

Victorian Greens Parliamentary Voting Record 5 February to 4 December, 2008

This table provides details on how the Greens and other parties have voted in the Legislative Council on government bills and non-government business in 2008.

A government bill is a proposed law presented by the government in the form of a draft Act of Parliament. Most bills that are introduced into the Legislative Council were initiated in and passed by the Legislative Assembly.

General (non government) Business takes precedence over government bills in the Legislative Council on Wednesdays. It takes the form of non-government motions, or private members' bills, that are listed on the notice paper. The order of debate is a matter of negotiation between the non-government parties.

If you are interested in reading the debates on bills or non government business in the Legislative Council, go to Hansard <http://tex.parliament.vic.gov.au/bin/texhtmlt?form=VicHansard.adv> and **search** under the name of the bill or motion, the date and/or the name of the speaker/s.

The Victorian Greens Parliamentary Voting Record for 2006-2007 is also available at <http://www.electedgreensvictoria.org.au>

Date Passed	Title of Proposed Government Bill or General (non-government) Business	How all parties voted
4 December	<p>TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DRIVER INDUSTRY STANDARDS) BILL 2008</p> <p>The Greens raised concerns about the process of rushing this bill through both chambers without adequate time to consult with interested parties and without the consideration of the bill by the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulation Committee (SARC), especially as the bill does impact on the rights of persons to employment.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
4 December	<p>ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TREATMENT BILL 2008</p> <p>After weeks of debate, the bill passed with amendments - some put by the government after negotiation with members, and one Greens amendment – to insert a new paragraph, which would require the registrar to keep, amongst other things, for each donor the number of persons born as a result of a treatment procedure or artificial insemination using that donor's gametes to make sure that information is held at the central register if it needs to be accessed by donor-conceived persons at a later date. Other Greens amendments - to remove police checks and legislative provisions preventing access by donor conceived persons born before 1988 to information about their genetic identity, were defeated. (Donor conceived persons born between 1988 and 1997 have access to donor information if the donor/s agree/s. After 1997, full information about donors is available to donor-conceived persons who are 18 years of age or 16 years of age with parental consent).</p>	The bill was passed on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.
4 December	<p>PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008</p> <p>The Greens had concerns with two particular provisions relating to consultation arrangements with the fishing industry and to the proposal in the legislation that aerial spraying contractors will no longer be required, as a condition of their licence, to hold public liability insurance policies. The bill was passed with Greens and coalition amendments.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
4 December	<p>HEALTH SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For

4 December	<p>CORONERS BILL 2008</p> <p>Passed with three Greens amendments, which were 1) to ensure that public authorities and other entities are required to respond to any recommendations made to them by the coroner, 2) to expand the provision of information to families at the commencement of a coronial investigation and 3) to provide that a member of the immediate family of a deceased person may report the death to the coroner if the person was a person discharged from an approved mental health service within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1986 within 3 months immediately before the person's death. An additional Greens amendment requiring the provision of legal aid to families of a deceased person whose death is being investigated by the coroner, was not supported by other parties.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
3 December	<p>WATER (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008 (Returned from Assembly)</p> <p>The Greens' amendment (see 2 December) was rejected by Legislative Assembly, and Legislative Council agreed not to insist on the amendment.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
3 December	<p>Non-government business – AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT ON PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES IN 2003</p> <p>Mr D.M. Davis (Liberal) moved: That this House —</p> <p>(1) notes the Report of the Auditor-General on Public Sector Agencies in 2003 and its criticisms of the original tender process that occurred as part of the State Government awarding the contract for the film studios at Docklands to the Melbourne Central City Studios group;</p> <p>(2) expresses its concern at recent developments at the Docklands Studios; and</p> <p>(3) calls on the Premier and the Minister for Innovation to provide a full public explanation of the financial arrangements now in place including an explanation of the continuing role of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development and what fees or other payments will be made by the State Government for the management of the film studios and to whom these payments will be made and under what circumstances.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
3 December	<p>Non-government business - KEW RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND ST KILDA TRIANGLE LAND DEVELOPMENTS — Mr D.M. Davis (Liberal) moved: That, pursuant to section 16 of the Ombudsman Act 1973, this House refers to the Ombudsman for investigation and report —</p> <p>(1) the probity of the Kew Residential Services development tender process followed by the State Government; and Minutes of the Proceedings 553</p> <p>(2) the probity of the St Kilda Triangle development processes followed by the State Government and the Port Phillip Council.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
3 December	<p>Non-government business - VICTORIAN INDUSTRY MANUFACTURING DOCUMENTS</p> <p>Mr Dalla-Riva (Liberal) moved: That this House notes that the 54 page document titled Victorian Industry Manufacturing is a compilation of previously announced Government initiatives together with vague statements of future policy directions which took exactly 700 days to compile.</p>	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For

3 December	<p>Non-government business - SKILLS REFORMS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VICTORIA - Mr Hall (National) moved (9 September): That in respect of the recently announced skills reforms, this House calls on the Government to explain to the Parliament and the people of Victoria the following —</p> <p>(1) the number of Victorian students that missed out on a funded training place last year;</p> <p>(2) how increasing student fees will attract more people to participate in vocational training particularly at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma level;</p> <p>(3) how much revenue is expected to be raised by increased fees and the purpose to which that revenue will be put;</p> <p>(4) whether the \$139 million designated as “contestable funding” is new money or whether it is a transference of current money already allocated to the delivery of Diploma and Advanced Diploma places;</p> <p>(5) how an income contingent loan system will encourage more students to take up training;</p> <p>(6) how the Government intends to address the predicted shortfall of 123,000 Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualified workers by 2015;</p> <p>(7) how the Government expects to find an additional 900 TAFE staff and 500 non-teaching staff when TAFE teaching salaries are almost \$20,000 lower than their counterparts in NSW and well below that of teachers in the schools sector;</p> <p>(8) how a competitive training system will work and its impact on training providers;</p> <p>(9) why the cost of training is being transferred from the State to the student;</p> <p>(10) why the Government continues to under-fund training in Victoria by 15 per cent compared with the Australian States average;</p> <p>(11) why those who have to retrain will be ineligible for a Government funded place;</p> <p>(12) why the Government is abolishing concessional fees for Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses; and</p> <p>(13) how much is being spent on television advertising to promote the reform package.</p>	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
2 December	STATE TAXATION ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
2 December	SALARIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SALARY SACRIFICE) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
2 December	PROSTITUTION CONTROL AND OTHER MATTERS AMENDMENT BILL 2008 Passed with amendments.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
2 December	MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For

2 December	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND LEGAL PROFESSION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
2 December	<p>WATER (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2008</p> <p>Greg Barber (Greens) moved the following amendment: Clause 3, line 29, after "economic" insert ", environmental".</p> <p>This amendment relates to the definition in clause 3 of the bill of 'critical human water needs'. For the benefit of the chamber and anybody who reads this, the definition states:</p> <p>critical human water needs means the needs for a minimum amount of water, that can only reasonably be provided from Basin water resources, required to meet —</p> <p>(a) core human consumption requirements in urban and rural areas; and</p> <p>(b) those non-human consumption requirements that a failure to meet would cause prohibitively high social, economic or national security costs ...</p> <p>Passed with amendment.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP- For
13 November	GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	ASBESTOS DISEASES COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	RACING AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT (TRANSPORT) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	COMPENSATION AND SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
13 November	Government motion - ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TREATMENT BILL 2008 — Motion by Mr Tee (ALP) that the Assisted Reproductive Treatment Bill 2008 be referred to the Legislation Committee to report by Tuesday, 2 December 2008.	The motion was passed on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.

13 November	PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING FOR REPRODUCTION BILL 2008	The bill was passed on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.
13 November	RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS BILL 2008	The bill was passed on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.
12 November	STALKING INTERVENTION ORDERS BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 November	Non-Government Business - LEGISLATION COMMITTEE — ASSEMBLY MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE — Motion by Ms Lovell (Lib) that — (1) this House requests the Legislative Assembly to grant leave to the Honourable T.J. Holding, MP, Minister for Water, to appear before the Legislative Council Legislation Committee to give evidence and answer questions in relation to the Water (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2008; and (2) Standing Order 16.11(3) be suspended and that the Minister, Minister representing, Mr David Downie, General Manager, Office of Water, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Dr Wendy Craik, Chief Executive Officer, Murray-Darling Basin Commission, Mr Peter Harris, Secretary, Department of Sustainability and Environment, and such other persons nominated by the Minister or determined by the Committee may give evidence to the Committee.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 November	Non-Government Business - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC CLOSURE — Motion by Mr D.M. Davis (Lib): This House expresses its concern at the unilateral decision by the Prime Minister of Australia and Federal Arts Minister to close the Australian National Academy of Music and — (1) notes the intellectual reputation and importance of this Victorian and Australian centre for the education and development of talented musicians of the highest quality; (2) believes this decision by the Federal Arts Minister sends the wrong signal to young Victorian and Australian artists about the importance of striving for excellence; (3) affirms the importance of the Australian National Academy of Music as an Australian cultural institution in developing talented young Australians of international standard in Australia; (4) calls on the Rudd Government to restore the funding in full; and (5) further calls on the Premier to publicly defend this highly regarded Australian institution and its fully-funded presence in Victoria.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 November	Non-Government Business – GREENS MOTION – VICTORIA PLANNING PROVISIONS VC49 — Motion by Greg Barber (Greens) that the following provisions of Amendment VC49 to the Victoria Planning Provisions be revoked — (1) the provisions relating to weeds, pest animal burrows, public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 52.17-6 (Native Vegetation) inserted by paragraph 12; (2) the provisions relating to public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 42.01-3 (Environmental Significance Overlay) inserted by paragraph 38; (3) the provisions relating to public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 42.02-3 (Vegetation Protection Overlay) inserted by paragraph 39; (4) the provisions relating to public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 42.03-3 (Significant Landscape Overlay) inserted by paragraph 40; (5) the provisions relating to public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 44.01-3 (Erosion Management Overlay) inserted by paragraph 41; and (6) the provisions relating to public roads and railways in the table of exemptions in new Clause 44.02-4 (Salinity Management Overlay) inserted by paragraph 42.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- Against Nat- Against DLP- Against

12 November	Non-Government Business - ICT PROJECT MANAGEMENT — Motion by Mr Rich-Phillips (Lib) that this House — (1) notes with concern the repeated failure of the Bracks and Brumby Governments to successfully deliver major [a number of] ICT projects on time and budget; (2) notes the loss of ICT expertise in government following the disbandment of the Office of the Chief Information Officer; and (3) calls on the Minister for Finance as Minister responsible for procurement, to develop ICT project management expertise within the Department of Treasury and Finance as a key element of all major government ICT procurement projects.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
11 November	WATER (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2008 – Referred to Legislation Committee – Motion by Ms Lovell (Lib) that the Water (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2008 be referred to the Legislation Committee to report by 2 December 2008.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
11 November	HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
30 October	COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COSTS COURT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008 - Passed unanimously with an amendment put by Mr Rich-Phillips (Lib) to remove clause 15 that stated that the Legal costs committee be funded by the Public Purposes Fund. The amendment was passed with support from the Greens, Nationals, DLP and Liberals. The ALP voted against the amendment.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
29 October	GREENHOUSE GAS GEOLOGICAL SEQUESTRATION BILL 2008 The Greens voted against this bill because 1) it is a process bill. It sets up a set of processes for the minister regarding future carbon capture and storage rather than guaranteeing protection of the environment, the public purse or human welfare, and 2) carbon capture and storage is unproven technology. We do not have the time to go ahead and work on this group of technologies to find out if there might be anything in it or not. We have to make deep cuts to our emissions, and we have to make them now. Even the International Energy Agency are saying that it will be 10 or 15 more years away. The promise of carbon capture and storage is dragging down and deferring all those other actions the government should have been taking for years, should be revving up tomorrow. It is sucking away public money from renewables and energy efficiency into a technological dead-end.	Grn - Against ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
29 October	MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES REPEAL BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
29 October	Non-Government Business - PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS - Motion by Mr D.M. Davis that in accordance with Sessional Order 21, there be tabled in the Council by 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11 November 2008 fourteen ministerial briefing documents covering a range of portfolios.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
29 October	Non-Government Business - ESSENDON AIRPORT —Motion by Mr Dalla Riva (Lib) that this House - notes that on page 13 of the Victorian Labor Government's July 2008 Submission to the Federal Aviation Review, the Minister for Industry and Trade states that Essendon Airport "should be closed"; that the closure of Essendon Airport will have adverse affects on the local economy, increase air traffic congestion at Melbourne Airport and reduce rural and emergency services air traffic to Melbourne; and recognises that the Victorian Labor Government's policy of closing Essendon Airport is not in the best interests of Melbourne nor Victoria and must be stopped.	Grn - Against ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For

29 October	Non-Government Business - GREENS MOTION – MARIBYRNONG PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C75 — Motion by Colleen Hartland (Greens) that Amendment C75 to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme be revoked. The motion was defeated 'on the voices'.	Grn – For ALP - Against Lib- Against Nat- Against DLP-Against
28 October	LABOUR AND INDUSTRY (REPEAL) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
28 October	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (COUNCILLOR CONDUCT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008 – Passed unanimously with an amendment put by Mr Hall (Nat) to remove clause 78D(b) which made it a conflict of interest for a councillor to have made and application, an objection or submission in relation to the matter before council. The amendment was passed with support from the Greens, Nationals, DLP and Liberals. The ALP voted against the amendment. The Greens had conducted a public campaign regarding the problems with Clause 78D in the previous two weeks.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
16 October	MAJOR CRIME (INVESTIGATIVE POWERS) AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
16 October	ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RETAIL COMPETITION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN GIPPSLAND POLICE, EMERGENCY AND EDUCATION SERVICES — Motion by Mr Scheffer (ALP) that this House notes the continued investment by the Brumby Labor Government into Gippsland and in particular — (1) restoring police services that have improved community safety; (2) boosting emergency services funding, particularly fire services; and (3) placing education as the number one priority in the region.	Grn - Abstain ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN GIPPSLAND HEALTH, TRANSPORT AND WATER SERVICES — Motion by Mr Viney (ALP) that this House notes the continued investment by the Brumby Labor Government into Gippsland and in particular — (1) boosting health services; (2) restoring public transport to the region; (3) funding road projects that improve safety and access for the region; and (4) securing the region's water.	Grn - Abstain ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	Non-Government Business - PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — Motion by Mr D.M. Davis (Lib) that this House — (1) notes that the public health documents ordered by the Resolution of the Council on 10 September 2008 to be tabled in the Council by 4.00 pm on 7 October 2008, have not been received by the Council; (2) requires the Leader of the Government representing the Premier to table by 4.00 pm on 28 October 2008 a copy of the report or reports detailing the outcome of deliverables and key performance indicators as stated in the 2007-08 Statement of Priorities for Barwon Health and for Melbourne Health as reported to the Minister for Health and the Department of Human Services, as required by the Resolution of the Council of 10 September 2008.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	Non-Government Business - PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES — 2. Motion by Mr P.R. Davis (Lib) that this House notes the challenges facing country communities in respect of economic and social development and environmental sustainability, and in particular the communities of East Gippsland where fire, flood and drought have had an adverse impact in recent years.	Grn - Abstain ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For

15 October	Non-Government Business - PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES — 1. Motion by Mr Kavanagh (DLP) that this House notes with concern the deterioration in the quality of services available to Victorians, including — (1) an overloaded and degraded public health system; (2) transport and other infrastructure pressures in Melbourne; (3) transport and other infrastructure pressures in regional and rural Victoria, particularly in western Victoria; and (4) a growing divide and disconnect between Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria. The motion passed 18 to 17 votes.	Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	Non-Government Business - GREENS MOTION – PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — Motion by Greg Barber (Greens) that this House — (1) notes that the Department of Transport documents ordered by the Resolution of the Council on 10 September 2008 to be tabled in the Council by 4.00 pm on 7 October 2008, have not been received by the Council; (2) requires the Leader of the Government representing the Premier to table by 4.00 pm on 28 October 2008 the “Invitation to Tender” documents prepared by the Department of Transport, provided to those invited to tender for metropolitan rail and tram franchises, as required by the Resolution of the Council of 10 September 2008.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	Non-Government Business - TIMBER INDUSTRY IN EAST GIPPSLAND — Motion by Mr O'Donohue (Lib) that this House —(1) notes the important role the timber industry plays in the East Gippsland economy, particularly to smaller communities such as Cann River and Orbost; (2) acknowledges the important role that a sustainable logging industry can play in forest regeneration, forest management and fire prevention; (3) notes the State Government has not honoured its 2006 election promise to the Gippsland timber industry through its “Our Forests Our Future” policy and the unnecessary delay in releasing its Timber Industry Strategy; (4) notes that the Government’s inaction is risking jobs and investment in East Gippsland and (5) calls on the Government to work with the East Gippsland timber industry to ensure it has a long term and viable future. In response, Greg Barber (Greens) spoke about the need for a much broader debate about the timber and wood products industries and the critical value of native forests and regrowth areas as carbon storage.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
15 October	Non-Government Business - NEW WHOLESALE FISH MARKET — Motion by Mr Hall (Nat) that this House acknowledges the importance of the commercial fishing industry in East Gippsland and calls upon the Victorian Government to work with the industry in establishing a new wholesale fish market following the impending closure of the current market in March '09.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
10 October	ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL 2008	The bill was passed on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.
8 October	Non-Government Business - CRANBOURNE LANDFILL — Motion by Mrs Peulich (Lib) That this House acknowledges the man made disaster caused by methane gas leaking from the Stevensons Road landfill in Cranbourne, the devastating effect of this event on residents living in homes built on or near the buffer adjacent to the landfill and the lack of a coordinated response by the State Government to this crisis and therefore calls on the State Government to immediately provide leadership.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 September	FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For

12 September	CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2008 – The Privacy Commissioner and the Human Rights Law Resource Centre had raised concerns about the bill. Sue Pennicuik (Greens) moved that the bill be referred to the Legislation Committee. The DLP supported the motion. The ALP, and Coalition did not.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 September	COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT (KOORI COURT) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 September	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
12 September	NATIONAL PARKS AND CROWN LAND (RESERVES) ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- Against Nat- Against DLP-For
11 September	LEGISLATION REFORM (REPEALS NO. 3) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
11 September	WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
11 September	ROAD SAFETY AMENDMENT (FATIGUE MANAGEMENT) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
10 September	Non-Government Business - DESALINATION PLANT POWER LINES ROUTE — Motion by Mr O'Donohue (Lib) that the House expresses its extreme concern with the process by which the Government has identified the potential route for power lines and connection from the grid to the proposed desalination plant and other matters.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
10 September	Non-Government Business - MEDICAL TREATMENT (PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DYING) BILL 2008 – <i>Private member's bill moved by Colleen Hartland (Greens).</i> Greg Barber (Greens) moved that debate be adjourned for nine months [to allow for further public consultation and consideration of the bill]. The motion was not supported. Mr Philip Davis (Liberal) moved that the bill be referred to the Legislation Committee for inquiry and consideration and report back no later than 31 March 2009. This motion was also defeated.	The bill was defeated on a conscience vote – all Greens voted for it.
10 September	Non-Government Business - BARWON HEALTH AND MELBOURNE HEALTH REPORTS ON DELIVERABLES AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DOCUMENTS — Motion by Mr D.M. Davis (Liberal) that a copy of the report or reports detailing the outcome of deliverables and key performance indicators as stated in the 2007 08 Statement of Priorities for Barwon Health and for Melbourne Health as reported to the Minister for Health and the Department of Human Services be tabled in the Council by 4.00 p.m. on 7 October 2008.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For

10 September	Non-Government Business – GREENS MOTION – METROPOLITAN RAIL AND TRAM FRANCHISE TENDER DOCUMENTS — <i>Motion by Greg Barber (Greens)</i> that a copy of the “Invitation to Tender” documents prepared by the Department of Transport, provided to those invited to tender for metropolitan rail and tram franchises be tabled in the Council by 4.00 p.m. on 7 October 2008.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
10 September	Non-Government Business - GREENS MOTION – STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REFERENCE — <i>Motion by Sue Pennicuik (Greens)</i> that the Standing Orders Committee inquire into and report no later than 30 November 2008 on the establishment of new standing committees for the Legislative Council, including, the number, composition, structure and functions of those committees; and the staffing and resources required for the effective operation of those committees. The government moved an amendment that the Committee also inquire into the current sessional orders, which was not supported.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
9 September	HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2008 - Greg Barber (Greens) moved, a reasoned amendment, that “this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to incorporate stronger provisions for access to information about and community participation in the process for listing of heritage properties and for the issuing of permits for works on these properties.” The amendment was not supported. The Greens ultimately did not oppose the bill.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
9 September	EVIDENCE BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
9 September	SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (TATTOOING AND BODY PIERCING) BILL 2008 – Colleen Hartland (Greens) moved an amendment to remove the provision in the bill to the effect that persons aged 16 to 18 years could not obtain an 'intimate body piercing' without parental consent. The amendment was not supported by any other party. The Greens ultimately supported the bill even though the amendment failed.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
21 August	BUILDING AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
21 August	LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) (CONVENTION CENTRE LAND) BILL 2008 - The Greens have ongoing concerns in relation to the mechanics of the future governance of the site and issues of public access.	Grn - Against ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
21 August	CRIMES (CONTROLLED OPERATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
21 August	COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (JURIES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
21 August	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For

20 August	Non-Government Business - GREENS MOTION – PRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS – <i>Motion moved by Greg Barber (Greens) that a copy of the “Expression of Interest Brief” document prepared by the Department of Transport, provided to those expressing interest in bidding for metropolitan rail and tram franchises be tabled in the Council by 4.00 p.m. on 9 September 2008.</i>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib- For Nat- For DLP-For
20 August	Non-Government Business - GREENS PRIVATE MEMBER’S BILL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT - (DISCLOSURE) BILL 2008 – <i>Private member’s bill moved by Greg Barber (Greens). The bill sought to amend the Local Government Act of 1989 to improve transparency in local government, to strengthen conflict of interest provisions, to allow the public greater access to information regarding election campaign donations and to require local government candidates to disclose their recent membership of political parties.</i>	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-For
20 August	Non-Government Business – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
20 August	Non-Government Business - MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY STRATEGIES	Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Abstain
19 August	SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 August	MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 August	UNCLAIMED MONEY BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 August	WILDLIFE AMENDMENT (MARINE MAMMALS) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
19 August	CANCER AMENDMENT (HPV) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
31 July	GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
31 July	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (ELECTIONS) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

26 June	APPROPRIATION (2008/2009) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
25 June	Non-Government Business - GREENS PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL – PORT SERVICES AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL) BILL 2008 – <i>Private member's bill moved by Sue Pennicuik (Greens)</i> . The Bill sought to prevent the disposal of contaminated dredged material into the waters of Port Phillip Bay. Due to commonwealth and state ministerial approval of the channel deepening project and its environmental management plan, channel deepening is exempt from the provisions of the Environment Protection Act, which prohibits the placing of contaminated material in the Bay. The Bill was supported by the DLP and Bruce Atkinson (Lib), who crossed the floor – the ALP, Liberals and Nationals voted against it.	Grn - For ALP –Against Lib-1 For, 16 Against Nat-Against DLP-For
25 June	Non-Government Business - GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN WESTERN SUBURBS – Liberal motion condemning the government for its failure to provide the people of Melbourne's western suburbs with the government services they deserve.	Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Abstain
25 June	Non-Government Business - STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - That the date for the committee to present its final report be extended from 30 June to 11 September 2008.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat- For DLP- For
25 June	TOBACCO (CONTROL OF TOBACCO EFFECTS ON MINORS) BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
24 June	APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2008/2009) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
24 June	POLICE INTEGRITY BILL 2008 The Police Integrity Bill was the subject of several weeks of parliamentary debate. It was a complex bill which grants extensive powers to the Office of Police Integrity and its Director and includes provision for OPI operatives to be armed. Because of the serious issues involved, the Greens sought to delay debate for 2 weeks. When debate resumed, it came to light that the SARC had intended to hold a public inquiry into the bill and then reversed that decision a week later. The upper house then passed a motion for the Committee to hold the Inquiry. The Greens proposed an amendment to the Bill – that the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee be responsible for ensuring the independence and accountability of the OPI and DPI. It was not supported by the other parties. Subsequently, problems with the operation of the act have seen renewed calls for parliamentary oversight of the OPI.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
12 June	STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
11 June	Non-Government Business – 'PLUG THE PIPE' ORGANISATION (Liberal motion) – that the Legislative Council expresses its disappointment at the Premier's intemperate response towards the 'Plug the Pipe' organisation and their peaceful protest which was held on the steps of Parliament on Tuesday, 3 June 2008.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

11 June	Non-Government Business - CITY OF MELBOURNE ELECTORAL REVIEW	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
10 June	DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (VOLATILE SUBSTANCES) (REPEAL) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
10 June	NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 May	THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 May	JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 May	Non-Government Business -LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING SYSTEM	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 May	Non-Government Business - PRODUCTION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE DOCUMENTS	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 May	PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT (AWARD ENTITLEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 May	ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 May	LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 May	COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ASSOCIATE JUDGES) BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 May	CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (JUDICIAL PENSIONS) BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

9 May	<p>EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2008</p> <p>The bill concerned itself with further reforms to the Education and Training Act. The Greens supported the provision for the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to develop policies, criteria and standards for early childhood learning and development. We did not support the introduction for the Victorian Student Number (VSN), essentially because it is a unique identifying number, which will in time be allocated to all Victorian students under 25 years of age. Eventually, VSN cards will be issued. The govt says this is not intended, but there is nothing preventing either schools or the DEECE from issuing cards and so the card/number will then become a quasi ID number by virtue of its existence. We do not believe there are enough protections in the bill, particularly the lack of a prohibition on people from asking students for their number. The Greens proposed amendments which were supported by the DLP and opposed by ALP and the Coalition.</p>	<p>Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
9 May	<p>POLICE INTEGRITY BILL 2008</p> <p>The Greens had requested and received leave to adjourn the bill from debate on 17 April. Debate resumed on 8 May and the Greens moved an amendment that the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee be responsible for ensuring the independence and accountability of the Director, Office of Police Integrity. It had been reported in parliament the same day that after first unanimously agreeing to hold a public inquiry into the bill, the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, then by a majority vote, rescinded that decision. After the second reading, Mr David Davis (Lib) moved, that the Police Integrity Bill 2008 be referred [back] to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee for inquiry, consideration and report within one month of the passage of this Resolution. Ms Sue Pennicuik (Greens) moved, that the word 'public' be inserted before the word 'inquiry'. Agreed to.</p>	<p><i>Motion that the bill be referred to the SARC:</i> Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
9 May	<p>ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AMENDMENT (LANDFILL LEVIES) BILL 2008</p>	<p>Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
8 May	<p>DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT BILL 2008</p>	<p>Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
8 May	<p>JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SEX OFFENCES PROCEDURE) BILL 2008</p>	<p>Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>
7 May	<p>Non-Government Business - ESSENTIAL SERVICES — Motion of Mr David Davis (Liberal) that the House note that despite the massive increase in the State Government's budget over its almost nine year term and the strong national economic conditions enjoyed over that period the Victorian State Government has failed to deliver a commensurate increase in the essential services necessary for the Victorian community.</p>	<p>Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For</p>

7 May	Non-Government Business - VICTORIAN WATER SUBSTITUTION TARGET SCHEME — Motion from Mr Peter Hall (National) that the House support the introduction of legislation to establish a Victorian Water Substitution Target Scheme which seeks to — (1) further reduce Melbourne's consumption of potable water by establishing targets for the use of alternative water supplies such as rainwater, recycled water or treated storm water in non potable uses; (2) establish an overall target of substituting 30% of Melbourne's current water consumption with alternative water supplies by 2020 with interim targets of 10% by 2010 and 20% by 2015; (3) establish a mechanism for the creation of Water Substitution Certificates through activities resulting in the reduction in the use of potable water by substituting alternative supplies in non potable uses; (4) empower the Essential Service Commission (ESC) to administer the scheme including the issue, registration, transfer and surrender of Water Substitution Certificates; and (5) require Melbourne Water Retailers and large water consumers using more than 10 million litres of water a year to surrender to the ESC at each of the target dates Water Substitution Certificates corresponding to their share of the overall water substitution target.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
17 April	ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
17 April	CO-OPERATIVES AND PRIVATE SECURITY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
16 April	Non-Government Business - SCHOOL TEACHER SALARIES — Motion from Mr Hall (National) that this House recognises the importance of education to Victoria's future and sustaining its economic prosperity, and calls on the Brumby Government to immediately increase Victorian Government school teacher salaries from the lowest paid to the highest paid in the nation.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
16 April	Non-Government Business - GREENS MOTION – ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE – POLITICAL DONATIONS — <i>Motion by Mr Greg Barber (Greens)</i> that the House require the Electoral Matters Committee to inquire, consider and report no later than 30 April 2009 on — (1) whether the Electoral Act 2002 should be amended to create a system of political donations disclosure and/or restrictions on political donations; and (2) the outcome resulting from similar legislative reforms introduced in Canada, the United Kingdom and other relevant jurisdictions. The government moved an amendment to change the motion - was not supported.	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
15 April	LEGISLATION REFORM (REPEALS NO. 2) BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
15 April	CROWN LAND (RESERVES) AMENDMENT (CARLTON GARDENS) BILL 2008	Grn - Against ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Against
9 April	Non-Government Business - PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SYSTEM — Motion of Mr David Davis (Liberal) that this House expresses its concern at the State Government's failure to adequately manage the Victorian public hospital and health system on which Victorians depend when requiring necessary and often urgent health care and specifically expresses its concern at the inadequate management of the health needs of ill Victorians through (followed by four specific points).	Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-Against

9 April	<p>Non-Government Business - HEPBURN MINERAL SPRINGS BATH HOUSE Motion from Mr Dalla-Riva (Liberal) that this House — (1) expresses deep concern with the ongoing mismanagement of the Hepburn Mineral Springs Bath House redevelopment; and (2) acknowledges the Hepburn Mineral Springs Bath House as an icon of Victoria's regional tourism industry and, in particular, acknowledges the importance of the redevelopment to the business community in the Daylesford/Hepburn region. Ms Tierney (ALP) moved, as an amendment, that paragraph (1) be omitted. The Greens supported the amendment, and the amended motion then passed.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
13 March	<p>PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND COMBAT SPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007 The Greens supported some tightening of the legislation around professional boxing proposed by this bill, but argued that boxing should be banned as a 'sport' as recommended by the AMA. The Greens supported the Liberal Party amendment to ban no-holds-barred, 'cage fighting', however the amendment was opposed by the government and DLP and negated by a tied vote 18/18.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
13 March	<p>CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007 This bill arose from recommendations from the Sentencing Advisory Council to formalise the practise of sentence indications and sentence discounts in the Magistrates Court and to initiate a trial of the same in the County Court. The bill proposed to introduce these measures into the County and Supreme Courts without a trial period. The bill was considered by the Legislation Committee and as a result, an amendment to effectively introduce a two year trial of sentence indications in the County and Supreme courts was supported.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
12 March	<p>CONSUMER CREDIT (VICTORIA) AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
12 March	<p>CRIMES AMENDMENT (CHILD HOMICIDE) BILL 2007 This bill creates a new offence of child homicide, if the child in question was less than six years of age, with the same maximum penalty – 20 years imprisonment – as is the case for manslaughter, under which child homicides have been prosecuted until now. It also increases the maximum penalty for dangerous driving causing death from 5 years imprisonment to 10 years imprisonment; it leaves the penalty for dangerous driving causing serious injury intact; and increases the penalty for negligently causing serious injury from 5 years imprisonment to 10 years imprisonment. The death of a child is obviously a distressing and tragic event. What is noticeable is that there are valid reasons for and against the creation of the offence of child homicide. There are advocates for it and critics of it. These valid points of view make it difficult to come to a definitive decision as to whether the creation of this new offence is an improvement to our justice system. On balance the Greens supported the bill.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

12 March	<p>Non-government business - Mr Guy (Liberal) moved, that this House notes the repeated failure of the Brumby and Bracks Labor Governments to combat the crisis in housing affordability including —</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the adherence to the discredited Melbourne 2030 document; (2) the failure to acknowledge and respond to Melbourne's unplanned population explosion; (3) the failure to make more developable land available in urban growth areas over the last seven years; (4) the reduction in funding strategies designed to combat housing affordability in the 2007-08 budget; (5) misleading Victorians by claiming that 90,000 blocks of land will instantly be made available for development which will make land prices immediately cheaper; (6) the failure to build or plan new infrastructure, particularly water infrastructure, to accommodate future land release; and (7) the lack of a corresponding plan for rural and regional Victoria in particular a detailed plan for decentralisation to assist Melbourne to maintain its liveability. <p>The Greens moved an amendment to the motion to omit all the words after "That this House notes the" and insert "Melbourne 2030 plan has led to a form of unsustainable growth and that to achieve economic, social and environmental sustainability, a Metropolitan Strategy must be based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) zero net emissions of greenhouse gases; (2) self sufficiency in water; (3) public transport, with no more freeways; and (4) protection and recovery of all of Melbourne's land, freshwater and marine ecosystems". <p>The amendment was not supported by any other member or party. Mr Guy's original motion was negated by a tied vote 17/17. The Greens abstained.</p>	Grn - Abstain ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
12 March	<p>Non-government Business - GREENS MOTION - CHEMICAL INCIDENT AT TOTTENHAM — <i>Motion by Colleen Hartland (Greens)</i> that this House calls on the Government to respond to the chemical incident at Paramount Road, Tottenham on 22 December 2007 by —</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) allocating sufficient funding in the 2008 Budget for an emergency telephone alerting system to commence within the next year for, at a minimum, residential zones adjacent to industrial zones in Victoria; (2) arranging for, and funding, the Environment Protection Authority, WorkSafe and City of Maribyrnong to investigate fully the compliance of industrial warehouses and workplaces in the Tottenham / Brooklyn area, as a matter of urgency; (3) making public any investigation that the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Environment Protection Authority, Department of Human Services or Metropolitan Ambulance Service conducted into the incident; (4) investigating the need to provide larger buffers between residents and "Industrial 1" (heavy industry) zones; and (5) answering the questions posed in my report "Report on the Community Experience of the Tottenham Chlorine Emergency Incident of 22 December 2007", released on 6 February 2008. <p>The motion was supported by all parties.</p>	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
11 March	INFRINGEMENTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

11 March	LEGISLATION REFORM (REPEALS NO. 1) BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
11 March	CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) (ENFORCEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
28 Feb 08	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007. The Greens had serious concerns with this bill which sought to introduce the concept of a 'vexatious applicant'. The test for vexatious could have applied to any active citizen, community group, politician or media outlet that regularly lodges FoI applications. The relevant sections of the bill described a vexatious applicant as: (a) the person has made repeated applications under this Act in relation to the agency or agencies or minister or ministers; and (b) the repeated applications involve an abuse of the right of access, amendment or review under this Act. Abuse was defined as ... if the repeated applications were made for the purpose or have had the effect of obstructing or otherwise unreasonably interfering with the operations of the agency or agencies". Any current FoIs under way would have been frozen while this was tested in VCAT. Some amendments were moved in Committee, but the bill was 'negatived' by a tied vote 20/20, i.e., not a majority in favour, at the third reading stage. Bill defeated.	Grn - Against ALP - For Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-For
27 Feb 08	Non Government Business –FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE — Mr D.M. Davis (Liberal)	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 Feb 08	Non Government Business – UKRAINIAN FAMINE — Mr Guy (Liberal).	Grn - For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 Feb 08	Non Government Business – GREENS MOTION – STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION — <i>Motion by Sue Pennicuik (Greens)</i> that the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration be required to examine the business case for the Port Phillip Bay Channel Deepening Project as presented by the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PMC) and the Victorian Government and the legal and financial arrangements between the PMC and Boskalis Australia Pty Ltd and/or its parent company, Royal Boskalis Westminster NV, and report its findings by 30 June 2008. The motion was supported by all non government parties and opposed by the government.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
27 Feb 08	Non Government Business – Liberal Party - PORT SERVICES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC DISCLOSURE) BILL 2008. The purpose of this bill was to amend the Port Services Act 1995 to require the Port of Melbourne Corporation to undertake the immediate public disclosure of environmental monitoring of the channel deepening project. The bill was supported by all non government parties and opposed by the government.	Grn - For ALP - Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
26 Feb 08	MOTOR CAR TRADERS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP - For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
26 Feb 08	CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT) BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For

7 Feb 08	FAIR TRADING AND CONSUMER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2007	Grn - For ALP- For Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
6 Feb 08	Non Government Business – Liberal Party motion - That this House expresses concern at tax increases under the current Victorian Government, particularly the increase in stamp duty and land tax, and points to the likely detrimental impact that State Government plans to remove the land tax cap will have on small businesses, investors, retirees and renters.	Grn - Against ALP- Against Lib-For Nat-For DLP-For
5 Feb 08	<p>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES) BILL 2007 This bill sought to amend the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 by making it a requirement that employers not unreasonably refuse to accommodate the parental and/or carer responsibilities of an employee or a person offered employment. The Bill passed with the Greens and DLP supporting the ALP.</p> <p>In May 2007, in an historic move, the Greens moved to broaden the scope of another EO Act amending bill to remove exemptions in the Act that allow small businesses and religious schools to discriminate in employment on the basis of age, race, gender, religious belief, impairment, marital status, breastfeeding, physical features, industrial activity, marital status, sexual orientation, parental status or status as a carer. (All parties voted against those amendments).</p> <p>On this occasion, the Greens chose not to duplicate that process and instead gave notice (earlier this day) to introduce a private member's bill to remove discriminatory provisions from the EO Act.</p>	Grn - For ALP- For Lib-Against Nat-Against DLP-For