Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2016-2017

Notice Paper

No 27
Thursday, 24 August 2017

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 STANDING COMMITTEES: Presentation of reports on annual and financial reports for the calendar year 2016, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 February 2017.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

*1 MS FITZHARRIS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Tree Protection Act 2005. (Notice given 23 August 2017).

*2 MR GENTLEMAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Planning and Development Act 2007. (Notice given 23 August 2017).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to regulate electronic gaming in the casino, and for other purposes. *(Notice given 23 August 2017).*

MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900.* *(Notice given 23 August 2017).*

MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation for the purpose of statute law revision. *(Notice given 23 August 2017).*

MR RATTENBURY: To present a Bill for an Act to enable the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to be given effect within the ACT. *(Notice given 23 August 2017).*

**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued**

**Notice**

1 MS LAWDER: To move—that the Planning and Development (Lease Variation Charges) Determination 2017 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2017-176, be disallowed. *(Notice given 16 August 2017. Disallowable Instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 3 sitting days, including today).*

**Orders of the day—continued**

2 ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—APPROPRIATION BILL 2017-2018 AND APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2017-2018—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate *(from 1 August 2017—Mr Barr)* on the motion of Mr Wall—that the report be noted. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 2 sitting weeks—standing order 152A.)*

3 ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—APPROPRIATION BILL 2017-2018 AND APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2017-2018—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate *(from 15 August 2017—Mr Wall)* on the motion of Mr Barr—that the Assembly takes note of the paper. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks—standing order 152A.)*
End of October 2017

4 INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the most effective and efficient model for an independent integrity commission for the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 December 2016, as amended 6 June 2017.

Last sitting day in 2017

5 2016 ACT ELECTION AND THE ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on a review of the operation of the 2016 ACT election and the Electoral Act and other relevant legislation and policies in regards to election-related matters, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 December 2016.

Last sitting day in March 2018


EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1 MR RATTENBURY: To move—That this Assembly:
(1) acknowledges the ACT Government’s ongoing commitment to upholding the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers, by reaffirming that:
   (a) the ACT is the only Australian State or Territory to have declared itself a Refugee Welcome Zone, and is one of 148 Refugee Welcome Zones across Australia—including councils and shires from every State. As a Refugee Welcome Zone we welcome refugees in our community, act to uphold their human rights, demonstrate compassion for refugees, and work to enhance our cultural and religious diversity; and
   (b) the ACT is proud to be part of the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Scheme. This underlines the commitment of both the ACT Government and the broader community to welcoming and supporting refugees and asylum seekers;
(2) notes that:

(a) the Manus Island detention facility and the Nauru Regional Processing Centre have been unequivocally shown, via multiple reports from reputable sources, including the United Nations, to be extremely unsafe and inappropriate places, yet over 2000 refugees—including 169 children—have been imprisoned for four years in these inhumane and degrading conditions;

(b) refugees in these processing centres have been subjected to violent attacks, sexual violence, inadequate medical care, and harassment of mothers, fathers and children as young as six;

(c) the United Nations has repeatedly criticised Australia’s treatment of refugees and asylum seekers including by saying: “The consensus among medical experts is that conditions of detention and offshore processing do immense damage to physical and mental health” and “[T]he Rapporteur concludes that there is substance in the allegations... that the Government of Australia, by failing to provide adequate detention conditions; end the practice of detention of children; and put a stop to the escalating violence and tension at the Regional Processing Centre, has violated the right of the asylum seekers, including children, to be free from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment...”;

(d) on 8 August 2017, the UNHCR said it “is gravely concerned by deteriorating conditions at the Manus Island ‘Regional Processing Centre’, as authorities seek to relocate people to Lorengau or elsewhere in Papua New Guinea. The announcement of the closure of the Centre, in the absence of appropriate alternatives, is causing acute distress among refugees and asylum-seekers”; and

(e) it is past time for this damaging, cruel and inhumane policy to end;

(3) writes to the Federal Government, requesting that it:

(a) immediately removes all refugees and asylum seekers from Manus Island and Nauru; and

(b) brings all refugees and asylum seekers to Australia to be resettled in Australia’s 148 Refugee Welcome Zones where they can build new lives within this network of compassionate and caring communities committed to upholding their rights; and

(4) declares that the ACT Government is willing and ready to settle refugees and asylum seekers from Manus Island and Nauru in Canberra as part of a national program of resettlement. (**Notice given 21 August 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A**).
EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—continued

Orders of the day

1  APPROPRIATION BILL 2017-2018: (Treasurer): Detail stage—Further consideration at detail stage—Schedule 1—Part 1.15, Justice and Community Safety Directorate (from 23 August 2017—Mr Gentleman).


3  HOLIDAYS (RECONCILIATION DAY) AMENDMENT BILL 2017: (Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 17 August 2017—Mr Wall).

4  ACT HEALTH REPORTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2017—Mr Wall) on the motion of Ms Fitzharris—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1  MR COE: To move—That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to undertake and publish staging analysis for all stages indentified in the 2015 ACT Light Rail Master Plan. As per the 1994 and 2004 Canberra light rail studies, the analysis should include, but not be limited to, estimates for:

   (1) demography;
   (2) patronage;
   (3) possible route alignments;
   (4) capital costs;
   (5) operating costs; and
   (6) finance options. (Notice given 21 August 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).
Orders of the day

1 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TERRITORY PLAN VARIATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2017: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 10 May 2017—Ms Lawder).

2 CRIMES (INVASION OF PRIVACY) AMENDMENT BILL 2017: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 August 2017—Mr Ramsay).

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/in-the-assembly/questions-paper.

Unanswered questions


(Redirected questions—30 days expires 17 September 2017)

480 MR COE: To ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events—

(1) What is the total amount that the ACT Government will spend to sponsor the Rugby League World Cup.

(2) What payments have been made to date for sponsorship of the Rugby League World Cup and what entity received the payments.

(3) Does the June 2017 ACT Government Notifiable Invoices Register includes two payments of $137,500 each made to the Australian Rugby Union for ‘Event Rugby League World Cup – sponsorship’; if so, (a) what is the role of the Australian Rugby Union in the Rugby League World Cup event and (b) why were two separate payments of $137,500 made.

(4) What benefits will the ACT receive as a sponsor of the Rugby League World Cup.

(5) Will the ACT receive complimentary tickets to the Rugby League World Cup matches held in the ACT; if so, how many tickets will be provided and how will those tickets be allocated.
MR COE: To ask the Treasurer—

(1) What were the occupancy rates of Callam Offices as at (a) 1 July 2015, (b) 1 July 2016 and (c) 1 July 2017.

(2) What organisations currently occupy Callam Offices.

(3) Are any of the organisations currently occupying Callam Offices expected, or scheduled, to move out of this precinct in the next twelve months; if so, which organisations.

(4) Are any other organisations expected, or scheduled, to relocate to Callam Offices in the next twelve months; if so, which organisations.

(5) What is being done to address the relatively low level of occupancy of Callam Offices.

(6) What was the total cost of repairs, maintenance, landscaping and refurbishment to Callam Offices in (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16 and (c) 2016-17.

(7) How much has been budgeted in 2017-18 for repairs, maintenance, landscaping and refurbishment to Callam Offices.
COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth 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 31 October 2016): The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton, Mr Pettersson.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Mr Steel, Mr Wall.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Ms Orr (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Doszpot, Mr Parton.

HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Steel (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mrs Jones (Chair), Ms Cody, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.

PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Ms Le Couteur (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder, Mr Milligan, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mr Pettersson.

Select

2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 15 December 2016): Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall.

INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 15 December 2016): Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.
Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 16 February 2017): Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson. (Presented 1 August 2017)