



Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 030* – Tuesday, 9 December 2025

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner- Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00 am.
- 1.2. Mr Werner-Gibbings was an apology until 10.54am.

4. Bill referral: Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

- 4.1. Mr Braddock recused himself from the decision on whether to inquire into the bill.
- 4.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, reply to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the bill.
- 4.3. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] that the inquiry submission period close on 30 January 2026.
- 4.4. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] that the Secretariat draft a media release announcing the inquiry, for circulation and approval by Members out of session.
- 4.5. The Committee discussed the role of a Member as sponsor of a bill, and noted advice to Mr Braddock on this matter from the Senior Director, Committee Support.

14. Close

- 14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.42 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 033* – Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner- Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.35 am.

6. Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submissions:

6.1.1. Submission 1: Australian Multicultural Action Network

6.1.2. Submission 2: The Australia Institute

6.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive the following exhibits, noting that they are available on the Australia Institute's website:

6.2.1. Exhibit 1: The Australia Institute - Bad impressions: Scrutiny of government advertising

6.2.2. Exhibit 2: The Australia Institute - *Advantages of incumbency*

12. Close

12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.18 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 034* – Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

6. Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to receive and publish the following submissions:

6.1.1. Submission 3: ACT Greens, subject to a copy being provided without the Legislative Assembly logo

6.1.2. Submission 4: ACT Government

6.2. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to conduct the inquiry without holding a public hearing.

6.3. The Committee agreed to discuss the direction of the inquiry and potential recommendations at the next meeting.

15. Close

15.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.09 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 035* – Tuesday, 17 February 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33 am.

6. Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

6.1. The Committee considered the list of themes in submissions, provided by the secretariat.

6.2. Members agreed to provide draft recommendations for discussion at the next meeting.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.56 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 036* – Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Members present: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner-Gibbings MLA

Apologies: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair)

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.41 am.

4. Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025

4.1. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the report to its next private meeting.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.03 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 037* – Tuesday, 10 March 2026

Members present: Mr Ed Cocks MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Taimus- Werner-Gibbings MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.31 am.

5. Inquiry into the Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025 – report consideration

5.1. The Committee noted that the Chair's draft report was circulated on 27 February 2026.

5.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

5.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.

5.4. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Chapter 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 – agreed to
Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to
Paragraphs 2.8 to 2.14 – agreed to
Paragraph 2.15 – amended and agreed to
Paragraph 2.16 – agreed to
After paragraph 2.16 – two paragraphs inserted
Recommendation 2 – amended and agreed to
After Recommendation 2 – a new recommendation inserted
Paragraph 3.1 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 3 – amended and agreed to
Paragraph 3.2 – agreed to
Appendix A – agreed to.

5.5. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] to circulate the updated report for adoption out of session.

5.6. The Committee **resolved** [COCKS] that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.

5.7. Noting that Standing Order 174(d) requires the inquiry to be concluded by 2 April 2026, the Committee agreed that the Chair would table the report during the next sitting period.

5.8. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided at least a day before tabling and they are not circulated to Members prior to tabling.

5.9. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.

5.10. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.

5.11. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [BRADDOCK] to adopt the media release as amended.

14. Close

14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.38 am.

All minutes are signed by the Chair except Minutes of Meeting 37 which has been certified correct by the secretary.



[CERTIFIED CORRECT]

Ms Kathleen de Kleuver
Committee Secretary
10 March 2026

