 June 2025 logging machinery moved into Orara East State Forest, a forest that surrounds Mt Coramba on Gumbaynggirr Country, within the promised Great Koala National Park,
- (b) members of the local community have been holding a vigil and front line presence at Orara East State Forest for many months because of their legitimate concerns that any logging will drive the localised extinction of the threatened species that are dependent upon Orara East Forest for their survival and in the hope that the Government would not log the forest before establishing the promised Great Koala National Park,
- (c) on Monday 16 June, members of the local community took action to protect the forest and stop the logging and during this event, local man and grandfather Peter Elzer, engaged in an age-old act of non-violent direct action and locked himself to a giant forest logging machine,
- (d) this was the same Mr Elzer who during the last sitting of this Parliament again put his life on hold and his body on the line and spent 12 days outside this Parliament on a hunger strike for forests in a personal plea to the Minns Labor Government to establish the too long awaited Great Koala National Park,
- (e) the New South Wales police officers who attended Orara East during Mr Elzer's direct action engaged in verbally abusive, demeaning, belittling and intimidating behaviour,

- (f) upon the arrival of the Police Rescue team the verbal abuse stopped, however, the manner in which Mr Elzer was detached from his locked-on position was cruel and has been self-described as "overly rough and sadistic",
  - (g) Mr Elzer's body was contorted, his ribs were wedged between the panels of the harvesting machine, his arm was over-extended to the point of possible dislocation and his screams of pain were met with accusations of resisting arrest, and
  - (h) despite Mr Elzer's peaceful action and cooperation with the police, he sustained a rib injury, collarbone injury and a burn to his hand due to the avoidable, callous, harmful and excessive force of the police.
- (2) That this House calls on the Government to:
- (a) stop the logging taking place right now in Orara East State Forest,
  - (b) condemn the actions of the NSW Police Force for their inappropriate use of force against non-violent forest protectors, and
  - (c) establish the Great Koala National Park.

Debate ensued.

Mr Murphy moved: That the question be amended by omitting paragraph (2)(b).

Debate continued.

Mr D'Adam moved: That the question be amended by omitting in paragraph (1)(d) "too long awaited".

Debate continued.

Ms Suvaal moved: That the question be amended by omitting paragraph (2)(a).

Debate continued.

Ms Higginson (speaking in reply) moved: That this debate be now adjourned until next sitting day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes ..... 19  
 Noes ..... 14  
 Majority..... 5

#### AYES

Barrett  
 Boyd  
 Carter  
 Cohn  
 Faehrmann  
 Fang (teller)  
 Farlow

Higginson  
 Hurst  
 Latham  
 MacDonald  
 Maclaren-Jones  
 Merton

Mitchell  
 Munro  
 Overall  
 Rath (teller)  
 Roberts  
 Ruddick

#### NOES

Buckingham  
 Buttigieg  
 D'Adam

Jackson  
 Lawrence  
 Mookhey

Nanva (teller)  
 Primrose  
 Sharpe

## NOES

Donnelly  
GrahamMoriarty  
Murphy (teller)

Suvaal

## PAIRS

Tudehope  
WardHoussos  
Kaine

Question resolved in the affirmative.

## 51 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Order of the day read for resumption of the interrupted debate of the question on the motion of Mr Latham (private members' business item no. 2051):

- (1) That the Privileges Committee inquire into and report on:
  - (a) the failure of Mr Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government to answer a question concerning ministerial propriety from the Honourable Mark Latham regarding the Bill Saravinovski affair at the Portfolio Committee No. 8 - Customer Service additional budget estimates hearing on 28 February 2025, and his failure to answer, again when taken on notice and again in the answer to Question on Notice 3522 received on 24 April 2025 and for a fourth time, in the answer to Question on Notice 3720 received on 20 May 2025, with these answers on notice provided by the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government,
  - (b) whether section 11 of the Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901, regarding the penalty for refusal to answer, has been breached and what penalty should apply, and
  - (c) the accuracy of and any misleading of the Parliament in the answers to Questions on Notice 3522 and 3720.
- (2) That this House notes the background to this matter, such that:
  - (a) at the Portfolio Committee No. 8 - Customer Service additional budget estimates hearing on 28 February 2025 it was clear from answers by Minister for Local Government and the Deputy Secretary, that the Minister for Local Government, has interfered several times in the Office of Local Government's (OLG) handling of the referral of former Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski to the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT), even though Mr Saravinovski had been a 30 year Labor Party colleague of the Minister for Local Government, the Minister's wife was a longtime employee of Bayside Council and that the Minister had been a longtime Mayor of the former Botany Council,
  - (b) the Honourable Mark Latham, believing that the Minister for Local Government had misused his ministerial office for an internal party matter, which was getting the Mayor off the Australian Labor Party ticket for the September Council elections, as part of a local factional and preselection manoeuvre, questioned Mr Whitworth about the Minister's urgency in dealing with this matter,
  - (c) Mr Whitworth replied, "The Minister was anxious for this to be resolved. Again he was concerned about the length of time it was taking" and Mr Latham then asked, "But did he mention the forthcoming election?", to which Mr Whitworth responded, "I would have to go back and try to recollect", taking the question on notice, and Portfolio Committee No. 8 - Customer Service would have logically expected, at this point, for Mr Whitworth to test his

memory and recollect whether the Minister for Local Government had ever pressed him to expedite the Saravinovski matter because of the forthcoming September Council election, and then answer in writing to the Committee,

- (d) Mr Whitworth's answer to the question taken on notice stated "I am advised the matter was first listed for a direction hearing by the NCAT in April 2024 before the September 2024 elections. Once listed, OLG had no control over the NCAT processes.", that is, he did not answer the question,
- (e) in answer to Question on Notice 3522, Minister Moriarty, representing Minister Hoenig, repeated the non-answer, almost word for word,
- (f) in Question on Notice 3720, the Honourable Mark Latham asked why on three occasions the question had not been answered and why the failure to answer should not be regarded as a contempt of the House, and on behalf of Minister Hoenig, Minister Moriarty answered "During the hearing Mr Whitworth took the question on notice about the local government elections to confirm the date of his referral of the matter in relation to former Councillor Saravinovski to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in comparison to the date of the NSW Local Government Elections. The response to Question on Notice 3522 and supplementary questions following the budget estimates hearing on 28 February 2025 makes it clear that decisions on pre-selections of Australian Labor Party candidates is a matter for the Australian Labor Party.",
- (g) Mr Whitworth did no such thing, he took the question on notice to search his memory for the Minister for Local Government ever mentioning to him the election timetable as a factor in expediting the Saravinovski matter, and as such, Minister Hoenig has caused Minister Moriarty to mislead the Legislative Council, and
- (h) in the Legislative Assembly on 29 May 2025, Minister Hoenig said, "Often when governments fail to produce something, it is because governments do not like the scrutiny.", and in this case, the Government's failure to produce an answer from Mr Whitworth because it would further incriminate the Minister for Local Government, speaks for itself and warrants a Privileges Committee inquiry.

Debate resumed.

Ms Higginson moved: That the question be amended by:

- (1) Omitting in paragraph (1) "Privileges Committee" and inserting instead "Portfolio Committee No. 8 - Customer Service".
- (2) Omitting paragraph (1)(b).

Debate continued.

Mr Latham, by leave, spoke a second time to the amendments of Ms Higginson.

Debate continued.

Mr Graham moved: That the question be amended by:

- (1) Omitting in paragraph (1)(a) "the failure of" and "his failure".
- (2) Omitting paragraphs (2)(a) and (2)(b).
- (3) Omitting in paragraph (2)(e) "non-answer".
- (4) Omitting paragraph (2)(g).



Debate continued.

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According to standing order, proceedings interrupted at 10.00 pm for adjournment.

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## **52    ADJOURNMENT**

The Deputy President (Ms Boyd), according to standing order, proposed: That this House do now adjourn.

Members made statements.

The House adjourned at 10.31 pm until Thursday 26 June 2025 at 10.00 am.

## **53    ATTENDANCE**

All members present, except Dr Kaine.

Steven Reynolds  
Clerk of the Parliaments

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