LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2024–2025–2026

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 66

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

1 The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Hanson) 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 MINISTER FOR CITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—RESOLUTION OF CENSURE

Mr Parton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, pursuant to standing order 81A, moved—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that on 18 June this year, the Assembly passed a motion calling for the Government to pause the Sunday library closures;

(2) further notes despite the Assembly resolution, the Sunday library closures proceeded earlier this year;

(3) further notes that in May of 2025, Minister Cheyne introduced legislation to enable seatbelt infringements detected by cameras;

(4) further notes that since enforcement began in November 2025 the Government issued 12,850 infringements before discovering in August of this year that the cameras had not been properly authorised for seatbelt enforcement;

(5) recognises the role that the Assembly plays in holding the Government to account, particularly in the context of the Westminster conventions on ministerial accountability in our system of responsible government;

(6) notes the importance of Ministers ensuring senior leaders of the ACT Public Service are held accountable; and

(7) censures Minister Tara Cheyne for proceeding with ACT Library closures in contempt of the clear Assembly resolution and failures in the traffic infringement area of her portfolio responsibilities.

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

1. Omit paragraphs (3) and (4).

2. In paragraph (7), omit all words after "Assembly resolution".

Ms Cheyne (Minister for City and Government Services) moved the following amendment to Mr Braddock's proposed amendments: Add:

"(8) notes that the ACT Government has committed to expanding community access to ACT libraries, including prioritising weekend branch access at Kippax and Erindale from July 2027; continuing to improve and modernise library services across Canberra through service delivery models that enhance accessibility, responsiveness and value for the community; and publishing an evaluation of library operating arrangements by March 2027 to guide future improvements.".

Amendment to amendment agreed to.

Debate continued.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Mr Emerson, by leave, moved the following amendment to the motion, as amended: In paragraph (7), omit "censures", substitute "admonishes".

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 10		NOES, 11	
Andrew Barr	Michael Pettersson	Chiaka Barry	Jeremy Hanson
Leanne Castley	Chris Steel	Andrew Braddock	Deborah Morris
Tara Cheyne	Rachel Stephen-Smith	Peter Cain	Laura Nuttall
Thomas Emerson	Caitlin Tough	Fiona Carrick	Mark Parton
Suzanne Orr		Jo Clay	Rebecca Vassarotti
Marisa Paterson		Ed Cocks	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Cocks, by leave, moved the following amendment to the motion, as amended: Omit paragraph (1), substitute:

"(1) notes that on 12 June this year, the Assembly passed a motion calling for the Government to pause the Sunday library closures;".

Debate continued.

Mr Cock's amendment agreed to.

Debate continued.

Ms Carrick, by leave, moved the following amendments to the motion, as amended, together:

1. After paragraph (2), insert:

   "(3) further notes despite the Assembly resolution, the Government did not provide an assessment on the impact on services and amenities from relocating Access Canberra into the Woden Library;".

2. In paragraph (7), after "ACT Library closures", insert:

   "and not providing an assessment on the impact on services and amenities from relocating Access Canberra into the Woden library".

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 12		NOES, 9	
Chiaka Barry	Jeremy Hanson	Andrew Barr	Rachel Stephen-Smith
Andrew Braddock	Deborah Morris	Leanne Castley	Caitlin Tough
Peter Cain	Laura Nuttall	Tara Cheyne	
Fiona Carrick	Mark Parton	Suzanne Orr	
Jo Clay	Rebecca Vassarotti	Marisa Paterson	
Ed Cocks		Michael Pettersson	
Thomas Emerson		Chris Steel	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

"That this Assembly:

(1) notes that on 12 June this year, the Assembly passed a motion calling for the Government to pause the Sunday library closures;

(2) further notes despite the Assembly resolution:

   (a) the Sunday library closures proceeded earlier this year; and

   (b) the Government did not provide an assessment on the impact on services and amenities from relocating Access Canberra into the Woden Library;

(3) recognises the role that the Assembly plays in holding the Government to account, particularly in the context of the Westminster conventions on ministerial accountability in our system of responsible government;

(4) notes the importance of Ministers ensuring senior leaders of the ACT Public Service are held accountable;

(5) censures Minister Tara Cheyne for proceeding with ACT Library closures and not providing an assessment on the impact on services and amenities from relocating Access Canberra into the Woden library in contempt of the clear Assembly resolution; and

(6) notes that the ACT Government has committed to expanding community access to ACT libraries, including prioritising weekend branch access at Kippax and Erindale from July 2027; continuing to improve and modernise library services across Canberra through service delivery models that enhance accessibility, responsiveness and value for the community; and publishing an evaluation of library operating arrangements by March 2027 to guide future improvements."—

be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 13		NOES, 10	
Chiaka Barry	Elizabeth Lee	Andrew Barr	Chris Steel
Andrew Braddock	James Milligan	Leanne Castley	Rachel Stephen-Smith
Peter Cain	Deborah Morris	Tara Cheyne	Caitlin Tough
Fiona Carrick	Laura Nuttall	Thomas Emerson	
Jo Clay	Mark Parton	Suzanne Orr	
Ed Cocks	Rebecca Vassarotti	Marisa Paterson	
Jeremy Hanson		Michael Pettersson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3 PETITION—PETITION NOTED

The Clerk announced that the following Member had lodged a petition for presentation:

Mr Braddock, from 3,557 and 104 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to increase investment in public libraries (e-Pet 065-26 and Pet 086-26).

Pursuant to standing order 99A, these petitions stand referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

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The Speaker proposed—That the petition so lodged be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Orr (Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water) presented the following paper:

H5N1 Avian Influenza—Ministerial statement, 16 September 2026—

and moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

5 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE DAY

Ordered—That notice of the day No 3, Executive business, relating to the presentation of the Housing and Consumer Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2026, be postponed until the next sitting day.

6 LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 21—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Barry (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 21*,* dated 8 September 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the report.

7 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 4—REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF MS BARRY MLA—REPORT ADOPTED

The order of the day having been called on—

Miss Nuttall drew the attention of the Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum formed—

Mr Hanson (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Administration and Procedure—Standing Committee—Report 4—*Report on the Conduct of Ms Barry MLA,* dated 25 August 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

Miss Nuttall, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

8 ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 4—INQUIRY INTO BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SPORTS IN THE A.C.T.—REPORT NOTED

Ms Carrick (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Economics, Industry and Recreation—Standing Committee—Report 4—*Inquiry into barriers and opportunities for participation in community sports in the ACT,* dated 5 August 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 8—REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE PLANNING (MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING) AMENDMENT BILL 2026—REPORT NOTED

Ms Clay (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Environment and Planning—Standing Committee—Report 8—*Report of the Inquiry into the Planning (Missing Middle Housing) Amendment Bill 2026,* dated 22 June 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

10 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 9—REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO DPA-07: FORMER BRADDON BOWLS CLUB—REPORT NOTED

Ms Clay (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Environment and Planning—Standing Committee—Report 9—*Report of the Inquiry into DPA-07: Former Braddon Bowls Club,* dated 10 September 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Ms Cheyne (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Assembly business and committee business scheduled for today being called on at a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

13 PUBLIC HOUSING OCCUPANCY—IMPROVEMENT

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

(1) notes that:

(a) the proportion of public housing in the ACT has declined from 12.2 percent in 1989 to 5.5 percent in 2026;

(b) there were 3,652 approved applicants on the ACT's public housing waitlist on 30 June 2026;

(c) there were 588 vacant public housing dwellings in the ACT in August 2026, of which 285 required maintenance or upgrades to be tenantable;

(d) properties awaiting maintenance or upgrades remained vacant for an average of 284 days as of June 2026;

(e) the Productivity Commission's *Report on Government Services 2026* shows the proportion of ACT public housing in acceptable condition has decreased from 76 percent in 2023 to 71 percent in 2025, the second worst rate in the country;

(f) Housing ACT's accountability indicator sets a public housing occupancy target of 96 percent, which was not on track to be met in 2025-2026; and

(g) despite Programmed being contracted to deliver Housing ACT maintenance, the Government piloted the insourcing of this maintenance for one year from July 2024;

(2) further notes that:

(a) this Assembly unanimously agreed that housing is a human right in 2025;

(b) Mr Jonny Warren's "20 Homes By Christmas" campaign offers a rapid pathway to enable 20 of the ACT's vacant public housing properties to be occupied by Christmas;

(c) this would be achieved through pro bono industry-supplied labour and materials to renovate properties selected by the Government;

(d) the donated labour and supplies would satisfy all mandated minimum qualification, insurance, quality and industry standards;

(e) ACT Shelter, Housing All Australians and over 200 local tradespeople have indicated their support for the project and volunteered to help;

(f) 2024 ACT Australian of the Year and ACT Chair of Housing All Australians, Ms Jo Farrell, has obtained a Secure Local Jobs Code certificate as requested by the Government and will provide project managers for the initiative;

(g) Mr Warren hopes the campaign can be piloted and ultimately scaled up to 100 homes next year; and

(h) the outpouring of support for this proposal shows there is significant community concern regarding the shortage of public housing available for vulnerable Canberrans and the rise in homelessness across the ACT; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) allocate 20 suitable properties for this initiative to commence by the end of September 2026;

(b) work with Mr Warren and his team to ensure approvals are processed expeditiously to enable the maintenance and upgrade works to be carried out in time for the properties to be tenanted by 25 December 2026;

(c) evaluate the success of the initiative by the end of March 2027 and report back to the Assembly on outcomes from the evaluation by the end of May 2027;

(d) commit to reducing the average vacancy time for properties requiring maintenance or upgrades to no greater than 90 days; and

(e) revise Housing ACT's accountability indicator for public housing occupancy to at least 98 percent.

Ms Orr (Minister for Housing and Homelessness), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

1. After paragraph (2), insert:

"(2A) further notes:·

(a) the ACT Government has an existing contractual arrangement with Programmed Facilities Management (Programmed) as the public housing facilities manager;

(b) 'vacancy time' refers to the period a property does not have an active tenancy;

(c) following a tenancy ending, Housing ACT will determine how the property will be used in the future and, together with Programmed, identify any repairs and maintenance to be undertaken;

(d) repairs and maintenance works range from cleaning to structural repairs and can include insurance works;

(e) as at 30 June 2026, the 285 vacant properties cited in this motion were going through a maintenance or upgrade process as follows:

(i) 79 required routine maintenance;

(ii) 80 required single upgrades;

(iii) 69 required multiple upgrades; and

(iv) 57 required major works or insurance repairs;

(f) performance against key indicators under the Total Facilities Management Contract for Quarter 4 2025-26 are showing that vacant properties are being returned from Programmed to Housing ACT at an average of:

(i) 8 days for routine works;

(ii) 25 days for single upgrades; and

(iii) 36 days for multiple upgrades;

(g) as noted in QTON No 214, the average vacancy time of 284 days for the 285 properties in the 'maintenance or upgrade' category at 30 June 2026 is skewed by properties requiring extensive works or are in the insurance path and it does not reflect how long properties are with Programmed for repairs and maintenance;

(h) upon completion of repairs and maintenance the property is offered to tenants by Housing ACT and in line with statutory obligations;

(i) the average period for allocation of property to a tenant is highly variable;

(j) while the 20 Homes proposal is being offered at no cost, the underlying procurement principles remain relevant, including value for money, transparency of decision-making, appropriate process, fair and equitable treatment of prospective suppliers, risk management, probity and ethical conduct;

(k) in addition to providing public housing, the ACT Government supports the pathway out of homelessness through specialised programs with wrap around services and supports coordinated by community housing providers and community sector organisations; and

(l) community providers of homelessness crisis accommodation and wrap around services have indicated they would be interested in connecting with the 20 Homes organisers to potentially partner with them on an initiative such as that being proposed;".

2. In paragraph (3)(a) omit "to commence by the end of September 2026".

3. In paragraph (3), after "calls on the ACT Government to:" insert:

"(a) subject to all relevant statutory obligations being met, including tenant privacy requirements and probity obligations, and to Mr Warren and his team entering into appropriate contractual arrangements with the ACT Government's public housing facilities manager, Programmed Facilities Management;".

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Ms Cheyne (Minister for City and Government Services), by leave, moved the following amendments to the motion, as amended, together:

1. In paragraph (3)(d) after "no greater than 90 days" insert: "excluding properties requiring extensive repairs or maintenance that would reasonably take more than 90 days to complete or are subject to an insurance claim or are in the hard to let category;".

2. In paragraph (3)(e) omit "revise", substitute "look at revising".

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Carrick moved the following amendment to the motion, as amended: Omit all text in paragraph (3)(d), substitute:

"(d) establish a new accountability indicator for the average vacancy time for public housing properties requiring maintenance or upgrades, with a target of 90 days or less; and".

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

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(b) there were 3,652 approved applicants on the ACT's public housing waitlist on 30 June 2026;

(c) there were 588 vacant public housing dwellings in the ACT in August 2026, of which 285 required maintenance or upgrades to be tenantable;

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(g) despite Programmed being contracted to deliver Housing ACT maintenance, the Government piloted the insourcing of this maintenance for one year from July 2024;

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(a) this Assembly unanimously agreed that housing is a human right in 2025;

(b) Mr Jonny Warren's '20 Homes By Christmas' campaign offers a rapid pathway to enable 20 of the ACT's vacant public housing properties to be occupied by Christmas;

(c) this would be achieved through pro bono industry-supplied labour and materials to renovate properties selected by the Government;

(d) the donated labour and supplies would satisfy all mandated minimum qualification, insurance, quality and industry standards;

(e) ACT Shelter, Housing All Australians and over 200 local tradespeople have indicated their support for the project and volunteered to help;

(f) 2024 ACT Australian of the Year and ACT Chair of Housing All Australians, Ms Jo Farrell, has obtained a Secure Local Jobs Code certificate as requested by the Government and will provide project managers for the initiative;

(g) Mr Warren hopes the campaign can be piloted and ultimately scaled up to 100 homes next year; and

(h) the outpouring of support for this proposal shows there is significant community concern regarding the shortage of public housing available for vulnerable Canberrans and the rise in homelessness across the ACT;

(3) further notes:

(a) the ACT Government has an existing contractual arrangement with Programmed Facilities Management (Programmed) as the public housing facilities manager;

(b) 'vacancy time' refers to the period a property does not have an active tenancy;

(c) following a tenancy ending, Housing ACT will determine how the property will be used in the future and, together with Programmed, identify any repairs and maintenance to be undertaken;

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(e) as at 30 June 2026, the 285 vacant properties cited in this motion were going through a maintenance or upgrade process as follows:

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(h) upon completion of repairs and maintenance the property is offered to tenants by Housing ACT and in line with statutory obligations;

(i) the average period for allocation of property to a tenant is highly variable;

(j) while the 20 Homes proposal is being offered at no cost, the underlying procurement principles remain relevant, including value for money, transparency of decision-making, appropriate process, fair and equitable treatment of prospective suppliers, risk management, probity and ethical conduct;

(k) in addition to providing public housing, the ACT Government supports the pathway out of homelessness through specialised programs with wrap around· services and supports coordinated by community housing providers and community sector organisations; and

(l) community providers of homelessness crisis accommodation and wrap around services have indicated they would be interested in connecting with the 20 Homes organisers to potentially partner with them on an initiative such as that being proposed; and

(4) calls on the Government to:

(a) subject to all relevant statutory obligations being met, including tenant privacy requirements and probity obligations, and to Mr Warren and his team entering into appropriate contractual arrangements with the ACT Government's public housing facilities manager, Programmed Facilities Management;

(b) allocate 20 suitable properties for this initiative;

(c) work with Mr Warren and his team to ensure approvals are processed expeditiously to enable the maintenance and upgrade works to be carried out in time for the properties to be tenanted by 25 December 2026;

(d) evaluate the success of the initiative by the end of March 2027 and report back to the Assembly on outcomes from the evaluation by the end of May 2027;

(e) establish a new accountability indicator for the average vacancy time for public housing properties requiring maintenance or upgrades, with a target of 90 days or less; and

(f) revise Housing ACT's accountability indicator for public housing occupancy to at least 98 percent."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

14 SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE IN TUGGERANONG—IMPROVEMENT

Mr Milligan and Mrs Morris, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) residents of Tuggeranong have been promised significant sporting infrastructure by the Government over successive elections;

(b) the Government first promised a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong at the 2016 election and repeated that commitment at the 2020 and 2024 elections;

(c) in November 2022, the Government signed a non-binding agreement for the proposed facility and committed $16.265 million towards its construction;

(d) the Government announced in September 2026 that the Tuggeranong facility would not proceed;

(e) at the 2024 election, the Government made further commitments to sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong, including:

(i) increasing parking at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(ii) improving female-friendly facilities at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(iii) upgrading Tuggeranong Skate Park;

(iv) working with the Pines Tennis Club in Chisholm on its expansion plans;

(v) upgrading sporting facilities at Caroline Chisholm Senior School;

(vi) upgrading the Gowrie cricket nets;

(vii) improving female-friendly changerooms and facilities at Calwell Playing Fields;

(viii) providing a portable grandstand at Gordon Playing Fields;

(ix) upgrading facilities at Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre; and

(x) upgrading facilities at Erindale Active Leisure Centre;

(f) a number of these commitments remain undelivered; and

(g) following the cancellation of the ice sports facility, the Government promised to retain the full $16.265 million for sporting and recreational infrastructure in Tuggeranong;

(2) condemns the Government for breaking its repeated promise to deliver a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) by the final sitting day of October 2026, table a statement showing which of the 2024 election commitments for sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong have been funded, the amount of funding and the anticipated timeline of delivery;

(b) by the final sitting day of October 2026, table a separate investment plan for the $16.265 million, specifying:

(i) each project to be funded;

(ii) the location and scope of each project;

(iii) the funding allocated to each project;

(iv) the expected commencement and completion dates; and

(v) if any of the $16.265 million will be used to rebadge, replace or offset funding for an existing or previously announced commitment; and

(c) ensure that the projects funded through the $16.265 million are fully appropriated with clear delivery schedules in place in the 2027 ACT Budget update.

Mr Steel (Minister for Sport and Recreation) sought leave to move amendments together.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders—Moving amendments: Mr Steel moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Steel from moving amendments together.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Mr Steel moved the following amendments together:

1. Omit paragraph (2), substitute: "the Assembly notes that ACT Labor did not meet its election commitment in ACT Labor's Tuggeranong Regional Plans to 'keep working with a private company to construct the new indoor ice sport facility'. Whilst the Government did work with a private company this term to consider an updated proposal presented in January 2026, the proposal did not represent value for money for the Territory".

2. Omit all words after paragraph (3)(a), substitute:

"(b) by the final sitting day of February 2027, table a separate investment process plan for the $16.265 million, specifying:

(i) each project to be funded;

(ii) the location and scope of each project;

(iii) the funding allocated to each project;

(iv) the expected commencement and completion dates; and

(v) if any of the $16.265 million will be used to rebadge, replace or offset funding for an existing or previously announced commitment; and

(c) ensure that a proposal for the $16.265 million in funding is outlined in the 2027-2028 Budget with a clear delivery schedule in place.".

Debate continued.

Ordered—That the question be divided.

Amendment No 1 negatived.

Amendment No 2 agreed to.

Miss Nuttall, who had already spoken, by leave, moved the following amendment to the motion, as amended: Add:

"(3) (d) develop a mechanism that ensures the broader Tuggeranong community is meaningfully consulted on the allocation of the $16.265 million;

(e) work with the owners of the Phillip Ice Rink to ensure it remains safe, operational and accessible to the community as the sole ice sports facility in Canberra available for community use, at least until a new competition-standard, publicly accessible facility is fully operational; and

(f) develop a plan for the future of ice sports facilities in the ACT.".

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

"That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) residents of Tuggeranong have been promised significant sporting infrastructure by the Government over successive elections;

(b) the Government first promised a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong at the 2016 election and repeated that commitment at the 2020 and 2024 elections;

(c) in November 2022, the Government signed a non-binding agreement for the proposed facility and committed $16.265 million towards its construction;

(d) the Government announced in September 2026 that the Tuggeranong facility would not proceed;

(e) at the 2024 election, the Government made further commitments to sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong, including:

(i) increasing parking at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(ii) improving female-friendly facilities at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(iii) upgrading Tuggeranong Skate Park;

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(ix) upgrading facilities at Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre; and

(x) upgrading facilities at Erindale Active Leisure Centre;

(f) a number of these commitments remain undelivered; and

(g) following the cancellation of the ice sports facility, the Government promised to retain the full $16.265 million for sporting and recreational infrastructure in Tuggeranong;

(2) condemns the Government for breaking its repeated promise to deliver a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) by the final sitting day of October 2026, table a statement showing which of the 2024 election commitments for sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong have been funded, the amount of funding and the anticipated timeline of delivery;

(b) by the final sitting day of February 2027, table a separate investment process plan for the $16.265 million, specifying:

(i) each project to be funded;

(ii) the location and scope of each project;

(iii) the funding allocated to each project;

(iv) the expected commencement and completion dates; and

(v) if any of the $16.265 million will be used to rebadge, replace or offset funding for an existing or previously announced commitment; and

(c) ensure that a proposal for the $16.265 million in funding is outlined in the 2027-2028 Budget with a clear delivery schedule in place;

(d) develop a mechanism that ensures the broader Tuggeranong community is meaningfully consulted on the allocation of the $16.265 million;

(e) work with the owners of the Phillip Ice Rink to ensure it remains safe, operational and accessible to the community as the sole ice sports facility in Canberra available for community use, at least until a new competition-standard, publicly accessible facility is fully operational; and

(f) develop a plan for the future of ice sports facilities in the ACT."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 6 and 7, Assembly business be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 SOCIAL POLICY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 6—INQUIRY INTO E-PETITION 077-25, ACCESS TO 11-12 ATAR LANGUAGE COURSES IN 2026—REPORT NOTED

Mr Emerson (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Social Policy—Standing Committee—Report 6—*Inquiry into E-Petition 077-25, access to 11-12 ATAR language courses in 2026,* dated 30 June 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

17 LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 10—INQUIRY INTO THE BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2026—REPORT NOTED

Ms Barry (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Legal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report 10—*Inquiry into the Bail Amendment Bill 2026,* dated 26 August 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

18 LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 11—INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMES (COERCIVE CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2026—REPORT NOTED

Ms Barry (Chair), pursuant to order, presented the following report:

Legal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report 10—*Inquiry into the Crimes (Coercive Control) Amendment Bill 2026,* dated 10 September 2026, together with extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AT CIT—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Carrick (Chair), pursuant to order, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation had resolved to conduct an inquiry into and report on governance arrangements at CIT.

20 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE—PETITIONS—HAWKER TENNIS CLUB AND SAVE BIG SPLASH—INQUIRY—THE USE OF CONTROLLED ACTIVITY ORDERS—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Clay (Chair), pursuant to order, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning had resolved not to conduct an inquiry into e-Pet 008-26 and Pet 030-26 concerning the Hawker Tennis Club, and e-Pet 004-26 and Pet 020-26 concerning Save Big Splash. Further, the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning had resolved to conduct an inquiry into and report on the use of controlled activity orders.

21 INTEGRITY COMMISSION AND STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION IN THE A.C.T.—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Lee (Chair), pursuant to order, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders had resolved to conduct an inquiry into and report on electoral representation in the ACT.

22 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—SECURE LOCAL JOBS CODE—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Carrick (Deputy Chair), pursuant to order, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration had resolved to conduct an inquiry into and report on Secure Local Jobs Code.

23 ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS—STATEMENT BY CHAIR—PAPER

Ms Carrick (Deputy Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A and Continuing Resolution 5A, made a statement concerning consideration of statutory appointments by the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation.

Paper: Ms Carrick, pursuant to Continuing Resolution 5A, presented the following paper:

Economics, Industry and Recreation—Standing Committee—Schedule of Statutory Appointments—11th Assembly—Period 1 January to 30 June 2026.

24 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS—STATEMENT BY CHAIR—PAPER

Ms Carrick (Deputy Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A and Continuing Resolution 5A, made a statement concerning consideration of statutory appointments by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration.

Paper: Ms Carrick, pursuant to Continuing Resolution 5A, presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Administration—Standing Committee—Schedule of Statutory Appointments—11th Assembly—Period 1 January to 30 June 2026.

25 SOCIAL POLICY—STANDING COMMITTEE—CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS—STATEMENT BY CHAIR—PAPER

Mr Emerson (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A and Continuing Resolution 5A, made a statement concerning consideration of statutory appointments by the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

Paper: Mr Emerson, pursuant to Continuing Resolution 5A, presented the following paper:

Social Policy—Standing Committee—Schedule of Statutory Appointments—11th Assembly—Period 1 January to 30 June 2026.

26 GAMBLING AND RACING CONTROL (GAMBLING EXCLUSION) AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Dr Paterson (Minister for Gaming Reform), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999* and the *Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002*, and for other purposes.

Paper: Dr Paterson presented the following paper:

Explanatory statement to the Bill, incorporating a compatibility statement, pursuant to section 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Title read by Clerk.

Dr Paterson moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Parton—Leader of the Opposition) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

27 COMPETITION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Mr Steel (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Competition Policy Reform Act 1996* and the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act 1997*.

Paper: Mr Steel presented the following paper:

Explanatory statement to the Bill, incorporating a compatibility statement, pursuant to section 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Steel moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Ms Lee) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

28 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026-2027

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—put and passed.

Detail Stage

Schedule 1—Appropriations—Proposed expenditure—

Part 1.1—Education Directorate—

Debate ensued.

Adjournment negatived: It being 6.30 pm—The question was proposed—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Ms Tough (Minister for Human Rights) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate adjourned (Ms Stephen-Smith—Minister for Education) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

29 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Three Members' statements were made.

Paper: Ms Vassarotti, by leave, presented the following paper:

Advertisement on Action Bus—Copy of photo.

30 ADJOURNMENT

Ms Tough (Minister for Human Rights) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.55 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Ms Berry* and Mr Werner-Gibbings*.

*on leave.

Hamish Finlay
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly