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WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2015

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 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—PETITIONS—PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mrs Dunne (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure had discussed a proposed new standing order which would automatically refer petitions containing over 500 signatures to the relevant standing committee of the Assembly. The Committee supported the proposed new standing order.

3 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 21—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO. 5 OF 2014: CAPITAL WORKS REPORTING—REPORT NOTED

Mr Smyth (Chair) presented the following report:

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 21—*Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 5 of 2014: Capital Works Reporting*, dated 18 November 2015, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.



4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (1) notes the recent report of the ACT Auditor-General, entitled *Public Transport: The Frequent Network*, Report No. 9/2015 which details the ACT Government's failure to adequately implement and oversee the Frequent Network. In particular, the Auditor-General's report highlights, amongst other things, that:
 - (a) a significant number of buses will need to be added to the ACTION bus fleet if the goals of *Transport for Canberra* are to be achieved;
 - (b) a strong benefit-to-cost ratio of 3.59 exists for a bus based Frequent Network;
 - (c) a very significant part of the Frequent Network may never be served by light rail;
 - (d) poor governance and administrative arrangements have led to a Transport for Canberra Implementation Working Group meeting on nine occasions, despite the terms of reference for the group stating it should have met on 18 occasions;
 - (e) the Transport for Canberra Implementation Working Group has not met since December 2014, when oversight for *Transport for Canberra* was passed to the Parking Coordination Group and the Roads Coordination Group. However, there is no evidence that the Frequent Network has been considered by either of the groups;
 - (f) no risk assessment has been completed by the Environment and Planning Directorate with respect to the implementation of *Transport for Canberra*;
 - (g) the ACT Government has failed to report annually on the progress of *Transport for Canberra*;
 - (h) the only Transport for Canberra Report Card, released in September 2014, contains inaccurate and ambiguous information; and
 - (i) a target to have 10.5% of Canberrans using public transport to get to work by 2016 will not be met;
- (2) further notes that, because of these failures, public transport patronage in Canberra has decreased; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to cancel its light rail project and commit to providing adequate investment and oversight of the ACTION bus network.

Mr Gentleman (Minister for Planning) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after "That this Assembly", substitute:

- "(1) notes that:
- (a) the recent Auditor-General's report *Public Transport: The Frequent Network*, Report No. 9/2015, contains a range of recommendations and findings;
 - (b) the Government response to the final report prepared by MRCagney as part of the ACTION expenditure review which outlines improvements to the operation of ACTION;

- (c) on 26 October 2015, the ACT Government announced the creation of Transport Canberra, a new transport agency for the ACT bringing together the Capital Metro Agency and ACTION and that this agency would begin operating from 1 July 2016;
 - (d) Transport Canberra will deliver a high quality public transport system that is convenient, efficient, affordable, reliable and integrated;
 - (e) Canberra’s population growth and increasing congestion requires investment to ensure Canberra remains a liveable, modern, sustainable city;
 - (f) the Light Rail Network plan demonstrates that the ACT Government is planning ahead for Canberra’s current and future transport infrastructure needs; and
 - (g) delivery of light rail in the ACT will result in more buses, more services, more often as bus kilometres freed up from light rail routes are reallocated across the city; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) continue to work towards a convenient, efficient, affordable, reliable and integrated transport network for the Territory; and
 - (b) respond to the Auditor-General’s Report in more detail by February of 2016.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9		NOES, 8	
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris	Mr Coe	Ms Lawder
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman	Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter	Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson	
Mr Corbell		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 recent Auditor-General’s report *Public Transport: The Frequent Network*, Report No. 9/2015, contains a range of recommendations and findings;
 - (b) the Government response to the final report prepared by MRCagney as part of the ACTION expenditure review which outlines improvements to the operation of ACTION;
 - (c) on 26 October 2015, the ACT Government announced the creation of Transport Canberra, a new transport agency for the ACT bringing together the Capital Metro Agency and ACTION and that this agency would begin operating from 1 July 2016;

- (d) Transport Canberra will deliver a high quality public transport system that is convenient, efficient, affordable, reliable and integrated;
 - (e) Canberra's population growth and increasing congestion requires investment to ensure Canberra remains a liveable, modern, sustainable city;
 - (f) the Light Rail Network plan demonstrates that the ACT Government is planning ahead for Canberra's current and future transport infrastructure needs; and
 - (g) delivery of light rail in the ACT will result in more buses, more services, more often as bus kilometres freed up from light rail routes are reallocated across the city; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) continue to work towards a convenient, efficient, affordable, reliable and integrated transport network for the Territory; and
 - (b) respond to the Auditor-General's Report in more detail by February of 2016."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

5 TAXATION REFORM

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

- (1) notes:
- (a) the Government's continued general rates increases is not revenue neutral;
 - (b) the recently released Consolidated 2014-2015 Annual Financial Statements showed a \$36 million general rates revenue gouge;
 - (c) the Government's general rates revenue increase for 2014-2015 makes up 43% of total revenue increase for that year;
 - (d) the Government's renegeing on its promise to phase out stamp duty;
 - (e) the Government's continued inability to explain how their tax reforms will lead to general rates increases;
 - (f) that Canberra homeowners and businesses already pay some of the highest general rates in the country; and
 - (g) the Canberra Liberal's commitment to tackling housing affordability and cost of living pressures; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) conduct an impact analysis on:
 - (i) general rates increases and the financial impact on ACT households and businesses; and
 - (ii) general rates increases and the cost of living impact on ACT households and businesses; and
 - (b) table this in the Assembly before the 2016-2017 ACT Budget.

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

“(1) notes:

- (a) that the Government is abolishing duty on conveyances;
- (b) that the Government is abolishing duty on insurance;
- (c) that duties on conveyances and insurance are two of the most unfair and inefficient taxes levied by governments;
- (d) that insurance duty will be abolished by 1 July 2016;
- (e) that stamp duty has been cut in every budget since 2012-2013 and will be cut in all forthcoming budgets delivered by this Government;
- (f) that the ACT Government was the first in the country to undertake such reform;
- (g) that households and businesses are already saving considerable sums on their insurance policies due to the cuts to insurance duty;
- (h) that home buyers are saving thousands of dollars in stamp duty, with a \$500 000 property currently incurring \$5900 less in stamp duty than before tax reform started in 2012;
- (i) that household and commercial general rates are a stable and efficient source of revenue;
- (j) that the Government’s taxation reforms are revenue neutral—with increases to rates funding decreases to other taxes;
- (k) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes fairer, through reform to the rates system to make it more progressive, and through ensuring taxes are raised broadly across the community, instead of from residents who pay stamp duty;
- (l) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes simpler through the abolition of taxes;
- (m) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes more efficient, through a transition away from transaction-based taxes to land-based taxes;
- (n) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the ACT’s own-source revenue base more stable and predictable, thereby helping the Government plan for spending on services and facilities for the Territory community;
- (o) that the Government has issued three phases of its Affordable Housing Action Plan, which is a comprehensive program that has helped improve housing affordability in the ACT;
- (p) that the Government offers a range of concessions available to help households on lower incomes, including discounts on rates, energy and water bills;
- (q) that the Government offers a range of targeted assistance to lower income households, including public housing, health care and transport;

- (r) that the Government has continued to support the Territory economy during the Commonwealth's cuts to jobs and spending, to ensure households continue to stay in work and have access to important community services;
 - (s) that the Government issues a cost of living statement as part of the annual Territory budget, and that the budget papers indicate rates increases in coming years;
 - (t) that the cost of living statement in the 2015-2016 Budget showed that ACT per capita taxation is below the national average;
 - (u) that there is currently broad and sustained support around Australia, including from key stakeholders such as business, industry and social sector organisations, about the need for wide-ranging taxation reform in this country;
 - (v) there has been long-standing advocacy for taxation reform from expert reviews, including by former Treasury Secretary, Ken Henry and former ACT Treasurer, Ted Quinlan;
 - (w) that the Canberra Liberals continue to shirk engaging in a meaningful debate about taxation reform;
 - (x) that the Canberra Liberals' focus on three-word slogans about tax reform is misleading the community about the impact of taxation reform;
 - (y) that in this term the Canberra Liberals have yet to issue a meaningful and comprehensive program of taxation reform;
 - (z) that in this term the Canberra Liberals have yet to issue a policy about cost of living; and
 - (aa) that in this term the Canberra Liberals have yet to issue a policy about housing affordability; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) maintain its commitment to reforming the Territory's taxation system;
 - (b) outline a program for the next five years of taxation reform, including analysis about rates increases on households and businesses; and
 - (c) table this five year program with the 2016-2017 ACT Budget."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7		NOES, 6	
Mr Barr	Mr Gentleman	Mrs Dunne	Mr Smyth
Ms Berry	Ms Porter	Mr Hanson	Mr Wall
Dr Bourke	Mr Rattenbury	Mrs Jones	
Ms Fitzharris		Ms Lawder	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
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 - (e) that stamp duty has been cut in every budget since 2012-2013 and will be cut in all forthcoming budgets delivered by this Government;
 - (f) that the ACT Government was the first in the country to undertake such reform;
 - (g) that households and businesses are already saving considerable sums on their insurance policies due to the cuts to insurance duty;
 - (h) that home buyers are saving thousands of dollars in stamp duty, with a \$500 000 property currently incurring \$5900 less in stamp duty than before tax reform started in 2012;
 - (i) that household and commercial general rates are a stable and efficient source of revenue;
 - (j) that the Government’s taxation reforms are revenue neutral—with increases to rates funding decreases to other taxes;
 - (k) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes fairer, through reform to the rates system to make it more progressive, and through ensuring taxes are raised broadly across the community, instead of from residents who pay stamp duty;
 - (l) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes simpler through the abolition of taxes;
 - (m) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the Territory’s taxes more efficient, through a transition away from transaction-based taxes to land-based taxes;
 - (n) that the Government’s taxation reforms are making the ACT’s own-source revenue base more stable and predictable, thereby helping the Government plan for spending on services and facilities for the Territory community;
 - (o) that the Government has issued three phases of its Affordable Housing Action Plan, which is a comprehensive program that has helped improve housing affordability in the ACT;
 - (p) that the Government offers a range of concessions available to help households on lower incomes, including discounts on rates, energy and water bills;
 - (q) that the Government offers a range of targeted assistance to lower income households, including public housing, health care and transport;

- (r) that the Government has continued to support the Territory economy during the Commonwealth's cuts to jobs and spending, to ensure households continue to stay in work and have access to important community services;
 - (s) that the Government issues a cost of living statement as part of the annual Territory budget, and that the budget papers indicate rates increases in coming years;
 - (t) that the cost of living statement in the 2015-2016 Budget showed that ACT per capita taxation is below the national average;
 - (u) that there is currently broad and sustained support around Australia, including from key stakeholders such as business, industry and social sector organisations, about the need for wide-ranging taxation reform in this country;
 - (v) there has been long-standing advocacy for taxation reform from expert reviews, including by former Treasury Secretary, Ken Henry and former ACT Treasurer, Ted Quinlan;
 - (w) that the Canberra Liberals continue to shirk engaging in a meaningful debate about taxation reform;
 - (x) that the Canberra Liberals' focus on three-word slogans about tax reform is misleading the community about the impact of taxation reform;
 - (y) that in this term the Canberra Liberals have yet to issue a meaningful and comprehensive program of taxation reform;
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- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) maintain its commitment to reforming the Territory's taxation system;
 - (b) outline a program for the next five years of taxation reform, including analysis about rates increases on households and businesses; and
 - (c) table this five year program with the 2016-2017 ACT Budget."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

6 WEED MANAGEMENT

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

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the ACT Government has made substantial cuts to weed management funding in the 2015-2016 Budget;
 - (b) the Auditor-General's Report on *Restoration of the Lower Cotter Catchment* (Report No. 3/2015) highlights that priority needs to be given to important and ongoing work including controlling major weeds in the ACT;

- (c) during the 2014-2015 Estimates hearings, representatives of the Conservation Council ACT Region gave evidence and highlighted the importance of weed management and that their biggest concern is that the cuts to the weeds budget do not appear to have any scientific evidence;
 - (d) in the Assembly on 11 August 2015 Mr Rattenbury highlighted the important role of weed management and how controlling weeds “will reduce soil disturbances and encourage natural regeneration, which serves as a very powerful driver of improved water quality”;
 - (e) the ACT Weeds Advisory Group, a technical reference group established to oversee implementation of the ACT Weeds Strategy, has not met recently; and
 - (f) there is a growing prevalence of weeds in urban, suburban and rural areas of the ACT, including African lovegrass, serrated tussock and Madagascan fireweed; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) reinstate the weed management funding cut in the 2015-2016 Budget;
 - (b) reinstate meetings of the ACT Weeds Advisory Group; and
 - (c) report back to the Assembly in February 2016 on progress of its weed management program.

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

- “(1) notes that:
- (a) the Government is committed to delivering an effective and targeted annual environmental weeds control program for the ACT;
 - (b) recurrent base funding for environmental weed management is important for long term strategic planning, and has increased to \$1.2 million per annum, up from \$759 000 in 2014-2015 and \$513 000 in 2013-2014;
 - (c) 79% of the total annual weeds budget is now recurrent funding;
 - (d) additional funding for weed management was provided in the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 Budgets as part of the Enhanced Biodiversity Stewardship initiative;
 - (e) the Government has committed ongoing funding for a dedicated ParkCare Coordinator to support volunteers in the ParkCare community to undertake bush regeneration and weed management work;
 - (f) the Auditor-General’s Report on *Restoration of the Lower Cotter Catchment* (Report No. 3/2015) highlights that priority needs to be given to important and ongoing work including controlling major weeds in the ACT;
 - (g) the 2015-2016 Budget has allocated ongoing recurrent funding management of the Lower Cotter Catchment, including \$150 000 per annum for weeds management;
 - (h) the ACT Weeds Advisory Group meets twice a year; and

- (i) the Government’s environmental weed program focuses on priority species such as African lovegrass, serrated tussock, St John’s Wort, blackberry, Chilean needle grass and new incursions, such as Madagascan fireweed; and
- (2) calls on the Minister to report back on progress on the weed management program on the last day of sitting in February 2016.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8		NOES, 7	
Mr Barr	Ms Fitzharris	Mr Doszpot	Ms Lawder
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman	Mrs Dunne	Mr Smyth
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter	Mr Hanson	Mr Wall
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

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- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government is committed to delivering an effective and targeted annual environmental weeds control program for the ACT;
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 - (c) 79% of the total annual weeds budget is now recurrent funding;
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 - (e) the Government has committed ongoing funding for a dedicated ParkCare Coordinator to support volunteers in the ParkCare community to undertake bush regeneration and weed management work;
 - (f) the Auditor-General’s Report on *Restoration of the Lower Cotter Catchment* (Report No. 3/2015) highlights that priority needs to be given to important and ongoing work including controlling major weeds in the ACT;
 - (g) the 2015-2016 Budget has allocated ongoing recurrent funding management of the Lower Cotter Catchment, including \$150 000 per annum for weeds management;
 - (h) the ACT Weeds Advisory Group meets twice a year; and
 - (i) the Government’s environmental weed program focuses on priority species such as African lovegrass, serrated tussock, St John’s Wort, blackberry, Chilean needle grass and new incursions, such as Madagascan fireweed; and

- (2) calls on the Minister to report back on progress on the weed management program on the last day of sitting in February 2016.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

7 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Barr (Chief Minister) informed the Assembly of the absence of Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) and advised the Assembly that questions without notice normally directed to Mr Rattenbury could be directed to Mr Barr.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ms Fitzharris, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the Australian Training Awards will take place on Thursday, 19 November in Hobart;
 - (b) the ACT will be represented by a number of ACT trainees, apprentices and RTOs at the Australian Training Awards;
 - (c) the ACT is well served by a high quality vocational education and training system;
 - (d) access to high quality skills education is necessary to the ongoing economic and social prosperity of the community; and
 - (e) the reform work the ACT Government has undertaken in the last 12 months in VET, namely:
 - (i) the introduction of the Skilled Capital initiative;
 - (ii) the *Review of Vocational Education and Training in ACT Public Schools: Future Directions*;
 - (iii) the ACT Australian Apprenticeships (User Choice) Program Final Report and the proposed Qualification Subsidy Amounts; and
 - (iv) the governance reforms to the Canberra Institute of Technology and the appointment of a CIT Board;
- (2) congratulates all ACT nominees at the Australian Training Awards; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to continue to:
- (a) enhance the VET sector through reform and collaboration; and
 - (b) keep the Assembly informed of progress across the VET sector.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER—SUPPORT

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects around one in 160 children, with boys four times more likely to be affected than girls;
 - (b) that the current approach adopted by the ACT Government to address the needs of ASD students in ACT government schools is not adequate;
 - (c) the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention therapy for children with ASD; and
 - (d) the lack of post school options available for young adults with ASD; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to implement a Whole of Government strategy to improve the outcomes for families and individuals with ASD, as a priority.

Debate ensued.

Ms Burch (Minister for Disability) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after paragraph 1(a), substitute:

- “(b) the importance of early diagnoses, early intervention therapy and support for ASD;
 - (c) the role of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and that the ACT will be the first jurisdiction to fully transition to the scheme;
 - (d) the new arrangements for support, including post school options, which will take place with the transition to the NDIS;
 - (e) that, as of September this year, 2176 ACT residents have plans and another 439 have been deemed eligible and are developing plans through the NDIS;
 - (f) the establishment of the Child Development Service which will commence in 2016;
 - (g) that the Education and Training Directorate has 27.5 Learning Support Unit Classes and 30.5 Learning Support Unit (Autism) Classes in ACT government schools; and
 - (h) the commissioning of an Expert Panel on Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour and the Government’s response, which will be made available on 18 November 2015, with future updates to the Assembly, and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) continue the transition to the NDIS;
 - (b) continue to update the Assembly on the roll-out of the NDIS in line with previous resolutions of the Assembly; and
 - (c) write to the Australian Government to resolve, as a matter of urgency, how the NDIS will fund and support Information, Linkages and Coordination services.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects around one in 160 children, with boys four times more likely to be affected than girls;
 - (b) the importance of early diagnoses, early intervention therapy and support for ASD;
 - (c) the role of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and that the ACT will be the first jurisdiction to fully transition to the scheme;
 - (d) the new arrangements for support, including post school options, which will take place with the transition to the NDIS;
 - (e) that, as of September this year, 2176 ACT residents have plans and another 439 have been deemed eligible and are developing plans through the NDIS;
 - (f) the establishment of the Child Development Service which will commence in 2016;
 - (g) that the Education and Training Directorate has 27.5 Learning Support Unit Classes and 30.5 Learning Support Unit (Autism) Classes in ACT government schools; and
 - (h) the commissioning of an Expert Panel on Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour and the Government’s response, which will be made available on 18 November 2015, with future updates to the Assembly, and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) continue the transition to the NDIS;
 - (b) continue to update the Assembly on the roll-out of the NDIS in line with previous resolutions of the Assembly; and
 - (c) write to the Australian Government to resolve, as a matter of urgency, how the NDIS will fund and support Information, Linkages and Coordination services.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

11 ARTS POLICY FRAMEWORK

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of providing equal coverage and support to a broad range of art forms in our city;
 - (b) the value of the arts as the underlying element to our city’s economic prosperity and social well-being;
 - (c) the Minister’s inability and failure to list the policy goals and outcomes achieved as a consequence of her 2012 Arts Policy Framework; and

- (d) the Minister’s second Arts Policy Framework published in June 2015, which only included four principles and referred to existing artsACT and Cultural Facilities Corporation initiatives; and
- (2) calls on the Minister to:
 - (a) develop a consultation schedule with all arts communities in the ACT;
 - (b) develop a consolidated list of actionable initiatives in support of her 2015 Arts Policy Framework with accompanying budgets, performance targets and timeframes; and
 - (c) present these by the first sitting day in February 2016.

Ms Burch (Minister for the Arts) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after paragraph (1)(a), substitute:

- “(b) the value of the arts as an underlying element to our city’s economic prosperity and social well-being;
- (c) the public release this year of the Economic Overview of the Arts in the ACT and the recognition of the enormous contribution the arts make to the Canberra economy;
- (d) the Minister’s on-going commitment to developing and supporting the arts in the Territory and the continued consultation with the arts sector to support the objectives of the ACT Arts Policy; and
- (e) the positive feedback that has been received from the ACT arts community on the ACT Arts Policy; and
- (2) calls on the Minister to:
 - (a) inform the Assembly of the continued consultation process with the ACT arts community; and
 - (b) provide an update to the Assembly in early 2016 on the progress of working with the arts community on continued implementation of the ACT Arts Policy.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of providing equal coverage and support to a broad range of art forms in our city;

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 - (c) the public release this year of the Economic Overview of the Arts in the ACT and the recognition of the enormous contribution the arts make to the Canberra economy;
 - (d) the Minister's on-going commitment to developing and supporting the arts in the Territory and the continued consultation with the arts sector to support the objectives of the ACT Arts Policy; and
 - (e) the positive feedback that has been received from the ACT arts community on the ACT Arts Policy; and
- (2) calls on the Minister to:
- (a) inform the Assembly of the continued consultation process with the ACT arts community; and
 - (b) provide an update to the Assembly in early 2016 on the progress of working with the arts community on continued implementation of the ACT Arts Policy.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Ms Burch (Manager of Government Business) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.13 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