



# Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021

## Notice Paper

No 7

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

### EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

#### Notices

- \*1 **MR BARR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about revenue collection, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 30 March 2021*).
- \*2 **MR STEEL:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about domestic animals. (*Notice given 30 March 2021*).
- \*3 **MS CHEYNE, MR RATTENBURY, MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:
  - (1) recognises that:
    - (a) the Commonwealth Government conferred self-government on the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in 1988; and
    - (b) after more than 30 years of self-government, the ACT has a:
      - (i) robust and established parliament;
      - (ii) strong jurisdictional identity; and
      - (iii) community which has an expectation that elected, local representatives should and will be able to decide on issues that matter to it;
  - (2) notes that while section 122 of the Constitution empowers the Commonwealth to make laws for the ACT and Northern Territory on any subject, it rarely exercises this power;

- (3) notes with profound disappointment the continued existence of subsections 23(1A) and (1B) in the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth) which exclude the ACT from the power to make laws with respect to voluntary assisted dying;
- (4) notes the stark inequity between states and territories clearly demonstrated in that, by mid-2021, all Australian states will have either passed legislation relating to voluntary assisted dying or have a bill before their parliament;
- (5) draws the Federal Parliament's attention to Australia's international human rights obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to which Australia is a party, and which guarantees citizens the right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives;
- (6) expresses its disappointment that the Commonwealth Government and the broader Federal Parliament has not resolved, with haste, this untenable situation for the territories;
- (7) acknowledges that there is a diversity of views about voluntary assisted dying in the ACT community;
- (8) affirms that, regardless of one's views about voluntary assisted dying, there should not be any controversy in allowing the ACT and Northern Territory to decide for themselves whether to introduce such legislation, and to allow citizens of the ACT an opportunity to legislate on this matter if their communities desire;
- (9) calls on the Federal Parliament to:
  - (a) resolve that no Australian citizen should be disadvantaged or discriminated against with respect to their democratic or human rights on the basis of where they live; and
  - (b) introduce and bring on for debate a bill to remove subsections 23(1A) and (1B) from the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth) by the end of 2021; and
- (10) invites leaders of ACT Labor, ACT Greens and Canberra Liberals, responsible spokespersons and any other interested member of the ACT Legislative Assembly to sign a letter to all members and senators of Federal Parliament, which attaches this motion, by the end of this sitting week. (*Notice given 29 March 2021. 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 UNIT TITLES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020:** (*Minister for Planning and Land Management*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2020—Mr Hanson*).
- 2 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 2020—Ms Lee*).

## Notices—continued

- \*4 **MS DAVIDSON:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) recognises that:
    - (a) mental health is a long-standing and prevailing concern for the Veteran community;
    - (b) overall, Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel have a suicide rate nearly twice the rate of suicide after leaving the ADF;
    - (c) women who have left the ADF are 127 percent more likely to die by suicide than the average Australian woman;
    - (d) there is currently an absence of robust data on the factors contributing to Veteran suicide; and
    - (e) the public data currently available on Veteran suicide shows an urgent national crisis;
  - (2) recognises that the ACT is home to a significant population of current and ex-serving ADF members and they are valued members of our community;
  - (3) notes that:
    - (a) there is significant community-led advocacy and appetite for a royal commission into the rate of suicide among current and former serving ADF personnel, with over 397,000 signatures on a public petition (<https://www.change.org/p/a-royal-commission-into-the-veteran-suicide-rate-in-australia>);
    - (b) on 18 March 2021 a motion was passed, unanimously, in the Australian Senate, calling on the Morrison Government to establish a Royal Commission into Veterans Suicide; and
    - (c) on 22 March this motion passed the House of Representatives; and
  - (4) calls on the Australian Government to urgently establish a royal commission into Veterans Suicide, noting the Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families have expressed a desire for a “standing”, or “rolling” royal commission, which allows for actions while any inquiries are undertaken. *(Notice given 30 March 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

## Orders of the day—continued

- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2020-2021:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 February 2021—Mr Gentleman).* *(Referred to standing committees on 9 February 2021 for report by 9 April 2021.)*
  - 4 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2020-2021:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 February 2021—Mr Gentleman).* *(Referred to standing committees on 9 February 2021 for report by 9 April 2021.)*
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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

- 1 **MR BRADDOCK:** To move—That this Assembly:
  - (1) notes that:
    - (a) the ACT Government's *ACT Climate Change Strategy 2019–25*, *Canberra Living Infrastructure Plan: Cooling the City*, and *Urban Forest Strategy*, recognise the increasingly critical role that living infrastructure plays in our city, with a key commitment being the "30% tree canopy cover (or equivalent) and 30% permeable surfaces in Canberra's urban footprint by 2045" (the targets);
    - (b) urban trees are recognised for their role in micro-climate regulation, including reducing the urban heat island effect, reducing air pollutants, increasing carbon sequestration, improving resilience in a changing climate, conserving and enhancing biodiversity and providing recreation and wellbeing benefits to residents;
    - (c) all three major parties of the ACT Legislative Assembly support an increase in the urban tree canopy of the ACT to at least 30 percent. To date, the differentials are delivery of the targets (timeframe), budget allocations and exact measures; and
    - (d) achievement of the targets will require coordinated, long-term and active participation from ACT residents and many different parts of government and tri-partisan support; and
  - (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
    - (a) present to the Assembly:
      - (i) by the end of 2021, detail on the estimated contribution actions within each objective of the strategy will make towards achieving the canopy cover target;
      - (ii) by the end of 2021, detail on the estimated contribution different regions of Canberra will make towards achievement of the canopy cover target;
      - (iii) by the end of 2021, detail on suburbs identified for priority action to improve equity of canopy cover across Canberra;
      - (iv) annually, a progress update on all initiatives and their contribution towards the targets; and
      - (v) every five years, provide a report on the current tree canopy cover percentage, by suburb, for Canberra's urban footprint;
    - (b) actively support community-led contributions towards the targets; and

- (c) ensure that the urban forest provides for habitat and resources for wildlife (flora and fauna) including threatened species and ecosystems, mature native trees, and culturally significant trees. *(Notice given 29 March 2021; amended 30 March 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

2 **MRS JONES:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) at present Canberra’s forensic sexual assault clinic operates out of The Canberra Hospital (TCH);
  - (b) the Canberra Rape Crisis Service which supports victims is only funded to have a support person available 7am to 11pm daily;
  - (c) in order for sexual assault victims to receive the forensic services they need they are asked to not wash, eat or change their clothes until after the forensic procedures have been undertaken; and
  - (d) this is something which, when experienced after hours or on the weekend, women who have not involved the police have been referred to TCH to be swabbed during business hours which can mean not eating or washing overnight or longer; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) ensure that the 24 hours a day 7 days a week forensic sampling service is reasonably accessible;
  - (b) make sure information about what to do in the event of a rape or sexual assault is made easily available including a number to phone directly to access the forensic service;
  - (c) consider staffing arrangements at the Canberra Rape Crisis Service so that their support workers are available to counsel victims through this process and other support needs are met 24 hours a day 7 days a week;
  - (d) investigate the possibility of this service being mobile and able to attend a private residence or workplace or other public place if there is a need or that is the preference of the victim of the sexual assault; and
  - (e) report back to the Assembly on the progress of these matters regarding the Canberra Rape Crisis Service and TCH forensic sexual assault service by the first sitting day in August 2021. *(Notice given 29 March 2020; amended 30 March 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

## Order of the day

- 1 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:**  
*(Mr Pettersson): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 11 February 2021—Ms Stephen-Smith). (Referred to Select Committee on Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 on 11 February 2021 for report by last sitting day in October 2021.)*

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## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

#### 9 April 2021

- 1 **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Presentation of reports on calendar and financial year annual and financial reports, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2020.
- 2 **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Presentation of reports on the expenditure proposals contained in the main appropriation bills for the Territory and any revenue estimates proposed in the annual budget, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2020.

#### Last sitting day in October 2021

- 3 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 and any other related matters, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2021.

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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 <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-the-chamber/chamber-documents>.

***Unanswered Question***

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**T Duncan**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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**GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS**

(in accordance with standing order 100)

**11 May 2021**

Proposed inquiry into alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment services—Minister for Health—Petitions lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pets 24-20 and 2-21).

Giralang shops—Update from developer on progress—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Orr (Pet 1-21).

**12 May 2021**

Giralang shops—Update from developer on progress—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Orr (Pet 4-21).

**29 June 2021**

Belconnen High School—French—Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 2-21).

Kippax Fair—Proposed expansion—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 8-21).

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## 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, Mr Hanson, Ms Orr.

Pursuant to resolution

**ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Ms Lawder (Chair), Mr Davis, Ms Orr.

**EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mr Cain, Mr Davis.

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Dr Paterson (Chair) Mr Braddock, Ms Castley.

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Davis (Chair), Mr Milligan, Mr Pettersson.

**JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Clay, Dr Paterson.

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

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:** (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mrs Kikkert (Chair), Mr Braddock, Mr Pettersson.

### Select

**DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Formed 11 February 2021*): Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Davis, Dr Paterson.

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