



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2012–2013–2014–2015–2016

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 128

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2016

- 1** The Assembly met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mrs Dunne) took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

- 2 BETTER SERVICES AND OUTCOMES FOR CANBERRANS**

Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) after nearly 15 years, the ACT Labor Government has lost touch with the priorities of Canberrans who are facing increased cost of living pressures and declining services; and
 - (b) the Canberra Liberals are focused on delivering better outcomes for all Canberrans, including:
 - (i) fixing our health system;
 - (ii) investing in education;
 - (iii) building our city;
 - (iv) growing our economy; and
 - (v) leaving no-one behind; and
- (2) calls on the Barr Labor Government to focus on delivering better outcomes for the people of Canberra instead of pursuing light rail.

Mr Barr (Chief Minister) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:



“(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT Labor Government has a strong track record of delivering vital infrastructure, economic growth, and health, education and transport services for Canberrans, as well as fostering an inclusive and welcoming community;
 - (b) the Chief Minister, in his statement to the Assembly of 9 February, set out a clear and positive set of Government priorities to make Canberra even better; and
 - (c) the Government has stood up for Canberra by strongly opposing cuts by the Federal Coalition Government to the ACT’s health and education systems, as well as its axing of approximately 10 000 public sector jobs from the Canberra economy;
- (2) further notes the Canberra Liberal Opposition:
- (a) has defended the cut of approximately \$600 million in health funding made by the Abbott and Turnbull Federal Government to ACT hospitals;
 - (b) has defended the Federal Government cuts to the ACT’s education system arising from the refusal to honour the Gonski education reforms; and
 - (c) according to all major business groups, is exposing the ACT to extreme sovereign risk and economic uncertainty by threatening to rip up validly executed and commenced infrastructure contracts; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to focus on delivering the health, education, public transport, renewable energy and economic outcomes Canberrans need, and reject the destructive Canberra Liberal approach to public policy.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9

Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	

NOES, 8

Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Mr Hanson	
Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT Labor Government has a strong track record of delivering vital infrastructure, economic growth, and health, education and transport services for Canberrans, as well as fostering an inclusive and welcoming community;
- (b) the Chief Minister, in his statement to the Assembly of 9 February, set out a clear and positive set of Government priorities to make Canberra even better; and

- (c) the Government has stood up for Canberra by strongly opposing cuts by the Federal Coalition Government to the ACT's health and education systems, as well as its axing of approximately 10 000 public sector jobs from the Canberra economy;
- (2) further notes the Canberra Liberal Opposition:
 - (a) has defended the cut of approximately \$600 million in health funding made by the Abbott and Turnbull Federal Government to ACT hospitals;
 - (b) has defended the Federal Government cuts to the ACT's education system arising from the refusal to honour the Gonski education reforms; and
 - (c) according to all major business groups, is exposing the ACT to extreme sovereign risk and economic uncertainty by threatening to rip up validly executed and commenced infrastructure contracts; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to focus on delivering the health, education, public transport, renewable energy and economic outcomes Canberrans need, and reject the destructive Canberra Liberal approach to public policy.”—

be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9	NOES, 8
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	Mr Coe
	Mr Doszpot
	Mrs Dunne
	Mr Hanson
	Mrs Jones
	Ms Lawder
	Mr Smyth
	Mr Wall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3 A.C.T. CONCESSIONS PROGRAM

Mr Doszpot, pursuant to notice, moved—that this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that an expenditure review of the ACT Concessions Program was conducted in early 2015 and was opened up for public consultation;
 - (b) that in November 2015 the Government released a discussion paper *Options to improve the fairness and targeting of the ACT Concessions Program* for public comment;
 - (c) that consultation on this discussion paper ended on 12 February and three days later the Chief Minister has already announced possible changes via the media with limited or no consideration of community feedback;
 - (d) cost of living pressures such as rates and taxes are all creating unfair financial difficulties on Canberra's senior community; and
 - (e) that Canberra seniors have been left in a state of neglect and uncertainty in regards to imminent changes to the Concessions Program; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) clarify the uncertainty surrounding changes to the ACT Concessions Program and acknowledge the concerns of the Canberra community;

- (b) assure the Canberra senior community that this review is not just another cost cutting exercise by this Government; and
- (c) recognise the difficulties that current cost of living pressures are causing older Canberrans.

Mr Barr (Chief Minister) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

- “(1) notes that:
 - (a) the ACT Government wants to ensure that the ACT Concessions Program is targeted to help those who need it most;
 - (b) the Government is committed to extending a helping hand to Canberrans in need, and making sure vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community have access to concessions for transport and essential services;
 - (c) in November 2015 the Government released a discussion paper *Options to improve the fairness and targeting of the ACT Concessions Program*, and that the discussion paper provides detailed information on a range of options to improve the fairness and targeting of the ACT Concessions Program;
 - (d) further changes to the social security system by the Commonwealth Government may affect the eligibility arrangements for the ACT Government Concessions Program;
 - (e) the federal Liberal Party cut funding to concessions programs in the ACT by terminating the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card and Seniors Card Holders; and
 - (f) the ACT Government has stepped in to provide support for low-income Canberrans at a time when the federal Liberal Party has been cutting benefits and raising taxes on the least well off in our community; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) write to the Federal Liberal Government to condemn its cost-cutting exercise of terminating the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card and Seniors Card Holders and their neglect of low-income earners;
 - (b) continue to provide support for low-income Canberrans, including through the ACT Concessions Program and the provision of high quality health, education and community services; and
 - (c) take into account input provided by the community to the November 2015 discussion paper and continue to explore options to make the ACT Concessions Program fairer, in order to ensure Canberrans who most need help continue to receive assistance.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9

Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	

NOES, 8

Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Mr Hanson	
Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT Government wants to ensure that the ACT Concessions Program is targeted to help those who need it most;
- (b) the Government is committed to extending a helping hand to Canberrans in need, and making sure vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community have access to concessions for transport and essential services;
- (c) in November 2015 the Government released a discussion paper *Options to improve the fairness and targeting of the ACT Concessions Program*, and that the discussion paper provides detailed information on a range of options to improve the fairness and targeting of the ACT Concessions Program;
- (d) further changes to the social security system by the Commonwealth Government may affect the eligibility arrangements for the ACT Government Concessions Program;
- (e) the federal Liberal Party cut funding to concessions programs in the ACT by terminating the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card and Seniors Card Holders; and
- (f) the ACT Government has stepped in to provide support for low-income Canberrans at a time when the federal Liberal Party has been cutting benefits and raising taxes on the least well off in our community; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) write to the Federal Liberal Government to condemn its cost-cutting exercise of terminating the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioner Concession Card and Seniors Card Holders and their neglect of low-income earners;
- (b) continue to provide support for low-income Canberrans, including through the ACT Concessions Program and the provision of high quality health, education and community services; and
- (c) take into account input provided by the community to the November 2015 discussion paper and continue to explore options to make the ACT Concessions Program fairer, in order to ensure Canberrans who most need help continue to receive assistance.”—

be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9	NOES, 8
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	Mrs Jones
	Mr Coe
	Mr Doszpot
	Mrs Dunne
	Mr Hanson
	Mrs Lawder
	Mr Smyth
	Mr Wall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4 END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

Ms Porter, pursuant to notice, moved—that this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) that the ACT has one of Australia's fastest growing populations of people aged 60 and over, with numbers expected to increase to almost 20% of the population by 2020;
- (b) that there is a growing call for the community to have greater choice and greater control over their manner of dying;
- (c) that the current *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* (Cwlth) prevents legislation relating to end-of-life issues from being proposed or debated in this place;
- (d) that the ACT Government provides excellent palliative care services through home based and in-patient services under the Palliative Care Services Plan 2013-2017;
- (e) that the general consensus at my End-of-Life Issues forums that the conversation covering the questions of dying continue in a positive way;
- (f) that advance care directives are recommended, however, some find putting this in place is difficult and believe more can be done to encourage their use; and
- (g) the importance of public education on the benefits of advanced care directives; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) continue to provide for greater choice in relation to palliative care services;
- (b) examine the existing legislation covering the power of attorney and advance care directives with a view to simplifying the process;
- (c) investigate whether the current My Health Record could support a personal online based advance care directive that could be accessed by health professionals who treat a critically or terminally ill person;
- (d) offer support and education programs for the Territory on how to complete an advance care directive as well as provide facts on their importance; and
- (e) continue to advocate for the repeal of the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* (Cwlth), which does not allow the ACT Assembly to legislate for voluntary euthanasia.

Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Omit “paragraph (2)(e)”.

Debate interrupted in accordance with standing order 74 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

6 END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Porter, and on the amendment moved by Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition) (*see entry 4*)—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8		NOES, 9	
Mr Coe	Ms Lawder	Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth	Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall	Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Mr Hanson		Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mrs Jones		Mr Corbell	

And so it was negative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

7 GRAFFITI VANDALISM

Mrs Jones, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) there is an ongoing problem with suburban graffiti vandalism on residential fences that face unleased Territory land all across Canberra, particularly along Hindmarsh Drive in Weston Creek;
 - (b) the suburban graffiti vandalism is an eyesore and negatively impacts the experience of place and confidence in the community;
 - (c) the suburban graffiti vandalism affects the perceived value and pride of an area; and
 - (d) fences which face onto a main road, lane ways, reserves and unleased Territory land are in fact a shared amenity between the house owner and the community; and
- (2) calls on the Government to address the growing issue of suburban graffiti vandalism.

Ms Fitzharris (Minister for Transport and Municipal Services) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “notes that”, substitute:

- “(a) the ACT Government recognises the concerns of members of the community about nuisance graffiti;

- (b) the ACT Government recently appointed a Graffiti Coordinator who will liaise with artists, students, business, property owners and the broader community on how graffiti is managed;
 - (c) street artists make a valuable contribution to the Canberra community and acknowledges their work in creating a vibrant community;
 - (d) the ACT has 23 legal street art sites across the ACT which support street artists;
 - (e) illegal graffiti is a serious matter and attracts a \$1000 fine for individuals caught;
 - (f) the ACT Government invests over \$500 000 a year to remove graffiti from property in the ACT;
 - (g) it is the responsibility of private owners to remove graffiti from their property; and
 - (h) that monthly complaints have been decreasing over time;
- (2) commends the ACT Government on the creation of a Graffiti Coordinator; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to:
- (a) work with street artists to drive a positive culture of street art in the community; and
 - (b) monitor incidents of illegal graffiti and action its removal as appropriate.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9	NOES, 8
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	
	Mr Coe
	Mr Doszpot
	Mrs Dunne
	Mr Hanson
	Mrs Jones
	Ms Lawder
	Mr Smyth
	Mr Wall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the ACT Government recognises the concerns of members of the community about nuisance graffiti;
 - (b) the ACT Government recently appointed a Graffiti Coordinator who will liaise with artists, students, business, property owners and the broader community on how graffiti is managed;
 - (c) street artists make a valuable contribution to the Canberra community and acknowledges their work in creating a vibrant community;
 - (d) the ACT has 23 legal street art sites across the ACT which support street artists;

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 - (f) the ACT Government invests over \$500 000 a year to remove graffiti from property in the ACT;
 - (g) it is the responsibility of private owners to remove graffiti from their property; and
 - (h) that monthly complaints have been decreasing over time;
- (2) commends the ACT Government on the creation of a Graffiti Coordinator; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to:
- (a) work with street artists to drive a positive culture of street art in the community; and
 - (b) monitor incidents of illegal graffiti and action its removal as appropriate.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

8 PUBLIC HOUSING

Ms Lawder, pursuant to notice, moved—that this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling between the Commonwealth and the ACT states that “the Australian Capital Territory must ensure... [that] the total stock of public housing in the Australian Capital Territory does not fall below the level as at 30 June 2014 of 10 848 dwellings”;
 - (b) the 2016 Report on Government Services Housing chapter shows the number of public housing dwellings in the ACT has decreased from 11 063 in 2011 to 10 833 as at 30 June 2015, which is lower than the number stipulated in the National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling;
 - (c) the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter shows that in 2014-15 the ACT had the highest percentage of clients with unmet need for accommodation services in Australia;
 - (d) the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter also shows that in 2014-15 the ACT had the lowest percentage of clients who were provided with accommodation or accommodation related assistance in Australia;
 - (e) according to the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter, the ACT had the highest recurrent cost per client accessing homelessness services in 2014-15 in Australia;
 - (f) as at 1 February 2016 there were 2106 applications on the ACT public housing waiting list and 799 applications on the ACT public housing transfer list;
 - (g) Phase III of the ACT Government’s Affordable Housing Action Plan was released in June 2012 and outlines actions to make housing more affordable in the ACT;
 - (h) it is reported that the ACT is experiencing a housing affordability crisis; and

- (i) a lack of affordable housing is said to be both a cause of homelessness and a reason for people being unable to exit homelessness; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) develop and implement a realistic framework by June 2016 to address Canberra's long public housing waiting list and transfer list;
 - (b) develop and implement a realistic framework by June 2016 to address Canberra's affordable housing crisis and to increase the supply of affordable housing in the ACT;
 - (c) provide detailed information, by the last sitting day in March, of what action it is taking in relation to:
 - (i) addressing Canberra's long public housing waiting list and transfer list;
 - (ii) providing exits from ACT homelessness services; and
 - (iii) providing housing for refugees moving to Canberra; and
 - (d) report back to the Assembly in March 2016 on progress.

Ms Berry (Minister for Housing, Community Services and Social Inclusion) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after paragraph (1)(g), substitute:

- “(h) the ACT has the highest proportion of social housing in Australia with approximately 30 dwellings per 1000 people compared to a national average of 17 dwellings per 1000 people;
- (i) the 2016 Report on Government Services shows that the ACT public housing waiting list, as a proportion of public housing stock, is the lowest in Australia at 21%;
- (j) the Report on Government Services shows that the ACT has the most highly targeted social housing system in Australia, with 96.7% of public housing allocations and 97.9% of community housing allocations made to households in greatest need;
- (k) the 2016 Report on Government Services shows that, of homelessness service clients requiring employment and/or training support, 23.7% were employed after support, which was the highest in Australia;
- (l) some homelessness service providers in the ACT report that between 20% and 30% of their clients have come from interstate;
- (m) the ACT has the lowest rate of people who are rough sleeping in Australia, with 0.8 per 10 000 compared to a national average of 3.8 per 10 000;
- (n) the ACT Government is replacing 1288 public housing dwellings under the Public Housing Renewal Program with modern, efficient homes which better meet the needs of public housing tenants;
- (o) the ACT is leading efforts among jurisdictions for greater certainty around future Commonwealth funding for homelessness services under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness;
- (p) the ACT Government has consulted widely, including with refugee settlement services, the Canberra Business Chamber and the Real Estate Institute of the ACT around the sustainable settlement of additional refugees in Canberra;

- (q) the Asset Recycling Initiative will see the ACT receive an estimated contribution of \$59 million from the Australian Government towards the Capital Metro project; and
 - (r) housing affordability is a national issue confronting federal, state/territory and local governments across Australia; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) make a formal submission to the recently established Commonwealth Affordable Housing Working Group, giving consideration to:
 - (i) the ACT's social housing portfolio in comparison to other jurisdictions;
 - (ii) the performance of the ACT's social housing sector in comparison to other jurisdictions;
 - (iii) factors affecting housing affordability in the ACT;
 - (iv) the ACT Government's actions to improve housing affordability in the ACT; and
 - (v) policy options at federal and state/territory levels which address housing affordability; and
 - (b) table this submission in the Assembly by the last sitting day in May 2016.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9

Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	

NOES, 8

Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Mr Hanson	
Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling between the Commonwealth and the ACT states that “the Australian Capital Territory must ensure... [that] the total stock of public housing in the Australian Capital Territory does not fall below the level as at 30 June 2014 of 10 848 dwellings”;
 - (b) the 2016 Report on Government Services Housing chapter shows the number of public housing dwellings in the ACT has decreased from 11 063 in 2011 to 10 833 as at 30 June 2015, which is lower than the number stipulated in the National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling;
 - (c) the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter shows that in 2014-15 the ACT had the highest percentage of clients with unmet need for accommodation services in Australia;

- (d) the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter also shows that in 2014-15 the ACT had the lowest percentage of clients who were provided with accommodation or accommodation related assistance in Australia;
- (e) according to the 2016 Report on Government Services Homelessness Services chapter, the ACT had the highest recurrent cost per client accessing homelessness services in 2014-15 in Australia;
- (f) as at 1 February 2016 there were 2106 applications on the ACT public housing waiting list and 799 applications on the ACT public housing transfer list;
- (g) Phase III of the ACT Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan was released in June 2012 and outlines actions to make housing more affordable in the ACT;
- (h) the ACT has the highest proportion of social housing in Australia with approximately 30 dwellings per 1000 people compared to a national average of 17 dwellings per 1000 people;
- (i) the 2016 Report on Government Services shows that the ACT public housing waiting list, as a proportion of public housing stock, is the lowest in Australia at 21%;
- (j) the Report on Government Services shows that the ACT has the most highly targeted social housing system in Australia, with 96.7% of public housing allocations and 97.9% of community housing allocations made to households in greatest need;
- (k) the 2016 Report on Government Services shows that, of homelessness service clients requiring employment and/or training support, 23.7% were employed after support, which was the highest in Australia;
- (l) some homelessness service providers in the ACT report that between 20% and 30% of their clients have come from interstate;
- (m) the ACT has the lowest rate of people who are rough sleeping in Australia, with 0.8 per 10 000 compared to a national average of 3.8 per 10 000;
- (n) the ACT Government is replacing 1288 public housing dwellings under the Public Housing Renewal Program with modern, efficient homes which better meet the needs of public housing tenants;
- (o) the ACT is leading efforts among jurisdictions for greater certainty around future Commonwealth funding for homelessness services under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness;
- (p) the ACT Government has consulted widely, including with refugee settlement services, the Canberra Business Chamber and the Real Estate Institute of the ACT around the sustainable settlement of additional refugees in Canberra;
- (q) the Asset Recycling Initiative will see the ACT receive an estimated contribution of \$59 million from the Australian Government towards the Capital Metro project; and
- (r) housing affordability is a national issue confronting federal, state/territory and local governments across Australia; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

- (a) make a formal submission to the recently established Commonwealth Affordable Housing Working Group, giving consideration to:
 - (i) the ACT's social housing portfolio in comparison to other jurisdictions;
 - (ii) the performance of the ACT's social housing sector in comparison to other jurisdictions;
 - (iii) factors affecting housing affordability in the ACT;
 - (iv) the ACT Government's actions to improve housing affordability in the ACT; and
 - (v) policy options at federal and state/territory levels which address housing affordability; and
- (b) table this submission in the Assembly by the last sitting day in May 2016.”—
be agreed to—put and passed.

9 CAPITAL METRO—ANNUAL AVAILABILITY PAYMENT

Mr Coe, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) an Annual Availability Payment will be made by the ACT Government as part of a contract to design, build and operate Capital Metro;
 - (b) public statements from the ACT Government indicate that the value of the Annual Availability Payment will not be known until the ACT Government signs a contract to build Capital Metro; and
 - (c) the public have a right to know the extent of the light rail liability before any agreement is entered into by the Government; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to disclose by the last sitting day of March the estimated value of the Annual Availability Payment.

Mr Corbell (Minister for Capital Metro) addressing the Assembly—

Adjournment negatived: It being 6 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Road Safety) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after paragraph (1)(b), substitute:

- “(c) the ACT Government will release details of the availability payment after financial close of the contract negotiations with the preferred bidder.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9	NOES, 8
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Mr Corbell	Mrs Jones
	Mr Coe
	Mr Doszpot
	Mrs Dunne
	Mr Hanson
	Mrs Jones

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly notes that:

- (1) an Annual Availability Payment will be made by the ACT Government as part of a contract to design, build and operate Capital Metro;
- (2) public statements from the ACT Government indicate that the value of the Annual Availability Payment will not be known until the ACT Government signs a contract to build Capital Metro; and
- (3) the ACT Government will release details of the availability payment after financial close of the contract negotiations with the preferred bidder.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.41 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly