Inaugural Speeches

Inaugural speeches were made by the following Members:

Mr Parton (13 December 2016)
Mrs Kikkert (13 December 2016)
Ms Cheyne (13 December 2016)
Mr Ramsay (13 December 2016)
Ms Lee (13 December 2016)
Ms Stephen-Smith (13 December 2016)
Ms Cody (13 December 2016)
Mr Steel (13 December 2016)
Mr Pettersson (15 December 2016)
Ms Orr (15 December 2016)
Mr Milligan (15 December 2016)

Government business

Includes all business items presented to the Assembly by the Executive including bills, motions, and papers

Bills introduced

Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (No 2)
Planning, Building and Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (No 2)
Transport Canberra and City Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Commercial Arbitration Bill 2016
Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (No 3)
Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

Motions debated

Mr Gentleman, Manager of Government Business, moved a motion to establish and appoint general purpose standing committees. (Tuesday 13 December 2016).
The motion was passed without amendment.

Private Members’ business

Includes all items presented to the Assembly by all non-Executive Members, including bills and motions

Motions debated

A motion relating to state of the Territories finances was moved by Mr Coe MLA on 14 December 2016.
An amendment was moved by the government that included noting the importance of the Government continuing to outline its fiscal strategy and the Territory’s return to surplus in Budget documents presented to this Assembly. A further amendment was moved by the ACT Greens but was negatived after debate.
The amended motion was then agreed to by the Assembly.
The ACT economy was the subject of a motion moved by Ms Cody MLA on 14 December 2016. The motion was about the importance of the future of Canberra. The motion was resolved in the affirmative.
Mr Parton MLA moved a motion concerning Canberra’s greyhound racing industry on 14 December 2016. The Government did not support the motion moved by Mr Parton, and moved an amendment to the motion. ACT Greens supported the proposed amendment. The Assembly voted with the question resolved in the affirmative and the motion, as amended, was agreed to.
Other motions moved on 14 December 2016 related to:

**Land Development Agency**—Mr Coe MLA

**Progressive and inclusive policies for the ACT**—Mr Steel MLA

**Security issues at the Alexander Maconochie Centre**—Mrs Jones MLA

The full debate on the above motions can be accessed from the Assembly Hansard site.

### Assembly business

#### Motions debated

Nine motions were scheduled for debate on Thursday, 15 December 2016 commencing with a motion proposing the 2017 Sitting Pattern. This motion was passed by the Assembly without amendment. A copy of the 2017 Sitting Pattern can be found [here](#).

This was followed by the passing of a motion concerning an amendment to standing order 254A. The next motion debated related to a proposal to establish a select committee to inquire into the possible establishment of an Integrity Commission. This motion was passed without amendment. Another proposal for a select committee to review the operation of the 2016 ACT Election and Electoral Act was agreed to by the Assembly.

A number of motions were moved to refer matters to standing committees. Debate on all these motions was adjourned. The motions concerned a referral to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services for people with disabilities in the ACT. Possible inquiries into early childhood education, and school enrolments to be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs, and housing affordability issues to the standing committee on Planning and Urban Renewal. A proposed inquiry into the prevention of domestic and family violence to be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Services was also moved.

### Executive Members’ business

**Includes all items presented to the Assembly by Executive Members, including bills and motions**

#### Motion debated

A motion was moved on Thursday 15 December 2016 relating to climate change impacts and the Carmichael coal mine. The Assembly opposed the construction of the proposed Carmichael coal mine and opposed the contribution of any Federal Government support to the Carmichael coal mine and related infrastructure.

#### Ministerial statements


On 15 December 2016 the following ministerial statements were also made—

**Minister Berry**—Portfolio priorities

**Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Woman and the Minister for Sport and Recreation.**

**Minister Fitzharris**—Ministerial priorities

**Minister for Health, Minister for Transport and City Services and the Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research.**

**Minister Gentleman**—Portfolio priorities

**Manager of Government Business, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Environment and Heritage, Minister for Planning and Land Management and Minister for Urban Renewal.**

**Minister Ramsay**—Portfolio priorities

**Attorney-General, Minister for Regulatory Services, Minister for the Arts and Community Events and Minister for Veterans and Seniors.**

**Minister Rattenbury**—Portfolio priorities

**ACT Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, ACT Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs, ACT Minister for Corrections and the ACT Minister for Mental Health.**

**Minister Stephen-Smith**—Strategic outcome and priorities

**Minister for Community Services and Social Inclusion, Minister for Disability, Children and Youth, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait...**
Islander Affairs, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations.

Minister Rattenbury—Conference of Parties (COP22) meeting in Marrakech

Chief Minister—Building the Future

The full text of statements can be found here.

**Papers presented**

*The following are papers of interest that were presented:*

ACT Auditor-General—Report No 9/2016—Commissioner for International Engagement—position creation and appointment process (presented by the Speaker on 13 December 2016)


Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act—Independent Reviewer—Reports for the period 1 January to 30 June 2016 (presented by the Speaker on 13 December 2016)

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act—Independent Reviewer—Reports for the period 1 July to 8 September 2016 (presented by the Speaker on 13 December 2016)

Ethics and Integrity Adviser for Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory—Report for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (presented by the Speaker on 13 December 2016)

Administrative Arrangements 2016 (No 4)—Notifiable Instrument NI2016-608 (presented by the Chief Minister on 13 December 2016)

Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Ministerial Appointment 2016 (No 3)—Notifiable Instrument NI2016-609 (presented by the Chief Minister on 13 December 2016)

Parliamentary Agreement For the 9th Legislative Assembly for the ACT—Agreement between Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Leader of the Australian Labor Party, ACT Branch, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Greens Member for Kurrajong, and Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA, ACT Greens Member for Murrumbidgee (presented by the Chief Minister on 13 December 2016)


**Petitions**

On 13 December 2016 the following petition was lodged—

Cannabis medicines—Safe and adequate access—Attorney-General—lodged by Mr Rattenbury MLA.

A copy of the terms of the petitions can be found here.

On 13 December 2016 the following ministerial responses to petitions were lodged—

Mr Fluffy houses—Rezoning

Playground facilities—Page

Health (Patient Privacy) Amendment Act 2015—Repeal of provisions

Belconnen Arts Centre

A copy of the response can be found here.

**Committee activities**

**Standing Committees—Establishment**

The following committees have been established for the Ninth Assembly:

**Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs**—Mrs Kikkert, Mr Pettersson, Mr Steel and Mr Wall

**Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services**—Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson and Mr Steel

**Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services**—Ms Cheyne, Mr Doszpot, Ms Orr and Mr Parton

**Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety**—Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee and Mr Steel

**Standing Committee on Public Accounts**—Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mrs Dunne, and Mr Pettersson
Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal—Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan and Ms Orr

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism—Mr Hanson, Ms Orr, Mr Parton and Mr Pettersson

Committee reports presented

Public Accounts—Standing Committee

Administration and Procedure—Standing Committee—Report 1—Review of Standing Orders for the Ninth Assembly—Report adopted (presented by the Chair on 13 December 2016)

Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Report 1 (presented 15 December 2016)

This report contained the committee’s comments on 26 pieces of subordinate legislation, two national regulations, and three regulatory impact statements.

Government responses


Members of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT

Electorate of Brindabella

Ms Joy Burch (Australian Labor Party)
Mr Mick Gentleman (Australian Labor Party)
Ms Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals)
Mr Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals)
Mr Andrew Wall (Canberra Liberals)

Electorate of Ginninderra

Ms Yvette Berry (Australian Labor Party)
Ms Tara Cheyne (Australian Labor Party)
Mrs Vicki Dunne (Canberra Liberals)

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert (Canberra Liberals)
Mr Gordon Ramsay (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Kurrajong

Mr Andrew Barr (Australian Labor Party)
Mr Steve Doszpot (Canberra Liberals)
Ms Elizabeth Lee (Canberra Liberals)
Mr Shane Rattenbury (ACT Greens)
Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Murrumbidgee

Ms Bec Cody (Australian Labor Party)
Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC (Canberra Liberals)
Mrs Giulia Jones (Canberra Liberals)
Ms Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens)
Mr Chris Steel (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Yerrabi

Mr Alistair Coe (Canberra Liberals)
Ms Meegan Fitzharris (Australian Labor Party)
Mr James Milligan (Canberra Liberals)
Ms Suzanne Orr (Australian Labor Party)
Mr Michael Pettersson (Australian Labor Party)

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