



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2024–2025

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 34

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1 The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Parton) took the Chair and made the following acknowledgement of country in the Ngunnawal language:

Dhawura nguna, dhawura Ngunnawal.

Yanggu ngalawiri dhunimanyin Ngunnawalwari dhawurawari.

Nginggada Dindi wanggiralidjinyin.

This is Ngunnawal country.

Today we are all meeting on Ngunnawal country.

We always pay respect to Elders, female and male.

The Speaker asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSES—PETITIONS AND RESPONSES NOTED

Petitions

The Clerk announced that the following Members had lodged petitions for presentation:

Mr Emerson, from 352 residents, requesting that the Assembly pass the Public Sector (Closing the Gap) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (e-Pet 044-25).

Mr Parton, from 1703 and 1214 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to change the guidelines for outdoor dining in Garema Place (e-Pet 047-25 and Pet 064-25).

Pursuant to standing order 99A, this petition stands referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services.

Ministerial responses

The Clerk announced that the following responses to petitions had been lodged:

Ms Cheyne (Minister for City and Government Services), dated 23 September 2025—Response to e-petition No 014-25, lodged by Mr Braddock concerning sheltered secure bike storage in Gungahlin Town Centre.

Ms Cheyne (Minister for City and Government Services), dated 23 September 2025—Response to e-petition No 022-25, lodged by Mr Braddock concerning full-length bus lanes in Molonglo Valley.

The Speaker proposed—That the petitions and responses so lodged be noted.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Steel (Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development), by leave, presented the following paper:

Petition which does not conform with the standing orders—Curtin Shops—Support for upgrade—Mr Steel (404 signatures).

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

3 **DISABILITY INCLUSION ACT—DISABILITY JUSTICE STRATEGY—ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2025—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED**

Ms Cheyne (Attorney-General) made a ministerial statement concerning the Disability Justice Strategy annual progress report for 2025 and presented the following papers:

Disability Inclusion Act, pursuant to section 13—Disability Justice Strategy—Annual Progress Report 2025—Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Health and Community Services Directorate, dated September 2025.

Disability Justice Strategy—Annual Progress Report 2025—Ministerial statement, 25 September 2025.

Ms Cheyne moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 **COERCIVE CONTROL—CRIMINALISATION—ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF 20 MARCH 2025—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED**

Dr Paterson (Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence) made a ministerial statement concerning the ACT Government's response to the Assembly resolution of 20 March 2025 relating to criminalisation of coercive control and presented the following papers:

Coercive control—Criminalisation—Assembly resolution of 20 March 2025—Government response, dated September 2025.

Government response—Ministerial statement, 25 September 2025.

Dr Paterson moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 PUBLIC HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE—INSOURCING—PROGRESS UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Berry (Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs) presented the following paper:

Insourcing of public housing repairs and maintenance—Progress update—Ministerial statement, 25 September 2025.

Ms Berry moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

6 A.C.T. DISABILITY STRATEGY 2024-2033 AND FIRST ACTION PLAN 2024-2026—ANNUAL REPORT 2025—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED

Ms Orr (Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services) made a ministerial statement concerning the ACT Disability Strategy 2024-2033 and First Action Plan 2024-2026 and presented the following papers:

ACT Disability Strategy 2024-2033 and First Action Plan 2024-2026—Annual Report 2025—

Report, dated September 2025.

Ministerial statement, 25 September 2025.

Ms Orr moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Question—put and passed.

Presence of Auslan Interpreter on floor of the Chamber: Pursuant to standing order 210, an Auslan interpreter was present on the floor of the Chamber during the above ministerial statement.

7 CAPITAL OF EQUALITY STRATEGY—FIRST ACTION PLAN 2024-2026 ANNUAL REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Orr (Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services) made a ministerial statement concerning the first action plan 2024-2026 annual report under the Capital of Equality Strategy and presented the following papers:

Capital of Equality Strategy—First Action Plan 2024-2026 Annual Report—

Report, undated.

Ministerial statement, 25 September 2025.

Ms Orr moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Question—put and passed.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION—DOCUMENTS AND BRIEFS TO MINISTERS—ORDER TO TABLE

Miss Nuttall, pursuant to notice, moved—That, with reference to standing order 213A, the Assembly directs the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water and the Minister for City and Government Services to:

- (1) table the following documents:
 - (a) review of the ACT Environmental Offsets Policy and associated briefs to Ministers;
 - (b) analysis of land use change and biodiversity trends in the ACT (Contract PIEP0005637) and associated briefs to Ministers;
 - (c) AECOM Air Quality Assessment initiated in 2024 and associated briefs to Ministers;
 - (d) briefs to Ministers developed since January 2024 regarding the next Climate Change Strategy;
 - (e) investigations into the development and implementation of the ACT's Climate Adaptation for Nature Framework (Contract EP2222674);
 - (f) investigations into Biodiversity Financing Mechanisms for the ACT (Contract PIEP0004125) and associated briefs to Ministers;
 - (g) ACT Food Hub Feasibility Study (Contract PIEP0006734) and associated briefs to Ministers;
 - (h) investigations into agriculture and food in the ACT (Contract PIEP0002390) and associated Ministerial briefs;
 - (i) briefs to Ministers and other documents containing advice and cost estimates about the reconstruction of Demanderling and Max and Bert Oldfields Huts;
 - (j) briefs to Ministers from the Tenth and Eleventh Assemblies regarding the Re-naturalisation of Sullivans Creek Options Paper and documents showing cost estimates for the projects;
 - (k) briefs to Ministers related to funding for Stage 2 and planning for future stages of the Healthy Waterways Program; and
 - (l) background analysis and briefs to Ministers since June 2024 relating to the review of Canberra City Farm, the lease for the site they occupy and the related "listening exercise", including documents relating to identifying the engagement of stakeholders;
- (2) for briefs included in (1)(a) to (l), provide signed and annotated versions of briefs where they are available;
- (3) agrees that any Member may move a motion to take note of any documents tabled under this motion on the next day of sitting after they are tabled; and
- (4) provide a statement to the Clerk for Members when making any claims of privilege, stating the specific harm to the public interest resulting from the publication of the document for which privilege is being claimed.

Ms Orr (Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water) moved the following amendment: Add:

“(5) all documents subject to this order be produced within 25 business days.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That, with reference to standing order 213A, the Assembly directs the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water and the Minister for City and Government Services to:

- (1) table the following documents:
 - (a) review of the ACT Environmental Offsets Policy and associated briefs to Ministers;
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- (3) agrees that any Member may move a motion to take note of any documents tabled under this motion on the next day of sitting after they are tabled;

- (4) provide a statement to the Clerk for Members when making any claims of privilege, stating the specific harm to the public interest resulting from the publication of the document for which privilege is being claimed; and
- (5) all documents subject to this order be produced within 25 business days.”—
be agreed to—put and passed.

**9 ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 2—
INQUIRY INTO INSURANCE COSTS IN THE A.C.T.—REPORT NOTED**

Mr Werner-Gibbings (Chair) presented the following report:

Economics, Industry and Recreation—Standing Committee—Report 2—*Inquiry into insurance costs in the ACT*, dated 25 September 2025, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**10 ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—WORKPLACE
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (NO 2) AND WORKPLACE LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (NO 3)—STATEMENT BY CHAIR**

Mr Werner-Gibbings (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation had resolved not to inquire into the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2) and the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 3).

11 APPROPRIATION BILL 2025-2026

The Assembly, according to order, resumed further consideration at the detail stage.

Detail Stage

Schedule 1—Appropriations—Proposed expenditure—

Consideration resumed at Part 1.21—Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission—agreed to.

Total Appropriated to Territory Entities—

On the motion of Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health), her amendment No 3 (see [Schedule 1](#)) was made.

Proposed expenditure, as amended, agreed to.

Part 1.22—Treasurer’s advance—

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Ms Stephen-Smith, her amendment No 4 (see [Schedule 1](#)) was made.

Proposed expenditure, as amended, agreed to.

Part 1.23—Capital works reserve—agreed to.

Total Appropriations—

On the motion of Ms Stephen-Smith, her amendment No 5 (see [Schedule 1](#)) was made.

Proposed expenditure, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Ms Stephen-Smith, her amendment No 1 (see [Schedule 1](#)) was made.

Clause 6, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Title agreed to, after debate.

Question—That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 15

NOES, 8

Yvette Berry	Marisa Paterson	Chiaka Barry
Andrew Braddock	Michael Pettersson	Peter Cain
Fiona Carrick	Shane Rattenbury	Leanne Castley
Tara Cheyne	Chris Steel	Ed Cocks
Jo Clay	Rachel Stephen-Smith	Jeremy Hanson
Thomas Emerson	Caitlin Tough	Elizabeth Lee
Laura Nuttall	Taimus Werner-Gibbings	James Milligan
Suzanne Orr		Mark Parton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12 APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2025-2026

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—

Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

14 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Ms Cheyne (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to standing order 211, presented the following papers:

Civil Law (Wrongs) Act, pursuant to subsection 4.56(3) of Schedule 4—Professional Standards Councils—Annual report 2024-2025, undated.

Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act, pursuant to section 38—Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission—Assumed Identities Annual report 2024-25, dated 27 August 2025.

Registry weddings—Proposed establishment—Assembly resolution of 14 May 2025—Government response, dated September 2025.

School safety order laws—Proposed—Assembly resolution of 10 April 2025—Government response—Attachment A, dated 25 September 2025.

Jumbunna Review—Final Report of the Independent Review into the Over-representation of First Nations People in the ACT Criminal Justice System—ACT Government Interim Response, dated September 2025, together with a tabling statement.

Tuggeranong Ice Sports Facility development—Assembly resolution of 26 June 2025—Government response, dated 25 September 2025.

15 ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN—IMPROVEMENT AND REPORTING

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) in 2024, the ACT Government released its Active Travel Plan which outlined key actions to “create safe, accessible and walkable streets – designed for people first, not cars”;
 - (b) quality active travel infrastructure creates accessible, inclusive and safe neighbourhoods; and
 - (c) investing in active travel infrastructure creates significant cross-portfolio benefits: improving accessibility for all Canberrans supports community participation and connectedness; increasing incidental exercise is a preventative health measure and benefits overall community wellbeing; and boosting active travel uptake reduces carbon emissions;
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) the state of active travel infrastructure in the ACT, particularly footpaths, is a significant concern raised frequently by constituents;
 - (b) issues include a lack of connection between paths, poor maintenance of paths, inaccessibility of paths, certain streets lacking any footpaths, safety issues due to damaged paths, and path closures due to construction activities;
 - (c) the Government paid out \$1,722,578 for personal injury claims associated with community paths over 2024-2025;
 - (d) the 2010 Roads ACT Asset Management Operational Plan estimated that 60 percent of the asphalt and concrete paths network would reach or exceed the expected life span of 50 years by 2030;
 - (e) as of August 2025, 34 percent of the community path network has been identified for renewal by 2030; and

- (f) annual reports and budget papers include a pavement condition index (PCI) to maintain all roads in fair or better overall condition, but the same is not done for the community path network;
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) publish a comprehensive list of all residential streets in the ACT that do not currently have a complete footpath on at least one side of the street;
 - (b) use this list to develop a full costing for addressing all current gaps in the ACT's community path network;
 - (c) include in future budget papers specific line items showing funding for community path maintenance and upgrades;
 - (d) include a community path network condition indicator in future annual reports and budget papers;
 - (e) set a target for the community path network condition indicator that matches or exceeds the condition expected for road quality; and
 - (f) consider legislative options to require developers and builders to maintain safe and convenient pedestrian access around their construction sites;
- (4) further calls on the Government to:
 - (a) fully cost the delivery of all future network links identified in the Cycling Network Map in the Active Travel Plan, and publish an indicative timeline for the construction of these links;
 - (b) fully cost the delivery of all potential future priorities identified in the Cycling Network Map in the Active Travel Plan; and
 - (c) separate to the Active Transport Fund, advocate to the Commonwealth Government for investment in completing the Cycling Network; and
- (5) additionally calls on the Government to report back to the Assembly on these actions in the last sitting week of September 2026.

Mr Milligan, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

1. Omit all text in paragraph (3), substitute:

“(3) calls on the Government to:

- (a) publish and regularly update a register of all path network projects led by the City and Environment Directorate (e.g. capital works), including:
 - (i) a description of the area the project will cover;
 - (ii) a current status for the project; and
 - (iii) an indicative timeline for the project;
- (b) make this register available on the City Services website;
- (c) maintain a pathway for the public to lodge submissions for path network improvements;
- (d) investigate an appropriate pavement condition target for all community paths in the ACT, and if appropriate, include this target as an Accountability Indicator in future annual reports and budget papers; and

- (e) include in future City and Environment Directorate annual reports a specific section detailing expenditure for community path maintenance and upgrades;”.
- 2. Omit all text in paragraph (4), substitute:
 - “(4) further calls on the Government to:
 - (a) provide a list of all Future Network Links identified in the Cycling Network Map as part of the Active Travel Plan 2024;
 - (b) provide a list of all Potential Future Priority Routes identified in the Cycling Network Map as part of the Active Travel Plan 2024;
 - (c) ensure that the Cycling Network Map is regularly updated to reflect current and future investment prioritisation;
 - (d) separate to the Active Transport Fund, advocate to the Commonwealth Government for investment in delivering the Cycling Network Map; and
 - (e) review the Municipal Infrastructure Standards 05 (Active Travel Facilities) and associated technical specifications and standard drawings to reflect national best practice;”.
- 3. In paragraph (5), omit “September 2026” and replace with “April 2026”.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Mr Braddock, by leave, moved the following amendments to the motion, as amended, together:

- 1. After paragraph (1)(c), insert:
 - “(d) questions of safety and accessibility can arise where a pedestrian feels compelled to walk on a road;”.
- 2. After paragraph (3)(e), insert:
 - “(f) consider implementing speed limits of 30 kilometres per hour in all suburban street areas where there is not a footpath on at least one side of all the streets in the area;”.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) in 2024, the ACT Government released its Active Travel Plan which outlined key actions to “create safe, accessible and walkable streets – designed for people first, not cars”;
 - (b) quality active travel infrastructure creates accessible, inclusive and safe neighbourhoods;

- (c) investing in active travel infrastructure creates significant cross-portfolio benefits: improving accessibility for all Canberrans supports community participation and connectedness; increasing incidental exercise is a preventative health measure and benefits overall community wellbeing; and boosting active travel uptake reduces carbon emissions; and
 - (d) questions of safety and accessibility can arise where a pedestrian feels compelled to walk on a road;
- (2) further notes that:
- (a) the state of active travel infrastructure in the ACT, particularly footpaths, is a significant concern raised frequently by constituents;
 - (b) issues include a lack of connection between paths, poor maintenance of paths, inaccessibility of paths, certain streets lacking any footpaths, safety issues due to damaged paths, and path closures due to construction activities;
 - (c) the Government paid out \$1,722,578 for personal injury claims associated with community paths over 2024-2025;
 - (d) the 2010 Roads ACT Asset Management Operational Plan estimated that 60 percent of the asphalt and concrete paths network would reach or exceed the expected life span of 50 years by 2030;
 - (e) as of August 2025, 34 percent of the community path network has been identified for renewal by 2030; and
 - (f) annual reports and budget papers include a pavement condition index (PCI) to maintain all roads in fair or better overall condition, but the same is not done for the community path network;
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) publish and regularly update a register of all path network projects led by the City and Environment Directorate (e.g. capital works), including:
 - (i) a description of the area the project will cover;
 - (ii) a current status for the project; and
 - (iii) an indicative timeline for the project;
 - (b) make this register available on the City Services website;
 - (c) maintain a pathway for the public to lodge submissions for path network improvements;
 - (d) investigate an appropriate pavement condition target for all community paths in the ACT, and if appropriate, include this target as an Accountability Indicator in future annual reports and budget papers;
 - (e) include in future City and Environment Directorate annual reports a specific section detailing expenditure for community path maintenance and upgrades; and

- (f) consider implementing speed limits of 30 kilometres per hour in all suburban street areas where there is not a footpath on at least one side of all the streets in the area;
- (4) further calls on the Government to:
 - (a) provide a list of all Future Network Links identified in the Cycling Network Map as part of the Active Travel Plan 2024;
 - (b) provide a list of all Potential Future Priority Routes identified in the Cycling Network Map as part of the Active Travel Plan 2024;
 - (c) ensure that the Cycling Network Map is regularly updated to reflect current and future investment prioritisation;
 - (d) separate to the Active Transport Fund, advocate to the Commonwealth Government for investment in delivering the Cycling Network Map; and
 - (e) review the Municipal Infrastructure Standards 05 (Active Travel Facilities) and associated technical specifications and standard drawings to reflect national best practice; and
- (5) additionally calls on the Government to report back to the Assembly on these actions in the last sitting week of April 2026.” —

be agreed to—put and passed.

16 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE—IMPROVEMENT

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) ACT Labor promised \$50 million to undertake major expansion upgrades at Majura Primary School;
 - (b) in handing down the 2025-2026 ACT Budget, the ACT Labor Government broke that promise and made clear they will instead provide \$20 million for Majura Primary School’s modernisation;
 - (c) the Lyneham High School community has called on the ACT Government to replace the Lyneham School gym which they claim was promised by ACT Labor; and
 - (d) in handing down the 2024-2025 ACT Budget, the ACT Labor Government chose not to replace the gym and changed their approach to instead refurbish the gym;
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) in September 2022, the ACT Government tabled the Government response to report three of the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion, *Managing ACT school infrastructure*; and
 - (b) in July 2024, the ACT Government tabled the Government response to report nine of the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion, *Inquiry into the future of school infrastructure in the ACT*; and

- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) honour these promises which helped ACT Labor to be elected to government;
 - (b) provide the Assembly with an update on the actions taken against each of the recommendations it accepted in the Government response to report three of the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion, *Managing ACT school infrastructure*;
 - (c) provide the Assembly with an update on the actions taken against each of the recommendations it accepted in the Government response to report nine of the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion, *Inquiry into the future of school infrastructure in the ACT*; and
 - (d) present to the Assembly a Forward Capital Works Program for all ACT public schools' maintenance and infrastructure for the remaining Assembly term.

Ms Berry (Minister for Education and Early Childhood), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

1. Omit paragraph (1), substitute:

“(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT Government in the 2022-2023 Budget announced a \$39.3 million investment in Majura Primary School for an expansion of 300 places and modernisation. This was subsequently topped up to a total of \$51.9 million in the 2024-2025 Budget to account for cost escalation;
- (b) prior to the 2024 ACT election, the Majura Primary School community expressed concern about the expansion plans, and the Government placed the project on hold;
- (c) following the 2024 ACT election, new enrolment projections showed that the growth previously anticipated was no longer forecast;
- (d) based on the new information, the ACT Government made the responsible decision to revise the project scope and budget. The project will now be focussed on modernisation, not expansion;
- (e) the ACT Government has consulted with the school community during terms two and three on their priorities for modernisation, and a listening report will be released early in term four. Government will then consider the community's priorities for modernisation before finalising the project scope and budget;
- (f) ACT Labor in the 2020 ACT election, promised to upgrade the Lyneham High School gym;
- (g) in the 2024-2025 Budget the ACT Government honoured this commitment by investing \$5.7 million in refurbishing the Lyneham High School gym; and
- (h) the project is in the planning stage, with consultation occurring with the school on priorities.”.

2. Omit paragraph (3)(a), substitute:

“(a) continue to make evidence-based and equitable decisions for the whole ACT public school system.”.

Debate continued.

Ms Berry, who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed the Assembly.

Paper: Ms Berry presented the following paper:

Education Policy Position Statement 2020—ACT Labor.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

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

17 PAPERS PRESENTED ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2025—PAPERS NOTED

The Speaker, pursuant to standing order 211A, proposed—That the papers presented under standing order 211 during the presentation of papers in the routine of business today be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18 WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (NO 2)

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—

Debate resumed.

Paper: Mr Pettersson (Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations) presented a revised explanatory statement to the Bill.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—put and passed.

Detail Stage

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 15, by leave, taken together—

On the motion of Mr Rattenbury, pursuant to standing order 182A(c), by leave, his amendment No 1 (see [Schedule 2](#)) was made, after debate.

Clauses 7 to 15, as amended, agreed to.

Question—That this Bill, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.

19 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Three Members' statements were made.

20 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.31 pm, adjourned until Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 10 am.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Ms Morris*.

*on leave.

Hamish Finlay
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SCHEDULES OF AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1

Appropriation Bill 2025-2026

Amendments circulated by the Minister for Health

1

Clause 6 heading

Page 2, line 15—

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Appropriations of \$9 099 488 000

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Schedule 1, part 1.6

Page 5—

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Part 1.6	608 441 000	32 672 000	206 692 000	847 805 000
Health and Community Services Directorate				

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Schedule 1

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<i>Total appropriated to territory entities</i>	5 539 835 000	2 096 233 000	1 045 465 000	8 681 533 000
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substitute

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Schedule 1, part 1.22

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Part 1.22				87 955 000
Treasurer's advance				

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Schedule 1

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substitute

<i>Total appropriations</i>	5 604 835 000	2 361 233 000	1 045 465 000	9 099 488 000
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Schedule 2

Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2)

Amendment circulated by Mr Rattenbury

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Clause 13

Proposed new section 166J (2)

Page 7, line 23—

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disallowable
