



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

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Notice Paper

No 131

Wednesday, 4 September 2024

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

There are no items of Assembly business programmed for 4 September 2024.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2024-2025:** *(Treasurer):* Further consideration at detail stage—Schedule 1—Part 1.8, Community Services Directorate *(from 3 September 2024—Ms Orr).*
- 2 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2024-2025:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 27 June 2024—Ms Orr).*
- 3 **INTEGRITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Chief Minister):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 26 June 2024—Ms Lee).*
- 4 **PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Chief Minister):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 June 2024—Mr Cain).*

- 5 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2024—Mr Cain*).
- 6 **GAMING MACHINE (COMPULSORY SURRENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for Gaming*): Detail stage—Clause 1—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2024—Mr Gentleman*).
- 7 **COAG LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 4 August 2021—Ms Lee*).
- 8 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORKFORCE AND TIMETABLES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2023—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 9 **OFFICE OF WATER—UPDATE ON CATCHMENT PLANS AND YERRABI FLOATING WETLANDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 10 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—ACT HEALTH DIRECTORATE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 11 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—ACT LOCAL HOSPITAL NETWORK—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 12 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—CANBERRA HEALTH SERVICES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 13 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—CANBERRA HEALTH SERVICES 2022-2023 BUDGET STATEMENT C—CORRIGENDUM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 14 **WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK AND INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023—Ms Cheyne*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the importance of World Day for Safety and Health at Work and International Workers' Memorial Day commemorated internationally on 28 April of each year and that:
 - (a) it is a day of reflection to remember and honour those who have lost their lives at work or from work-related injuries or illness;

- (b) an opportunity to focus on the importance of health and safety at work and the joint responsibility shared by all in keeping our workplaces safe and fostering a positive work safety culture;
 - (c) all workers have the right to return home safely from work;
 - (d) in 2023, the theme for World Day for Safety and Health at Work was “A safe and healthy working environment is a fundamental principle and right at work”, focusing on good work; work that is not only safe, but that is also good for us by contributing to our physical and psychological health and wellbeing; and
 - (e) in 2023, the theme for Workers’ Memorial Day was “remember the dead, fight for the living”; and
- (2) express solidarity in reflecting on the importance of World Day for Safety and Health at Work and International Workers’ Memorial Day which occurred on 28 April 2023 by:
- (a) formally recording a continuing and shared commitment to being a world-leading jurisdiction in work health and safety; and
 - (b) continuing to provide Territory workers with contemporary laws that recognise the complexity of modern workplaces and emerging hazards and keep pace with community expectations.

- 15 **URBAN OPEN SPACE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN—DRAFT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2023—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) that on 23 August 2024, the Federal Government placed all branches of the construction and general division of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU) into administration, including the ACT Branch;
 - (b) that this action was in response to the recent disturbing allegations of corruption and links to organised crime within the CFMEU;
 - (c) comments by Master Builders ACT (MBA) that the cost of construction can increase by up to 30 percent due to delays brought about by CFMEU influence on building sites, and that they have been raising concerns about union interference in procurement for years;

- (d) that the unions recently sought to be given greater power to investigate and prosecute companies in breach of the Secure Local Jobs Code, and sought the right to oversee the appointment of senior public servants in the ACT; and
 - (e) the MBA's response to this push by the union for more power was "If the CFMEU get their way, they will continue to bully and harass not only our builders and subcontractors, but our government officials too";
- (2) further notes:
- (a) that Operation Kingfisher is a current investigation by the Integrity Commission into whether public officials within the Education Directorate failed to exercise their official functions honestly when making recommendations and decisions regarding the Campbell Primary School Modernisation Project;
 - (b) that the investigation heard evidence that the CFMEU pressured the Government not to award the contract for the Campbell Primary School Modernisation Project to the company that was the preferred option following a tender process;
 - (c) comments by the Integrity Commissioner during recent hearings of the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025 where he said "The question of the CFMEU raises the whole question of lobbying by organisations, both of departments of particular public servants and of politicians. It is a problem in every jurisdiction in Australia. If I had the resources, I would have an inquiry about lobbying in the ACT";
 - (d) the Integrity Commissioner's further comments that "The ACT is a small and highly interconnected community where links (personal, political and commercial) are invasive. Lobbying on an official and unofficial basis can occur easily";
 - (e) that the Premiers of Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, the Labor Opposition Leader in Tasmania, and the former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, have all taken action to suspend the CFMEU from their respective state Labor branches; and
 - (f) that the ACT Chief Minister has, to date, failed to take any action to suspend the CFMEU from ACT Labor, leaving him as the only Labor leader in the country not to take decisive action; and
- (3) calls on the Chief Minister to immediately take action and to suspend the ACT Branch of the CFMEU from ACT Labor. *(Notice given 2 September 2024. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

2 **MR PETTERSSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) in July 2020, the Minister for Building Quality Improvement, Gordon Ramsay MLA, announced that the ACT Government would establish a team of public sector certifiers to restore confidence in the Territory's construction sector;
 - (b) ACT Labor, ahead of the 2020 ACT election, committed to "establishing an expert team of publicly funded building certifiers within the ACT Public Service"; and
 - (c) the ACT Greens, ahead of the 2020 ACT election, committed to "bring[ing] back government building certifiers for multi-unit residential developments, and for all projects where the builder or major subcontractors have been the subject of regulatory action by Access Canberra or WorkSafe. This will be revenue neutral, funded by regulatory fees"; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to establish an expert team of publicly funded building certifiers within the ACT Public Service. (*Notice given 2 September 2024. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

3 **MS CLAY:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Canberra Thoroughbred Park, at Block 9 Section 69 Lyneham, is a 64 hectare site earmarked for urban renewal;
 - (b) this site is in a highly desirable location five kilometres from the central business district on light rail;
 - (c) inner north schools are under strain, Lyneham High School enrolments are at 94 percent capacity, and the ACT Education Directorate has no plans for expansion;
 - (d) the public housing waitlist is 3,152;
 - (e) this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity and government should consider what Canberra needs on the site now and in 50 years' time; and
 - (f) government policies seek a compact city, transit-oriented development, climate-friendly development and public housing growth;
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) the Territory Planning Authority is considering the Canberra Racing Club's application for a Territory Plan Major Plan Amendment;
 - (b) the new "outcomes-based" planning system is meant to provide the community with best outcomes, not simply react to property developer proposals that meet minimum requirements;

- (c) Chief Minister Barr tasked a steering committee of public servants and horseracing industry officials to consider the Canberra Racing Club proposal. They are not considering alternatives or best uses for the site;
 - (d) the new planning system provides public consultation and a possible committee inquiry, but only on the Canberra Racing Club proposal, not on alternatives;
 - (e) the site was granted to operate a racetrack in 1961, and Canberra Racing Club wants to change the purpose to develop for profit;
 - (f) upzoning represents a significant windfall gain to the Canberra Racing Club;
 - (g) Canberra Racing Club has no experience in property development;
 - (h) the ACT Government has already spent or pledged more than \$100 million of public money to the horseracing industry under memorandums of understanding, outside of any grant or tender; and
 - (i) the ACT Government collects less than \$250,000 in Point of Consumption Tax each year from bets placed on ACT horseracing;
- (3) further notes that since 2020, Canberra Racing Club:
- (a) was half-funded by ACT Government;
 - (b) had increasing liabilities;
 - (c) went from a small surplus to a \$1.1 million deficit;
 - (d) cash reserves dropped from \$3.1 million to \$1.6 million;
 - (e) racing carnival attendance dropped from approximately 10,000 to approximately 7,000;
 - (f) membership dropped from 1,159 to 1,002; and
 - (g) management personnel payments increased from \$201,000 to \$976,000;
- (4) finally notes that public joint ventures are major long-term investments that should be run with experienced, financially stable partners to achieve good public outcomes and value for money; and
- (5) calls on the ACT Government, prior to making any planning decisions, to:
- (a) consider at least two options for the site, at least one option being a suburb not developed with the Canberra Racing Club that:
 - (i) uses the entire site;
 - (ii) does not include a racetrack; and
 - (iii) includes public and community housing, schools, green spaces and community facilities;
 - (b) undertake community engagement based on Good Consultation Principles on all options; and

- (c) publish:
 - (i) the results of community engagement;
 - (ii) the steering committee report; and
 - (iii) cost, benefit and risk analysis for all options. (*Notice given 2 September 2024. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

4 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) in August 2022, the Chief Minister ruled out a stadium at the Civic pool site;
 - (b) in June 2023, the Chief Minister affirmed this position describing the Civic pool site as a “billion-dollar folly”, and said that ACT Labor “are not going down the folly of a billion-dollar stadium, I can make that clear”;
 - (c) in September 2023, the Chief Minister received a \$30,000 report to re-examine the Civic pool site which placed the cost of a new stadium between \$2.1 and \$2.9 billion, making it one of the most expensive stadiums in the world;
 - (d) the report also determined a new stadium at Bruce would cost between \$1.4 and \$1.9 billion;
 - (e) compared to the figures provided in the Government’s 2021 feasibility study into the Civic pool site, the cost of a stadium has increased by 400 percent; and
 - (f) in July 2024, the Chief Minister was asked during hearings of the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025, if any further feasibility studies had been undertaken to examine possible Civic locations since the 2021 report, however, the Chief Minister failed to mention the 2023 WT report;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) the ACT Government has provided cost estimates for the Northside Hospital and a new stadium;
 - (b) Labor and the Greens have refused to provide estimates for the cost of Light Rail Stage 2B, a new convention centre, Canberra Theatre Expansion and Canberra Pavilion, despite spending millions of taxpayers’ money on feasibility studies into these projects;
 - (c) the minimum cost for these projects before the Chief Minister revealed there had been a 400 percent increase in costs for infrastructure projects was \$4.85 billion, which could now be as high as \$19.4 billion; and
 - (d) the Chief Minister has previously cut projects in health and housing in order to prioritise construction of the light rail; and

- (3) calls on the ACT Government to list the indicative cost estimates before the caretaker period for:
 - (a) Light Rail Stage 2B;
 - (b) a new convention centre;
 - (c) Canberra Pavilion; and
 - (d) Canberra Theatre Expansion. (*Notice given 2 September 2024. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

Orders of the day

- 1 **ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2021—Mr Steel*).
- 2 **CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Mrs Kikkert*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2021—Mr Gentleman*).
- 3 **INTEGRITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (NO 2):** (*Ms Lee; presented by Mr Cain*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 2022—Mr Barr*).
- 4 **MODERN SLAVERY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2023—Mr Steel*).
- 5 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (FOSSIL FUEL COMPANY ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2024—Mr Barr*).
- 6 **CRIMES (ANTI-CONSORTING) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Ms Lee*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 27 August 2024—Mr Rattenbury*).
- 7 **EVIDENCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2024—Mr Gentleman*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

Order of the day

- 1 **EVIDENCE GIVEN BY A MINISTER—DISSENT FROM CHAIR’S RULING:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2024—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Ms Lawder—That I move dissent with the Chair’s ruling, as per standing order 73A, regarding the matter of Hansard reference of Mr Steel’s evidence.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only redirected questions are included on the Notice Paper together with a list of all unanswered questions.

A Questions on Notice Paper will be issued on the Friday of a sitting week, containing the text of all questions on notice lodged that week and can be accessed at www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-the-chamber/chamber-documents.

Unanswered questions

2060, 2073, 2090, 2097-2121.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

14 August 2024

Richardson shops—Minister for Planning—Petition lodged by Ms Burch (Pet 020-24).

24 September 2024

Gordon Playing Fields—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petitions lodged by Mr Parton (e-Pet 014-24 and Pet 025-24).

25 September 2024

Phillip Avenue light rail stop—CCTV and secure bike parking—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Stephen-Smith (e-Pet 022-24).

Newberry Crescent Neighbourhood Playground, Page—Improvements—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 026-24).

26 November 2024

Mugga Lane landfill concerns—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (e-Pet 027-24).

Macrossan Crescent, Latham—Bus route—Minister for Transport—Petitions lodged by Mr Cain (e-Pet 029-24 and Pet 037-24).

Coniston Street, Hawker—Pedestrian crossing—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (e-Pet 030-24).

Stephens Place, Garran—Pedestrian issues—Minister for City Services—Petitions lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 031-24 and Pet 036-24).

Rivett Place, Rivett—Pedestrian safety—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 033-24).

Human rights and Palestine—Chief Minister—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (e-Pet 034-24). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on 27 August 2024.)*

27 November 2024

Hawker College bus services—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 038-24).

2 December 2024

Sturt Avenue, Narrabundah—Pedestrian crossing—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 024-24).

Charnwood Dunlop School—All abilities playground—Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—Petitions lodged by Mr Cain (e-Pet 028-24 and Pet 039-24). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion on 3 September 2024.)*

Giralang and Kaleen—Increasing Crime—Minister for Police and Crime Prevention—Petition lodged by Mr Pettersson (e-Pet 032-24).

Database of sensory friendly venues in the ACT—Minister for Community Services, Seniors and Veterans—Petition lodged by Miss Nuttall (e-Pet 035-24).

Workers compensation for a workplace incident—Minister for Corrections and Justice Health—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 040-24).

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Tenth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees' resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 3 November 2020):* The Speaker (Chair), Mr Braddock, Ms Lawder, Ms Orr.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020):*

Mr Milligan (*Chair*), Miss Nuttall, Ms Orr.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Mr Pettersson

(*Chair*), Ms Lawder, Miss Nuttall.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020):*

Dr Paterson (*Chair*), Ms Clay, Mr Cocks.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Ms Clay (*Chair*)

Mr Milligan, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Mr Cain (*Chair*),

Mr Braddock, Dr Paterson.

PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Ms Clay (*Chair*),

Mr Parton, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Mr Cocks (*Chair*), Mr Braddock,

Mr Pettersson.

Dissolved

COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT: *(Formed 9 February 2023):* Mr Davis (*Chair*),

Ms Lawder, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 11 May 2023)*

COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE: *(Formed 16 September 2021):* Ms Lee (*Chair*),

Ms Clay, Ms Orr. *(Presented 2 December 2021)*

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021: *(Formed*

11 February 2021): Mr Cain (*Chair*), Mr Davis, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 30 November 2021)*

ESTIMATES 2022-2023: *(Formed 1 July 2022):* Mr Milligan (*Chair*), Mr Braddock, Dr Paterson.

(Presented 11 October 2022; Dissolved 31 October 2022)

ESTIMATES 2023-2024: *(Formed 15 May 2023):* Mr Parton (*Chair*), Ms Clay, Mr Pettersson.

(Presented 29 August 2023)

ESTIMATES 2024-2025: *(Formed 6 May 2024):* Ms Lawder (*Chair*), Miss Nuttall, Ms Orr.

(Presented 16 August 2024)

PRIVILEGES 2022: *(Formed 15 August 2022):* Mr Hanson (*Chair*), Ms Clay, Mr Pettersson.

(Presented 1 December 2022)

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2023: *(Formed 31 October 2023):* Ms Orr (*Chair*),

Mr Braddock, Ms Castley, Mr Cocks, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 19 March 2024)*
