

joke! Those opposite have no credibility whatsoever on these matters.

In relation to the provisions of the bill, this is further evidence of our government's commitment to taking real action to support those in our community who have a gambling problem. I have often said this and I will say it again: there is more to be done to support those in our community who have a gambling problem. Make no mistake, this is the government to do it.

Motion agreed to.

Read second time.

Consideration in detail

Clause 1

Mr O'BRIEN (Malvern) — I move:

1. Clause 1, after line 3 insert —

“() limit the maximum permissible number of gaming machines available for gaming in the State to 22 000 from 15 April 2012;”.

16:00 **House divided on amendment:**

Ayes, 22

Asher, Ms
Baillieu, Mr
Blackwood, Mr
Burgess, Mr
Clark, Mr
Dixon, Mr
Fyffe, Mrs
Hodgett, Mr
Ingram, Mr
Kotsiras, Mr
Morris, Mr

Mulder, Mr
Naphine, Dr
O'Brien, Mr
Shardey, Mrs
Smith, Mr R.
Thompson, Mr
Tilley, Mr
Victoria, Mrs
Wakeling, Mr
Wells, Mr
Wooldridge, Ms

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Allan, Ms
Andrews, Mr
Batchelor, Mr
Beattie, Ms
Bracks, Mr
Brooks, Mr
Brumby, Mr
Cameron, Mr
Campbell, Ms
Carl, Mr
Crisp, Mr
D'Ambrosio, Ms
DeLahunty, Mr
Donnellan, Mr
Duncan, Ms
Eren, Mr
Graley, Ms
Green, Ms
Hardman, Mr
Harkness, Dr

Lobato, Ms
Lupton, Mr
Maddigan, Mrs
Marshall, Ms
Merlino, Mr
Morand, Ms
Munt, Ms
Nardella, Mr
Neville, Ms
Northe, Mr
Overington, Ms
Pallas, Mr
Pandazopoulos, Mr
Perera, Mr
Pike, Ms
Powell, Mrs
Richardson, Ms
Robinson, Mr
Ryan, Mr
Scott, Mr

Helper, Mr
Herbert, Mr
Holding, Mr
Howard, Mr
Hudson, Mr
Hulls, Mr
Jasper, Mr
Langdon, Mr
Languiller, Mr
Lim, Mr

Seitz, Mr
Stensholt, Mr
Sykes, Dr
Thomson, Ms
Thwaites, Mr
Trezise, Mr
Walsh, Mr
Weller, Mr
Wynne, Mr

Amendment defeated.

Business interrupted pursuant to standing orders.

The **DEPUTY SPEAKER** — Order! The time set down for consideration of items on the government business program has arrived, and I am required to put the necessary questions for the passage of the bill.

Clauses 1 to 15 agreed to.

Bill agreed to without amendment.

Remaining stages

Passed remaining stages.

**OUTWORKERS AND CONTRACTORS
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

16:05

Second reading

**Debate resumed from earlier this day; motion of
Mr HULLS (Minister for Industrial Relations).**

The **DEPUTY SPEAKER** — Order! The question is:

That this bill be now read a second time and a third time.

Question agreed to.

Read second time.

Remaining stages

Passed remaining stages.

**PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND
SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Statement of compatibility

**Mr BRACKS (Premier) tabled following statement
in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and
Responsibilities Act:**

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007.

In my opinion, the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007, as introduced to the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of bill

The object of the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007 is to limit the increase in the salary payable to members of the Victorian Parliament to 3.25 per cent.

Human rights issues

1 Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill

The bill does not engage any of the rights under the charter.

2 Consideration of reasonable limitations — section 7(2)

As the bill does not engage any of the rights under the charter, it is not necessary to consider section 7(2) of the charter.

Conclusion

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not raise a human rights issue.

HON. STEVE BRACKS, MP

Premier of Victoria

Second reading

Mr BRACKS (Premier) — I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968 to limit the increase to the basic salary payable to members of this Parliament to 3.25 per cent for the 2007–2008 financial year.

As members are aware, under the Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968, Victorian parliamentary salaries are set by reference to the federal parliamentary salaries. In May and June of this year, the federal Remuneration Tribunal announced that federal parliamentary salaries will increase by 2.5 per cent and then a further 4.2 per cent, effective from 1 July 2007.

In response to the tribunal's decision, and in line with this government's public sector wages policy, this bill limits the pay rise for members of this Parliament to 3.25 per cent. It achieves this by amending the definition of 'basic salary' in the Parliamentary Salaries

and Superannuation Act 1968 to increase the difference between federal and Victorian members' basic salary from \$1442 to \$5733, backdated to 1 July 2007. The same approach was adopted in 2004.

These amendments demonstrate the government's willingness to apply to itself the same standards that apply to Victoria's public sector workforce.

The government has a comprehensive agenda to deliver good government on behalf of all Victorians. This agenda includes significant spending commitments in building and maintaining infrastructure and improving services in health, education, water supply and community safety.

The government's wages policy for Victoria's public sector workers provides a guideline wage increase of 3.25 per cent, which provides a real wage increase given that the consumer price index increased by only 0.1 per cent in the last quarter, or 2.2 per cent for the year. Higher wage increases are possible if funded through productivity improvements.

The policy is designed to ensure fair wage outcomes for our highly valued public sector workforce and to generate improved productivity, while ensuring the government's policy agenda is implemented in a fiscally responsible manner.

I also draw the attention of the house to section 4 of the bill. This clause will only be proclaimed as a safety measure to protect members' existing salary in the unlikely event that the federal Remuneration Tribunal determinations are disallowed by the commonwealth Parliament. I do not expect that it will need to be used.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr WELLS (Scoresby).

Debate adjourned until Thursday, 2 August.

LEGAL PROFESSION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION) BILL

Statement of compatibility

Mr HULLS (Attorney-General) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act:

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Legal Profession Amendment (Education) Bill 2007.