Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

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Notice Paper

No 53

Wednesday, 11 April 2018

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices

1  MS LE COUTEUR: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900. (Notice given 9 April 2018).

2  MS LAWDER: To move—That this Assembly:

   (1)  notes that:

       (a)  21 July 2019 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, where mankind first walked on the moon;

       (b)  the Apollo 11 landing on the moon is arguably one of the greatest achievements in modern history;

       (c)  the Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station and Tidbinbilla Tracking Station (now Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex (CDSCC)) in the ACT, played a significant role in the Apollo 11 (and other) space missions, with the first footage of man walking on the moon broadcast throughout the world from Honeysuckle Creek;

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

(d) the ACT has played, and continues to play, a significant role in the space tracking industry through a number of sites and over more than 50 years; and

(e) a number of people who have worked in the space tracking industry in the ACT are still alive and the 50th anniversary is a fitting and significant time to recognise and honour their contribution; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

(a) support the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Apollo 11 mission through financial and other assistance;

(b) install a significant tribute and commemoration to the space tracking industry in the ACT through an artwork or similar in the ACT in time for the 50th anniversary;

(c) investigate ways to provide recognition of space tracking history and contribution in the ACT, including through supporting:
   (i) digitalising records, including audio records and digitising original paper records;
   (ii) publishing records;
   (iii) events;
   (iv) physical works at Honeysuckle Creek, Orroral Valley, and CDSCC at Tidbinbilla; and
   (v) other activities, in collaboration with other relevant bodies, in time for the 50th anniversary; and

(d) report back to the Assembly by the last sitting day of 2018 on the ACT Government’s contribution to and support for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks — standing order 125A).

3 MR PARTON: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:
   (a) in 2014 the ACT Government sold ACTTAB for $105.5 million;
   (b) the Treasurer inflated the price in return for lower annual contributions from TABcorp to the racing industry;
   (c) TABcorp made it clear that they would have been happy to directly fund the three ACT racing codes;
   (d) the sale price was negotiated in an environment where three racing codes were operating;
(e) the sale price also included an ongoing contribution of $1 million indexed to CPI which is funded from turnover on the three racing codes; and

(f) 22 percent of that turnover comes from the betting on greyhound racing;

(2) further notes that:

(a) the ACT Greens often call on Government to cleanse itself of “unethical” funds and investments;

(b) in 2015 ACT Greens Minister Shane Rattenbury announced a ban on junk food, alcohol, gambling, fossil fuels and weapons advertising on action buses; and

(c) in 2017 the ACT Greens questioned the ethics of the ACT Government for its investment in poker machine manufacturers; and

(3) condemns the Government for continuing to derive revenue from greyhound racing. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

4 MS ORR: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) addressing and mitigating global warming is both an environmental imperative and an economic necessity in the 21st Century;

(b) renewable energy is critical in transitioning Australia to a low-carbon economy in the cheapest and most efficient way;

(c) energy management, which includes both energy efficiency and demand response is the cheapest form of reliable capacity in the electricity sector;

(d) Australia is one of 197 parties to have signed, and amongst 175 parties to have ratified, the Paris Agreement;

(e) the Paris Agreement is a commitment to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius;

(f) a January 2018 report released by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency showed that a CSIRO Virtual Power Station Project which trialled smart devices for home energy management could be a viable alternative to costly electricity network upgrades, enable greater deployment of solar PV and reduce the cost of household electricity bills; and
(g) that all parties currently represented in the ACT Assembly unequivocally indicated their support for reaching 100 percent renewable electricity for the ACT by 2020, prior to the 2016 election;

(2) further notes the ACT Government’s long-term leadership on renewable energy, in particular by:
   
   (a) implementing policies to power the ACT with 100 percent renewable electricity by 2020;
   
   (b) committing to the 2050 Pathway Platform to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, including by setting interim targets at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November 2016;
   
   (c) its ongoing and unwavering support for and investment in Australia’s renewable energy sector through the period of investment and regulatory uncertainty created by the Federal Coalition Government;
   
   (d) investing $5 million of grants to subsidise the cost of installing battery storage systems across the ACT, making it one of the most ambitious battery incentive programs in the country; and
   
   (e) leading innovation in renewable energy technology, such as supporting a trial of a 400-home “virtual power plant” in the ACT, which is currently underway;

(3) calls on the Government to:
   
   (a) investigate opportunities to create a larger virtual power plant project, including an assessment of the savings for participating households, improvements to electricity grid stability, and strengthening renewable energy investment;
   
   (b) increase awareness of the opportunities and benefits that smart devices and virtual power plants offer to participating households and to support the stability of the electricity grid; and
   
   (c) continue its active support for measures that mitigate climate change impacts; and

(4) calls on all parties represented in the 9th ACT Legislative Assembly to recommit to reaching 100 percent renewable electricity for the ACT by 2020. (Notice given 9 April 2018; amended 10 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

MISS BURCH: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:
   
   (a) ACTION buses did not meet the 80 percent punctuality benchmark set in 2016-17;
   
   (b) the punctuality benchmark was reduced to 75 percent for 2017-18;
(c) ACTION buses have been on time 72.96 percent of the time in 2017-18 to date; and

(d) ACTION buses have met punctuality benchmarks in only two of 90 weeks since mid-2016;

(2) further notes that:

(a) school buses regularly arrive at school gates after the commencement of the school day;

(b) some school buses are scheduled to depart prior to the end of the school day; and

(c) some school buses are scheduled to depart up to 45 minutes after the end of the school day; and

(3) calls on the Minister for Transport and City Services to:

(a) explain to the Assembly why:

(i) ACTION buses consistently fail to meet punctuality benchmarks;

(ii) it is acceptable for morning school bus services to arrive after the commencement of the school day;

(iii) it is acceptable for afternoon school bus services to depart before the end of the school day; and

(iv) why is it acceptable for afternoon school buses to depart as late as 45 minutes after the end of the school day; and

(b) report to the Assembly by Thursday, 7 June 2018 on steps taken to:

(i) improve ACTION buses’ punctuality;

(ii) ensure that school buses arrive at school before the commencement of the school day; and

(iii) ensure that school buses depart shortly after the end of the school day. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

6 MS LE COUTEUR: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Public Housing Renewal Program has successfully rehoused public housing tenants in high quality and accessible housing;

(b) approximately 38 percent of the public housing portfolio is more than 40 years old, as such, the need for further investment in housing renewal will continue;

(c) there are currently 1 730 households waiting to access public housing. The average waiting time for applicants ranges from 274 days for those deemed eligible for priority housing and 983 days for standard applicants;
(d) since 2010-11 there has been a reduction of 387 public housing units in the ACT, dropping from 12,209 to 11,822 in that period;

(e) in 1991 public housing made up 12.4 percent of the ACT’s housing stock. By 2001 this had dropped to 10.2 percent. Public housing currently makes up 7.1 percent of the ACT’s housing stock;

(f) the Suburban Land Agency has identified 143 dwelling sites for public housing in 2017-18. During this period 4,120 dwelling sites have been scheduled for release by the ACT Government, meaning that only 3.5 percent of this new housing stock will be public housing;

(g) public housing in the ACT is highly targeted, with 99 percent of allocations made to people in greatest need, against a national average of 74 percent. This results in a high level of rental rebate ($142 million in 2016-17) and lower ability to cross-subsidise Housing ACT’s operations from own source revenue; and

(h) the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA), currently being negotiated between the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments, will include a multilateral agreement as well as bilateral agreements, known as supplementary agreements. The legislation for the NHHA, currently before the Federal Parliament, notes that supplementary agreements require State and Territory governments to develop a housing strategy that “indicates the level of housing supply needed to respond to projected housing demand, and outlines the reforms and initiatives that contribute to meeting this need”; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

(a) commit to growing social housing stock to at least maintain a minimum of 7.1 percent of the ACT’s housing stock as social housing, i.e. housing that is public housing or managed by a not-for-profit organisation and where rent is set at a maximum of 25 percent of tenants’ income;

(b) implement policies to further grow the supply of affordable rental housing where rent is set at a discount to market, and properties are targeted to low and moderate income households; and

(c) provide the Assembly with a report about the ACT’s participation in the NHHA during the first sitting period after it is signed, including information about:

(i) the methodology used for calculating the level of housing supply needed to respond to projected housing demand as part of the Territory’s bilateral agreement with the Commonwealth for the NHHA;

(ii) which minister(s) and directorate(s) will be responsible for conducting this work; and
(iii) initiatives that will contribute to meeting housing supply, as part of the Territory’s bilateral agreement with the Commonwealth for the NHHA. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

7 MR STEEL: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) there is a shortage of blood reserves in Australia, with the National Blood Authority increasingly importing blood supplies from overseas;

(b) last year, the overwhelming majority of Australians and almost three-quarters of Canberrans rejected legal discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning Australians;

(c) discrimination remains for gay men in relation to blood donation restrictions. In order to donate blood, men who have sex with men are required to remain abstinent for a 12 month deferral period, regardless of their individual risk and including those in low-risk monogamous relationships;

(d) all blood donations in Australia and other developed nations, regardless of the sexuality of the donor, are already automatically tested for HIV/AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases; and

(e) the recommendation to reduce the deferral period from 12 months to six months in the 2012 Review of Australian Blood Donor Deferrals relating to Sexual Activity, conducted by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, was rejected by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA);

(2) also notes that:

(a) numerous medical advances, and the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) which was placed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme on 1 April 2018, and public awareness initiatives have significantly increased testing rates of HIV/AIDS;

(b) the ACT PrEP trial funded in the 2016-17 Budget is underway, to provide access to sexual health and blood borne virus vaccination, testing and treatment for vulnerable and priority populations in the ACT, with 315 participants at the start of March 2018;

(c) the window period between contraction and detection of HIV/AIDS has been dramatically reduced to an estimated 22 days, according to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, aided by rapid testing for HIV/AIDS;

(d) multiple countries have now significantly reduced or eliminated mandatory deferral periods for gay blood donors, including the United Kingdom, which reduced its deferral period from 12 months to three months in November 2017; and
(e) blood plasma can be kept for up to 12 months and therefore can be tested and placed in quarantine until the detection period has passed. France has therefore eliminated all deferral periods for plasma-only donations for gay men who have been in a monogamous relationship for the previous four months;

(3) further notes that the ACT Government has, along with the Victorian Government, raised this issue in the Council of Australian Governments’ Health Council, and another Review of Australian Blood Donor Deferrals relating to Sexual Activity by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service will be undertaken; and

(4) calls on the ACT Government to write, on behalf of the Assembly, calling on the TGA and Federal Minister for Health to:

(a) consider a reduction of the deferral period for non-plasma blood donations to three months, in line with the recent policy of the United Kingdom;

(b) consider the elimination of all deferral periods for plasma-only donations, in line with the policy of France;

(c) consider a greater role for individual risk-based assessments in the blood donation process; and

(d) adopt the recommendations of the expert panel undertaking the Australian Red Cross Blood Service Review of Australian Blood Donor Deferrals relating to Sexual Activity. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

8 MRS JONES: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) prescribed, controlled, and hazard reduction burns are essential for the safety of ACT residents and their property;

(b) the importance of prescribed burns to the Bushfire Operational Plan;

(c) the 2016-17 Bushfire Operational Plan identified 24 burns, totalling 7379 hectares;

(d) nine of the 24 burns were completed, totalling only 504 hectares; and

(e) 93 per cent or 6,875 hectares of area identified for burns were not completed, leaving the ACT in a vulnerable position during the bushfire season; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

(a) ensure all 15 incomplete burns be completed by the end of Spring 2018; and
(b) update the Assembly upon the completion of each of these 15 burns.
(Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 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).


3. **LANDS ACQUISITION (REPORTING REQUIREMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2018**: (Mr Coe) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2018—Mr Barr).


EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1. **EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017**: (Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 26 October 2017—Mr Wall).


Orders of the day

1 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 3—INQUIRY INTO APPROPRIATION BILL 2017-2018 (NO 2) AND APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2017-2018 (NO 2)—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 10 April 2018—Ms Berry) on the motion of Mrs Dunne—That the report be noted. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 152A.)

2 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 5—REVIEW OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION 9—SENATOR FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 15 February 2018—Mr Wall) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—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.)


Last sitting day in April 2018
Last sitting day in May 2018

4  **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on papers relating to methodology for determining rates and land tax for strata residences, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 February 2018.

31 July 2018


September 2018

6  **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on whether the ACT should have a mammal emblem and a recommendation on what that should be, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

Last sitting day in 2018

7  **END-OF-LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on end-of-life choices in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1  **MR RATTENBURY:** To move—That this Assembly:

   (1)  notes the:

   (a)  ACT is making important contributions to national and global efforts to address climate change, including through its target of 100 percent renewable electricity by 2020, and its target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 at the latest;

   (b)  ACT is on track to achieve the 100 percent renewable electricity target and is currently planning actions to achieve the net zero emissions target; and

   (c)  ACT’s actions on climate change have resulted in various benefits for ACT residents, including insulation from potential future price rises, and significant new investment and economic opportunities;
(2) supports the continuation of the ACT’s climate change efforts as an important way to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions, support renewable energy technologies, and benefit the ACT’s economy and electricity consumers; and

(3) acknowledges the importance of emission reduction policies that:

(a) provide long term policy certainty in line with Australia’s Paris climate change commitments, including net zero emissions by 2050, with the electricity sector providing a major contribution to this target;

(b) provide a mechanism to recognise additional action by individuals, organisations and sub-national governments—such as the ACT—to reduce electricity emissions;

(c) support retail competition and do not entrench retail market power;

(d) complement the role of electricity wholesale markets as the primary signaller for infrastructure investment;

(e) facilitate flexibility in future market development including through the greater use of demand response and distributed energy systems; and

(f) support the development of a reliable and secure electricity supply system. (Notice given 9 April 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

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

884, 888, 945, 988, 1021, 1029-1086, 1088-1107, 1109-1263.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS
(in accordance with standing order 100)

14 May 2018

O’Malley—Proposed closure of public carpark—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mr Hanson (Pet 3-18).

22 May 2018

Downer Community Centre lease arrangements—Treasurer—Petitions lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 1-18 and Pet 5-18).

19 June 2018

Mitchell—Light rail stop—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Fitzharris (Pet 6-18).

10 July 2018

Page—Installation of pedestrian crossing and public amenities—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 10-18).

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; amended 26 October 2017): 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), Miss C Burch, Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder.

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)*: Ms Lee (Chair), Ms Cody, Ms Lawder, Mr Steel.

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017)*: Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mr Pettersson.

Select

END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 30 November 2017)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur.

ESTIMATES 2018-2019—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 22 March 2018)*: Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Ms Lee, Ms Orr.

Dissolved

2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 15 December 2016)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall. *(Presented 30 November 2017)*

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)*

INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 15 December 2016; amended 6 June 2017)*: Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel. *(Presented 31 October 2017)*