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## **INTRODUCTION**

Committees of the Legislative Assembly have been appointed since the introduction of self-government in the ACT in 1989. The committees have dealt with a large and diverse range of issues affecting the life of the community and the operation of the Assembly.

The purpose of this volume is to provide full details about the committees of the Third Assembly, which ran from March 1995 to February 1998. These details include:

- full name of each committee;
- the members of each committee;
- the committee's terms of reference;
- a full list of committee inquiries (comprising completed inquiries, together with those inquiries which were not completed at the end of the Third Assembly); and
- details of when a committee reported (or made a statement to the Assembly) and when the Government tabled a response.

For quick access to the subject matter of completed inquiries, an index is provided at the end of this volume. It sets out the page where more detailed information about a specific inquiry can be found. For example, a reader wishing to find if a committee reported on a matter to do with 'graffiti' will be directed by the index to page 11 of this report - this page shows that the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment reported on graffiti in its Report No.9 tabled on 26 March 1996, with a Government response tabled on 27 June 1996.

The Committee Office hopes that this volume will be used by legislators and members of the public to facilitate deeper understanding of the role and operation of committees in the ACT's parliamentary system.

Mark McRae  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
March 1998

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

(Note: Standing committees exist for the life of the Assembly and may conduct many inquiries during this time.)

### **ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 26 August 1997)

#### **Membership:**

The Speaker (Mr Cornwell – Presiding Member, appointed 9 March 1995)

Mr Moore (appointed 9 March 1995)

Mr Corbell (appointed 26 August 1997)

Mr Hird (appointed 10 March 1995)

Ms Tucker (appointed 10 March 1995)

#### **Past Membership:**

Mr Berry (appointed 10 March 1995, discharged 26 August 1997)

#### **Terms of reference:**

- (a) inquire into and report on, as appropriate:
  - (i) the Assembly's annual estimates of expenditure;
  - (ii) the practices and procedure of the Assembly; and
  - (iii) the standing orders of the Assembly;
- (b) advise the Speaker on:
  - (i) Members' entitlements including facilities and services;
  - (ii) the operation of the transcription service (*Hansard*);
  - (iii) the availability to the public of Assembly documents;
  - (iv) the operation of the Assembly library; and
- (c) arrange the order of private Members' business.

#### **Terms of reference (as amended 4 May 1995):**

- (a) inquire into and report on, as appropriate:
  - (i) the Assembly's annual estimates of expenditure;
  - (ii) the practices and procedure of the Assembly; and
  - (iii) the standing orders of the Assembly;

- (b) advise the Speaker on:
  - (i) Members' entitlements including facilities and services;
  - (ii) the operation of the transcription service (*Hansard*);
  - (iii) the availability to the public of Assembly documents;
  - (iv) the operation of the Assembly library; and
- (c) arrange the order of private Members' business and Assembly business.

**Inquiries completed:**

- \* Standing Orders and Citizen's Right of Reply (*2 May 1995*)
- \* Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of Proceedings) Bill 1995 (*referred on 31 May 1995, report presented 20 February 1996, government response tabled on 21 May 1996*)
- \* The proposed temporary orders relating to addresses to the Assembly (*see Mr Humphries' Notice: Executive business 27 March 1996. Inquiry referred to Administration and Procedure Committee on 28 March 1996*)  
Report presented together with a dissenting report: Addresses to the Assembly - Proposed temporary orders (*26 September 1996, government response tabled on 20 February 1997*)
- \* The application of standing order 207 (*referred on 22 February 1996*)  
Inquiry terms of reference:
  - (i) the definition of "grave disorder";
  - (ii) the manner and timing of instructions given by the Speaker to occupants of the gallery in the Chamber; and
  - (iii) whether Assembly Members should give or deny leave to the Speaker to suspend Assembly sittings.Report presented: Standing Order 207 (*20 February 1997; government response tabled 19 June 1997*)
- \* Subsection 7(1) of the *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of Proceedings) Act 1997* provides:  
The Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure of the Legislative Assembly shall consider, and report to the Assembly on, the principles on which broadcasting to the public of proceedings of the Assembly or a committee of the Assembly should be authorised.  
Report presented: *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of Proceedings) Act 1997* - Principles for the authorisation of public broadcasts (*26 August 1997*)
- \* Person referred to in Assembly - W.J. Curnow (*Mr Curnow's letter referred by the Speaker to the Committee on 31 July 1997 - Committee report presented together with a dissenting report on 4 December 1997*)

**Statement:**

Inquiry into the code of conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly (4 December 1997)

☆ The development of a Code of Conduct for all Members of the Legislative Assembly (*referred on 26 September 1996*)

*Inquiry terms of reference:*

- (a) parliamentary and personal conduct;
- (b) conflict of interest, including a Member's affiliation or membership of any organisation or association that could potentially constitute a conflict of interest;
- (c) gifts;
- (d) use of public office;
- (e) the application of section 14 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Commonwealth); and
- (f) a complaints and investigation procedure.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

(Tourism and ACT Promotion: formed 9 March 1995 - amended 22 June 1995. Membership amended 2 May 1995, 18 February 1997)

### **Membership:**

Mr Hird (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Chairman on 21 March 1995, discharged on 2 May 1995, re-appointed 18 February 1997, elected Chairman 24 February 1997)

Mr Corbell (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Deputy Chairman 24 February 1997)

Mr Osborne (appointed 9 March 1995)

### **Past Membership:**

Mr Kaine (appointed 2 May 1995, elected Chairman on 3 May 1995, discharged on 18 February 1997)

Mr Wood (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chairman 21 March 1995, discharged on 18 February 1997)

### **Terms of reference:**

Inquire into and report on:

- (a) the impact of tourism on the ACT economy, community and infrastructure;
- (b) strategies to increase the level of activity in the tourism sector; and
- (c) other matters relating to tourism in the ACT that the Committee considers should be drawn to the attention of the Assembly.

### **Terms of reference (as amended 22 June 1995):**

Inquire into and report on:

- (a) matters related to economic development and the impact of tourism on the ACT economy, community and infrastructure;
- (b) strategies to increase the level of activity in the tourism sector; and
- (c) other matters relating to tourism in the ACT that the Committee considers should be drawn to the attention of the Assembly.

### **Inquiries not completed:**

✱ The Canberra taxi industry with particular reference to:

- (i) the efficiency of the industry within a sensibly regulated environment;
- (ii) the role of taxis in enhancing the public transport system, and possible forms of integration between other forms of public transport and the taxi industry;
- (iii) the setting of fares;
- (iv) the system by which new taxi plates are calculated and allocated and the impact on the revenue of the Territory;
- (v) the adequacy of remuneration for taxi drivers; and
- (vi) any other matter that the Committee considers relevant. *(referred on 22 June 1995)*

- ✧ The opportunities for fostering new and existing representative, commercial and other sports in the ACT with particular reference to:
  - (i) their potential contribution to the ACT economy;
  - (ii) the cost of fostering such sports;
  - (iii) the extent and nature of and benefits from government assistance; and
  - (iv) any related matter. *(self-referred on 5 March 1996, statement made 16 April 1996)*

**Inquiry suspended:**

- ✧ The marketing and provision of ACT Government and non-government education and training services to overseas students with particular reference to:
  - (a) the aims of providing ACT education resources for overseas students;
  - (b) the cost of marketing;
  - (c) the cost of providing those resources;
  - (d) the financial and other benefits to the ACT of present policies;
  - (e) proposed future developments;
  - (f) the co-ordination of activities between agencies;
  - (g) any related matter. *(self-referred on 5 March 1996, statement made 16 April 1996. Inquiry suspended 30 October 1996 - see the Chair's statement on 21 November 1996)*

**Inquiries completed:**

- ✧ "The Future of Airports in Australia" Conference *(21 September 1995, government response tabled on 13 December 1995)*
- ✧ The benefits to the ACT economy arising from the further expansion of tourism based upon the development of the Territory's national and nature parks with particular regard to the sensitivity of these areas, and having regard for:
  - (i) the ecological attractions;
  - (ii) the recreational and sporting potential;
  - (iii) the nature of heritage and cultural aspects of these areas;
  - (iv) the extent to which these aspects should be marketed;
  - (v) the degree of development which may be permitted within or adjacent to the parks to facilitate tourist activity; and
  - (vi) any other related matters. *(self-referred on 6 June 1995, statement made 22 June 1995)*

Report presented: No. 2: Expansion of Nature Based Tourism in the ACT *(12 December 1995, government response tabled on 23 May 1996)*



- \* The available options for faunal emblems to represent the Australian Capital Territory and in particular to consider a suitable animal and/or bird emblem.  
*(referred on 7 December 1995)*

Report presented: No. 3: Inquiry into a Bird and/or another Animal Emblem *(21 November 1996, government response tabled on 20 February 1997)*

- \* The potential impact of the construction of a very high speed train on Canberra's future economic development with particular reference to:

- (i) the consequences for employment growth in the short, medium and long term;
- (ii) the impact of the development on Canberra's private and public sectors;
- (iii) the impact on Canberra's tourism sector;
- (iv) the impact on other transport modes and freight movements in and out of Canberra; and
- (v) any other related matter. *(referred on 10 April 1997)*

Report presented: No. 4: Inquiry into the Economic Impact of the Construction of a Very High Speed Train (VHST) *(2 December 1997, government response presented on 24 June 1998)*

**Statements:**

Inquiry into Overseas Marketing of ACT Education and Training Services (21 November 1996)

Visit to Christchurch, New Zealand (24 June 1997)

Visit to Sydney (11 December 1997)

**LEGAL AFFAIRS**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 20 February and 13 December 1996, 18 February 1997)

**Membership:**

Mr Osborne (appointed 9 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 16 March 1995, elected Chair 14 March 1996)

Mr Hird (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Deputy Chair 6 March 1997)

Mr Wood (appointed 18 February 1997)

**Past Membership:**

Mr Connolly (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Chair 16 March 1995, resigned from the Assembly 19 February 1996)

Mr Kaine (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 14 March 1996, discharged 18 February 1997)

Ms Follett (appointed 20 February 1996, resigned from the Assembly 12 December 1996)

Mr Whitecross (appointed 13 December 1996, discharged 18 February 1997)

**Terms of reference:**

Examine matters related to administrative law, civil liberties and human rights, censorship, company law, law and order, criminal law, and consumer affairs.

**Inquiries not completed:**

✧ Immunisation against disease for children residing and being educated in the ACT, with particular reference to:

- (1) the legal implications and implications for civil liberties;
- (2) the necessity and desirability of immunisation;
- (3) immunisation rates and trends;
- (4) immunisation availability and service provision;
- (5) relevant legislative considerations and framework;
- (6) suggested strategies for improving our immunisation rates; and
- (7) any other related matter. (*referred on 20 February 1997*)

✧ Juvenile crime (*referred on 26 June 1997*)

Inquiry terms of reference:

Inquire into and report on:

- (1) the nature and incidence of juvenile crime in the ACT;
- (2) the adequacy of services to deal with the factors which may contribute to criminal activity by young people;
- (3) the adequacy of services to deal with those young people who do come in conflict with the law.

**Inquiry rescinded:**

- ✧ Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) 1996 (*referred on 5 December 1996, committee resolved not to proceed with the inquiry 30 January 1997, the inquiry rescinded 20 February 1997 - see the Chair's statement*)

**Inquiries completed:**

- ✧ The future of policing arrangements for the ACT and in particular to examine accountability arrangements including the possible creation of a statutory office of Commissioner of Police for the ACT. (*self-referred on 5 April 1995, statement made 2 May 1995*)

Report presented: No. 1: Future of Policing in the ACT (*21 September 1995*)

- ✧ The efficacy of surveillance cameras in preventing crime, and the implications of such action for the community. (*referred on 29 February 1996*)

Report presented: No. 2: 'The Electronic Eye' - Inquiry into the efficacy of surveillance cameras (*25 September 1996, government response tabled on 26 June 1997*)

- ✧ The development of guidelines for the provision of assistance to Members in relation to legal proceedings. (*referred on 20 February 1996*)

Report presented: No. 3: Report of Inquiry into Guidelines for Assistance to Members for Legal Proceedings (*10 April 1997 – printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 18 March 1997, government response tabled 25 June 1997*)

- ✧ The proposed restructuring of the ACT Emergency Services (ACTES), with particular reference to the effect that this will have on the Services':

- (a) operational capabilities;
- (b) roles, management, training and responsibilities of volunteers and staff;
- (c) efficiency and management (including equipment);
- (d) operational budget; and
- (e) any other related matter. (*referred on 12 December 1996*)

Report presented: No. 4: Inquiry into the proposed restructuring of the A.C.T. Emergency Services (*19 June 1997, government response tabled on 23 September 1997*)

- \* Voluntary Codes of Practice of Liquor Licensees, with particular reference to whether the Codes should be given legislative effect throughout the ACT  
*(referred on 20 February 1997)*

Report presented: No. 5: Inquiry into the voluntary codes of practice for liquor licensees *(23 September 1997, government response tabled 11 December 1997)*

**Statements:**

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) 1996 (20 February 1997)

Correctional Facilities in the ACT (4 September 1997)

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 26 March 1996, 18 February 1997)

**Membership:**

Mr Moore (appointed 9 March 1995, elected Chair 16 March 1995)

Ms McRae OAM (appointed 26 March 1996, elected Deputy Chair 21 February 1997)

Mrs Littlewood (appointed 18 February 1997)

Ms Horodny (appointed 10 March 1995)

Mr Corbell (appointed 28 August 1997 to replace Ms McRae who was discharged for the consideration of the Environment Protection Bill 1997 and the Environment Protection (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1997)

**Past Membership:**

Mr Berry (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 16 March 1995, discharged 26 March 1996)

Mr Kaine (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 29 March 1996, discharged 18 February 1997)

**Terms of reference:**

Examine matters related to planning, land management, transport, economic development, commercial development, industrial and residential development, infrastructure and capital works, science and technology, the environment, conservation, heritage, energy and resources.

**Terms of reference (as amended 22 June 1995):**

Examine matters related to planning, land management, transport, commercial development, industrial and residential development, infrastructure and capital works, science and technology, the environment, conservation, heritage, energy and resources.

**Inquiries not completed:**

- ✧ The nature of a strategic plan for the ACT. (*self-referred 23 June 1995, statement made 24 August 1995*)
- ✧ Issues raised in the *Strategic Development Options for Ainslie and O'Connor* plan, with particular reference to:
  - (a) the appropriateness of the proposed development for the area;
  - (b) the concerns of residents of the affected suburbs;
  - (c) the adequacy of the consultation process; and
  - (d) any other related matter. (*referred on 21 November 1996*)

**Inquiries completed:**

- ✱ No. 1: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan for Lyneham Section 67 Block 1 Part (Yowani Golf Club *(30 May 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 26 May 1995, government response tabled 21 June 1995)*)
- ✱ The redevelopment proposal for Watson Section 61, Block 8 (the former Starlight Drive-In site). *(self-referred on 26 May 1995, statement made 1 June 1995)*  
  
Report presented: No. 2: Report on Watson Section 61 Block 8 (Former Starlight Drive-In Site) *(20 June 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 14 June 1995, government response tabled 21 September 1995)*
- ✱ No. 3: Report on the Government's 1995-1996 Draft Capital Works Program *(self-referred 28 April 1995, statement made 1 June 1995, report presented 20 September 1995 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 18 September 1995, government response tabled 21 November 1995)*
- ✱ No. 4: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan for Hughes Section 28 Block 10 Part (Proposed Extension to St Andrews Village for Aged Persons in Groom Street Hughes) *(17 October 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 22 September 1995)*
- ✱ No. 5: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 42) for Minor Corrections Series - Residential Land Use Policies *(21 November 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 30 October 1995)*
- ✱ No. 6: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 48) for Monash Section 20 Block 1 *(21 November 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 20 November 1995)*
- ✱ No. 7: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 53) for Gungahlin Town Centre and Central Area *(5 December 1995)*
- ✱ No. 8: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 49) for Deakin Section 35 Block 18 *(20 February 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Deputy Speaker 5 February 1996)*
- ✱ The environmental, social and financial impact of graffiti in the ACT and the appropriate means of preventing graffiti damage, having regard to:
  - (i) education programs;
  - (ii) policing aspects;
  - (iii) clean-up arrangements; and
  - (iv) any other related matters. *(self-referred on 1 August 1995, statement made 24 August 1995)*
- Report presented: No. 9: The Environmental, Social and Financial Impact of Graffiti in Canberra and the Appropriate Means of Preventing Graffiti Damage *(26 March 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 5 March 1996, government response tabled on 27 June 1996)*
- ✱ No. 10: The Government's 1996-1997 Draft Capital Works Program *(self-referred 2 February 1996, statement made 22 February 1996, report presented 26 March 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 11 March 1996, government response tabled on 23 May 1996)*
- ✱ The Acton Peninsula and the Kingston sites which are subject to the land swap announced between the ACT and Federal Governments with particular reference to:
  - (i) planning controls over both sites;

- (ii) the value of the land swap to the ACT;
- (iii) environmental and heritage issues;
- (iv) current and future usage of the sites; and
- (v) any other related matters. *(self-referred on 21 April 1995)*

Report presented: No. 11: The Interim Report on the Acton/Kingston Land Swap *(15 May 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 3 May 1996, government response tabled on 10 December 1996)*

- ✱ To inquire into and report on the adequacy of processes relating to identifying and managing contaminated sites in the ACT, and any other related matters *(self-referred on 7 April 1995, statement made 2 May 1995)*

Report presented: No. 12: The Adequacy of Processes Relating to Identifying and Managing Contaminated Sites in the A.C.T. *(26 June 1996, government response tabled on 21 November 1996)*

- ✱ No. 13: The Stein Report (Report into the Administration of the A.C.T. Leasehold) and the Government's Response to the Report *(referred on 28 March 1996, report presented 27 June 1996)*
- ✱ No. 14: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 56): Heritage Places Register *(3 September 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 2 September 1996)*
- ✱ No. 15: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No 54): Minor Corrections Series - Outdoor Recreation Facility *(24 September 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 17 September 1996)*
- ✱ No. 16: Organisation of the 1996 National Conferences of Australian Parliamentary Public Works Committees and Environment Committees *(26 September 1996)*
- ✱ No. 17: Issues Raised at the 1996 National Conference of Australian Parliamentary Environment Committees *(26 September 1996)*
- ✱ No. 18: Issues Raised at the 1996 National Conference of Australian Parliamentary Public Works Committees *(statement made 26 September 1996, report presented on 21 November 1996)*
- ✱ No. 19: Inquiry into the Proposed Construction of Nudurr Drive, Palmerston *(referred on 29 August 1996, report presented 19 November 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Deputy Speaker 18 October 1996, government response tabled on 11 December 1996)*
- ✱ To examine and report on further retail policy measures that can be taken to maintain diversity in the ACT retail market ... [taking account of]
  - (a) the current retail hierarchy;
  - (b) the Government proposals as outlined in 'Striking a Balance';
  - (c) employment impacts;
  - (d) the appropriate level of retail space;
  - (e) remission of betterment and other incentives to assist with the revitalisation of neighbourhood shopping centres;
  - (f) shopping centre management;
  - (g) rent inequities;
  - (h) domination of the market by large retailers; and

(i) any other related matter. *(referred on 27 June 1996)*

Report presented including a dissenting report: No. 20: Further Retail Policy Measures to Maintain Diversity in the ACT Retail Market (21 November 1996, government response tabled on 27 February 1997)

- \* No. 21: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 55): Residential Land Use Policies - Provisions for Temporary Care Accommodation *(referred to the committee by the government on 29 May 1996, report presented 3 December 1996 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 29 November 1996)*
- \* No. 22: Environmental Accounting for the ACT Government *(10 December 1996, government response tabled on 10 April 1997)*
- \* No. 23: Further Report on the Acton/Kingston Land Swap *(10 December 1996, government response tabled on 26 February 1997)*
- \* No. 24: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 5 of 1996 - Management of Former Sheep Dip Sites *(11 December 1996, government response tabled on 7 May 1997) - (AG's report tabled on 23 May 1996 - inquiry referred from Standing Committee on Public Accounts to Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on 25 June 1996)*
- \* The 1995 State of the Environment Report, including the Government's response, and any related matters. *(self-referred 2 February 1996, statement made 22 February 1996. Government response to the 1995 State of the Environment Report was presented 29 August 1996)*
- Report presented: No. 25: The 1995 ACT State of the Environment Report and the Government's Response *(18 February 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 7 February 1997, government response tabled on 24 June 1997)*
- \* No. 26: The Government's 1997-1998 Draft Capital Works Program *(referred to the Committee by the Government on 7 February 1997, statement made 20 February 1997, report presented 27 February 1997, government response tabled 9 April 1997)*
- \* No. 27: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (No. 58): Residential land use policies *(referred to the committee by the government on 25 March 1997, report presented together with additional comments 7 May 1997)*
- \* No. 28: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 76: Residential Land Use Policies - Area Specific Policy: Palmerston Section 142 Blocks 7 & 8 and Section 143 Blocks 8 & 9 *(27 August 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 8 July 1997)*
- \* No. 29: Draft Plan of Management for the Murrumbidgee River Corridor *(referred to the committee by the government on 30 June 1997, Committee report presented 27 August 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Deputy Speaker 12 August 1997, government response tabled on 6 November 1997. See also Minister's statement on 2 December 1997)*
- \* No. 30: Draft Variation No. 64 to the Territory Plan: B2 Commercial Land Use Policies - Local Centres (Part B2D) *(referred to the committee by the government on 6 February 1997 - see the Chair statement 18 February 1997, the government provided revised draft Variation to the committee on 28 July 1997, Committee report presented 27 August 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Deputy Speaker 8 August 1997)*
- \* No. 31: Further Report on Draft Variation No. 55 to the Territory Plan: Residential Land Use policies - Provisions for Temporary Care Accommodation *(referred to the committee by the government on 29 May 1997, Committee report presented 27 August 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Deputy Speaker 8 August 1997)*
- \* No. 32: Attendance of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at the 1997 National Conference of Parliamentary Public Works and Environment Committees *(28 August 1997)*



✱ John Dedman Parkway and Ginninderra Drive/Mouat Street, Lyneham, taking account of:

- the Maunsell study and the Government's response;
- other transport inquiries and studies held in the ACT, and the Government's response;
- the impact of the proposals on arterial roads;
- the desirability of improving the use of public transport and other non-car modes of transport;
- the desirability of reducing the number of vehicles needing to travel between Gungahlin and southern destinations;
- the desirability of siting an eastern ring road from Gungahlin and the Barton Highway to other parts of Canberra via an upgraded Majura Road;
- existing and future traffic levels on Ginninderra Drive and Mouat Street, Lyneham - and the Government's proposals for traffic lights and other roadworks in the Mouat/Brigalow Streets area;
- existing and future traffic levels on roads in North Canberra and the impact of the proposals on the residential amenity; and
- any other related matter. (*referred on 20 February 1997, terms of reference determined 6 May 1997, statement made 7 May 1997*)

Report presented: No. 33: Report on Ginninderra Drive/Mouat Street, Lyneham (being the first outcome of the inquiry by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into proposals for the John Dedman Parkway and Ginninderra Drive/Mouat Street, Lyneham) (*2 September 1997, Government response tabled on 25 September 1997*). **See also** Chair's statement on 4 December 1997.

✱ The Protection of Amenity Rights (such as sunlight and views) of residents from the impact of satellite dishes and cables which are associated with pay television with particular reference to:

- (i) the adequacy of the existing amenity controls in ACT planning and building legislation which relate to the residents' access to views and sunlight including consideration of:
  - (a) the residents' right to a view across a neighbour's property;
  - (b) the potential for more prescriptive controls;
  - (c) the feasibility of the implementation of such controls; and
  - (d) the potential of such controls to limit individual rights to develop property;
- (ii) the potential impact on the streetscape and residents views of satellite dishes and cabling associated with pay television including consideration of:
  - (a) the extent of the impact in the ACT; and
  - (b) controls being applied in other Australian States; and
- (iii) recommendations for the development of related control parameters and associated assessment criteria. (*referred on 23 May 1996*)

Report presented: No. 34: The protection of amenity rights (such as sunlight and views) of residents from the impact of satellite dishes and cables which are associated with pay television (*4 November 1997, printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 7 October 1997, government response tabled 11 December 1997*)

✱ Environment Protection Bill 1997 (*self-referred 25 July 1997*) and Environment Protection (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1997 (*both referred to the Committee on 28 August 1997*)

Report presented: No. 35: Report on the inquiry into the Environment Protection Bill 1997 and the Environment Protection (Consequential Provision) Bill 1997 (*report presented together with additional comments on 4 November 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 29 October 1997; government response presented on 11 November 1997*)

- No. 36: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 78: Heritage Places Register (Third Variation) (*referred to the committee by the government on 10 October 1997, report presented 4 November 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 31 October 1997*)
- No. 37: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 83: Group Centres - Provision for personal services and minor corrections (*referred to the committee by the government on 11 October 1997, report presented 4 November 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 31 October 1997*)
- ✱ The provision of quality outdoor lighting in the ACT and the most appropriate strategies to be implemented as part of an overall plan to protect and enhance Canberra's night sky, particularly focusing on:
- (i) minimising light pollution having regard for outcomes for safety, security and tourism;
  - (ii) requiring the Department of Urban Services to develop performance indicators for all of the street, path and outdoor space lighting under its control to ensure that spill light, sky glow and other wastage is minimised;
  - (iii) tougher legislation to govern private outdoor lighting; and
  - (iv) the basis of a cooperative Federal/ACT agreement on outdoor lighting for the ACT. (*referred on 27 February 1997*)
- Report presented together with additional comment: No. 38: The Provision of Quality Outdoor Lighting (*4 December 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 14 November 1997*)
- No. 39: Revised Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 82: Proposed Area Specific Policy B11 and B12 North Canberra and Appendix III.3 Urban Housing Code (*referred to the committee by the government on 21 October 1997, report presented together with a dissenting report on 2 December 1997, printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 28 November 1997*)
- No. 40: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 81: Monaro Highway Realignment (Williamsdale) and Minor Corrections (*referred to the committee by the government on 18 November 1997, report presented 2 December 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 27 November 1997*)
- No. 41: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 88: Territory Plan Correction Series - Legislative Changes and Minor Corrections (*referred to the committee by the government in November 1997, report presented 2 December 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 27 November 1997*)
- No. 42: Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 92: Dunlop (West Belconnen) - Dunlop Hills Reserve (*referred to the committee by the government in November 1997, report presented 2 December 1997 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 27 November 1997*)

**Statements:**

Inquiry into Leasehold Administration (20 June 1995)

Inquiry into Contaminated Sites (22 June 1995)

Inquiry into Strategic Plan (7 December 1995)

Civic Cultural Centre (25 June 1996)

\*Bruce Section 2 (5 September 1996)

\*Developments Affecting Kingston, Section 25, Blocks 4, 5 and 6 (5 September 1996)

\*The Committee's Report on Contaminated Sites (5 September 1996)

Proposed Revival Centre Church in Deamer Crescent, Chisholm (21 November 1996)

- ☆ Draft Variation No. 64 to the Territory Plan: B2 Commercial Land Use Policies - Local Centres (Part B2D) (*referred to the Committee by the Government on 6 February 1997*)

Statement made: Draft Variation No. 64 to the Territory Plan: B2 Commercial Land Use Policies - Local Centres (Part B2D) (18 February 1997)

Terms of reference for the inquiry into John Dedman Parkway and Ginninderra Drive/Mouat Street, Lyneham (7 May 1997)

Inquiry into the Acton/Kingston land swap (8 May 1997)

- ☆ Curtin Shopping Centre Precinct Petition. (*referred on 25 September 1997*)

Statement made: The Assembly's referral of a Petition on Curtin Shopping Precinct (13 November 1997)

Inquiry into Proposals for John Dedman Parkway (4 December 1997)

- \* Statement, by leave.

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 26 March 1996, 18 February 1997)

### **Membership:**

Mr Whitecross (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Chair on 19 February 1997)

Mrs Littlewood (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Deputy Chair on 19 February 1997)

Ms Horodny (appointed 10 March 1995)

### **Past Membership:**

Ms Follett (Appointed 10 March 1995, Elected Chair 15 March 1995, discharged 26 March 1996)

Mr Wood (Appointed 26 March 1996, elected Chair 3 April 1996, discharged 18 February 1997)

Mr Kaine (Appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 15 March 1995, discharged 18 February 1997)

### **Terms of reference:**

- (a) examine:
  - (i) the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Australian Capital Territory;
  - (ii) the financial affairs of authorities of the Australian Capital Territory; and
  - (iii) all reports of the Auditor-General which have been laid before the Assembly;
- (b) report to the Assembly, with such comments as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Assembly should be directed;
- (c) inquire into any question in connection with the public accounts which is referred to it by the Assembly and to report to the Assembly on that question; and
- (d) inquire into and report on the implementation of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* with particular reference to:
  - (i) the public interest; and
  - (ii) any other related matter.

### **Inquiries not completed::**

- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 1 of 1997 - Contracting Pool and Leisure Centres
- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 5 of 1997 - Management of Leave Liabilities
- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 6 of 1997 - The Canberra Hospital Management - Control of Salaried Specialists Private Practice
- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 7 of 1997 - The Disability Program and Community Nursing
- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 8 of 1997 - Salaried Specialists' Use of Private Practice Privileges
- ✧ Auditor-General's Report No. 9 of 1997 - Fleet Leasing Arrangements

- ✱ Auditor-General's Report No. 10 of 1997 - Public Interest Disclosure: Lease Variation Charges, Corrective Services
- ✱ Auditor-General's Report No. 12 of 1997 - Financial Audits with Years Ending to 30 June 1997
- ✱ Auditor-General's Report No. 13 of 1997 - Management of Nursing Services

**Inquiries completed:**

- ✱ No. 1: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 8, 1994 - Financial Audits with Years Ending to 30 June 1994 (*4 May 1995, government response tabled 18 October 1995*)
- ✱ No. 2: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 7, 1994 - Various Agencies: Overseas Travel Executives and Others; Implementation of Major IT Projects (*4 May 1995, government response tabled on 14 May 1996*)
- ✱ No. 3: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 6, 1994 - Various Agencies: Inter Agency Charging; Management of Private Trust Funds (*4 May 1995, government response tabled 19 October 1995*)
- ✱ No. 4: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 9, 1994 - Performance Indicators Reporting (*1 June 1995, government response tabled 7 December 1995*)
- ✱ No. 5: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 3, 1995 - Canberra Institute of Technology, Comparative Teaching Costs and Effectiveness (*26 October 1995, government response tabled on 22 February 1996*)
- ✱ Access to Cabinet and other deliberative documents of a previous Government (*self-referred 28 August 1995, statement made 19 September 1995*)  
Report presented: No. 6: Access to Cabinet and other Deliberative Documents, the Property of Previous Governments (*21 November 1995*)
- ✱ No. 7: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 2, 1995 - Whistleblower Investigations Completed to 30 June 1995 (*23 November 1995, government response tabled on 27 March 1996*)
- ✱ No. 8: Report on the Public Sector Management (Amendment) Bill 1995 (*referred on 19 October 1995, report presented including a dissenting report 5 December 1995 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 29 November 1995, government response tabled 5 December 1995*)
- ✱ No. 9: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 1, 1995 - Government Passenger Cars (*7 December 1995, government response tabled on 16 May 1996*)
- ✱ No. 10: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 5, 1995 - Annual Management Report for the year ended 30 June 1995 (*7 December 1995*)
- ✱ The voluntary parent contribution scheme in the ACT Government schools system, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the necessity for voluntary fees including the extent to which such fees fund school-wide resources used by all students, and materials for hands-on tuition in elective subjects for individual students;
  - (ii) mechanisms for setting, and procedures for the collection of, fees;
  - (iii) banking and accounting arrangements for fees;
  - (iv) public accountability for receipt and expenditure of fees;
  - (v) equity and outcomes between schools;

- (vi) reasons for any variations in fee levels between schools;
- (vii) whether students whose parents are unable to, or choose not to, pay fees are disadvantaged compared with students whose parents do pay fees;
- (viii) whether fee paying parents subsidise the school-wide and elective subject costs of students whose parents are unable to, or choose not to, pay fees; and
- (ix) any related matters. (*self-referred 3 April 1995, statement made 2 May 1995*)

Report presented: No. 11: Report on the Voluntary Parent Contribution Scheme in the ACT School System (*12 December 1995, government response tabled on 28 March 1996, rejected 18 April 1996, revised government response tabled on 25 June 1996*)

- \* No. 12: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 6, 1995 - Contract for Collection of Domestic Garbage and Non-Salary Entitlements of Senior Government Officers (*18 April 1996, government response tabled on 28 August 1996*)
- \* No. 13: Report on Consultation with Assembly Committees on Appointments to Territory Owned Corporations (*18 April 1996, government response tabled on 28 August 1996*)
- \* No. 14: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 7, 1995 - ACTEW Benchmarked (*16 May 1996, government response tabled on 29 August 1996*)
- \* No. 15: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 1, 1996 - Legislative Assembly Members - Superannuation Payments to Members Staff - Allowances and Severance Payments (*27 June 1996*)
- \* No. 16: Purchaser-Provider Arrangements in Health, Education and Social Welfare Services - A Report on Regional Effects and Outcomes under New Zealand Economic and Financial Changes (*28 August 1996*)
- \* No. 17: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 4, 1996 - Land Joint Ventures (*28 August 1996, government response tabled on 11 December 1996*)
- \* No. 18: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 2, 1996 - Taxi Plates Auction (*28 August 1996, government response tabled 11 December 1996, paragraph 2.2 amended 10 April 1997*)
- \* No. 19: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 8, 1995 - Financial Audits With Years Ending to 30 June 1995 (*28 August 1996, government response tabled on 11 December 1996*)
- \* No. 20: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 4, 1995 - Government Secondary Colleges (*report presented together with additional comments on 26 September 1996, government response tabled on 11 December 1996*)
- \* No. 21: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 3, 1996 - VMO Contracts (*20 November 1996, government response tabled on 20 February 1997*)
- \* No. 22: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 7, 1996 - Annual Management Report for the year ended 30 June 1996 (*20 November 1996*)
- \* No. 23: Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 8, 1996 - Australian International Hotel School (*3 December 1996, government response tabled on 26 February 1997*)
- \* No. 24: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 6 of 1996 - Collection of Court Fines (*10 April 1997, government response tabled on 25 June 1997*)
- \* No. 25: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 9 of 1996 - ACT Cultural Development Funding Program (*8 May 1997, government response tabled on 26 August 1997*)

- ✱ No. 26: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 11 of 1996 – Financial Audits with Years Ending to 30 June 1996 (*19 June 1997, government response tabled on 4 September 1997*)
- ✱ Asset Management Strategy and Framework and Guidelines for Asset Management (*presented and referred for inquiry 27 February 1997*)  
Report presented together with a dissenting report: No. 27: Report on the ACT Government Draft Asset Management Strategy (*28 August 1997, government response tabled on 5 November 1997*)
- ✱ No. 28: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 3 of 1997 – 1995-96 Territory Operating Loss (*presented together with a dissenting report: 28 August 1997, government response tabled on 2 December 1997*)
- ✱ No. 29: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 2 of 1997 – Road and Streetlight Maintenance (*4 September 1997, government response tabled on 4 December 1997*)
- ✱ No. 30: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 10 of 1996 - Implementation of 1994 Housing Review (*6 November 1997, printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 22 October 1997*)
- ✱ The efficiency and effectiveness, since their inception, of the Industry Assistance Program (IAP) and its successor the Business Incentive Scheme (BIS). The inquiry will have particular reference to:
  - (a) the economic and employment benefits for the ACT that have been generated by the IAP and the BIS; and
  - (b) possible measures to improve the operation and scope of the BIS to promote greater economic and employment growth in the ACT. (*referred on 4 September 1997*)Report presented together with a dissenting report: No. 31: Report on the Industry Assistance Program and the Business Incentive Scheme (*2 December 1997, government response tabled 29 April 1998*)
- ✱ Lease/Leaseback of the Magistrates Court and the Dame Pattie Menzies building (*self-referred 5 March 1997, statement made 10 April 1997*)  
Report presented together with a dissenting report: No. 32: Report on the Lease/Leaseback of the Magistrates Court and the Dame Pattie Menzies building (*2 December 1997, government response tabled 30 April 1998*)
- ✱ No. 33: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 4 of 1997 - ACT Public Hospitals - Same Day Admissions; Non Government Organisation - Audit of Potential Conflict of Interest (*3 December 1997*)
- ✱ No. 34: Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 11 of 1997 - Annual Management Report for Year Ended 30 June 1997 (*3 December 1997*)

**Statement:**

The Committee's operations during the Third Assembly 1995-97 (*4 December 1997*)

**SCRUTINY OF BILLS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 26 March, \*11 December 1996, 18 February 1997)

**Membership:**

Mr Wood (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Chair 25 February 1997)

Mr Osborne (appointed 9 March 1995, elected Chair, resigned as Chair 2 April 1996, elected Deputy Chair 23 December 1996)

Mr Hird (appointed 10 March 1995, Deputy Chair from 2 April 1996 to 23 December 1996, elected Chair 23 December 1996, resigned as Chair 25 February 1997)

**Past Membership:**

\* Mr Kaine & Mr Moore (appointed 11 December 1996 to replace Mr Hird and Mr Osborne who were discharged for the consideration of 'Land Acquisition (Northbourne Oval) Bill 1996')

Ms Follett (appointed 26 March 1996, elected Chair 2 April 1996, resigned from the Assembly 12 December 1996)

Mr Whitecross (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair, discharged 26 March 1996)

**Terms of reference:**

Consider whether:

- (a) instruments of a legislative nature which are subject to disallowance and or disapproval by the Assembly (including a regulation, rule or by-law) made under an Act:
  - (i) meet the objectives of the Act under which it is made;
  - (ii) unduly trespass on rights previously established by law;
  - (iii) make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions; or
  - (iv) contain matter which should properly be dealt with in an Act of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) its explanatory statement meets the technical or stylistic standards expected by the Committee;
- (c) clauses of bills introduced in the Assembly:
  - (i) do not unduly trespass on personal rights and liberties;
  - (ii) do not make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
  - (iii) do not make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon non reviewable decisions;
  - (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
  - (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny; and
- (d) its explanatory memorandum meets the technical or stylistic standards expected by the Committee.



**Inquiries:**

- ☛ All Bills presented to the Assembly are automatically referred to the Committee for consideration. The Committee also examines all subordinate legislation
- ☛ Consultation on legislation (*see private Members' business 10 May 1995, inquiry referred to Scrutiny of Bills & Subordinate Legislation Committee on 20 February 1997*)

*Inquiry terms of reference:*

To inquire into and report on a consultation process for legislation by examining the usefulness and viability of the Executive providing for all legislation (including subordinate legislation) presented to the Assembly, the following information:

- (1) a list of the organisations and/or individuals who were consulted;
- (2) a list of who undertook the consultation;
- (3) an indication of when the consultation occurred;
- (4) the response that was provided to the organisation and/or individuals who were consulted;
- (5) further plans for consultation or feedback that have been made in regard to any possible changes that may be made by the Assembly; and
- (6) an explanation if no consultation took place.

**Discussion paper presented:**

No. 1 - Scrutiny of National Scheme Legislation and the Desirability of Uniform Scrutiny Principles (*24 August 1995*)

**Position paper presented:**

Scrutiny of National Schemes of Legislation (*20 November 1996*)

**Reports presented:**

- No. 1 of 1995 (*2 May 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 23 March 1995*)
- No. 2 of 1995 (*2 May 1995*)
- No. 3 of 1995 (*9 May 1995*)
- No. 4 of 1995 (*20 June 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 17 May 1995*)
- No. 5 of 1995 (*20 June 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 9 June 1995*)
- No. 6 of 1995 (*22 June 1995*)
- No. 7 of 1995 (*22 August 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 29 June 1995*)
- No. 8 of 1995 (*22 August 1995*)
- No. 9 of 1995 (*24 August 1995*)
- No. 10 of 1995 (*19 September 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 30 August 1995*)
- No. 11 of 1995 (*21 September 1995*)
- No. 12 of 1995 (*17 October 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 4 October 1995*)
- No. 13 of 1995 (*24 October 1995*)
- No. 14 of 1995 (*26 October 1995*)
- No. 15 of 1995 (*21 November 1995*)
- No. 16 of 1995 (*5 December 1995 - printing and circulation by authorised by the Speaker 29 November 1995*)

- No. 17 of 1995 *(12 December 1995)*  
No. 18 of 1995 *(14 December 1995)*  
No. 19 of 1995: Chairmen and Secretaries of Scrutiny Committees Conference, Hobart, 8 December 1995 *(14 December 1995)*  
No. 20 of 1995 *(20 February 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 28 December 1995)*  
Report on the Delegated Legislation Conference and the Scrutiny of Bills Conference, 5 to 7 July 1995, held at Parliament House Darwin *(24 August 1995)*
- No. 1 of 1996 *(27 February 1996)*  
No. 2 of 1996 *(26 March 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 20 March 1996)*  
No. 3 of 1996 *(16 April 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 4 April 1996)*  
No. 4 of 1996 *(14 May 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 24 April 1996)*  
No. 5 of 1996 *(16 May 1996)*  
No. 6 of 1996 *(21 May 1996)*  
No. 7 of 1996 *(20 June 1996) - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 4 June 1996)*  
No. 8 of 1996 *(20 June 1996)*  
No. 9 of 1996 *(25 June 1996)*  
No. 10 of 1996 *(27 August 1996) - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 24 July 1996)*  
No. 11 of 1996 *(27 August 1996)*  
No. 12 of 1996 *(3 September 1996)*  
No. 13 of 1996 *(5 September 1996)*  
No. 14 of 1996 *(24 September 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 12 September 1996)*  
No. 15 of 1996 *(26 September 1996)*  
No. 16 of 1996 *(20 November 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 2 October 1996)*  
No. 17 of 1996 *(3 December 1996.- printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 28 November 1996)*  
No. 18 of 1996 *(12 December 1996)*  
No. 19 of 1996 *(18 February 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 24 December 1996)*
- No. 1 of 1997 *(25 February 1997)*  
No. 2 of 1997 *(26 February 1997)*  
No. 3 of 1997 *(8 April 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 5 March 1997)*  
No. 4 of 1997 *(8 May 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 22 April 1997)*  
No. 5 of 1997 *(13 May 1997)*  
No. 6 of 1997 *(17 June 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 21 May 1997)*  
No. 7 of 1997 *(24 June 1997)*  
No. 8 of 1997 *(26 August 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 8 July 1997)*  
No. 10 of 1997 *(28 August 1997)*  
No. 11 of 1997 *(2 September 1997)*  
No. 12 of 1997: Sixth Australasian and Pacific Conference on Delegated Legislation and the Third Australasian and Pacific Conference on the Scrutiny of Bills - Parliament House, Adelaide, South Australia - 16-18 July 1997 *(2 September 1997)*  
No. 13 of 1997 *(23 September 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 18 September 1997)*

No. 14 of 1997 *(25 September 1997)*

No. 15 of 1997 *(4 November 1997)*

No. 16 of 1997 *(11 November 1997)*

No. 17 of 1997 *(2 December 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 1 December 1997)*

No. 18 of 1997 *(9 December 1997)*

No. 19 of 1997 *(11 December 1997)*

\* The Government's proposed amendments to the Health and Community Care Services (Validation of Fees and Charges) Bill 1997 *(referred on 25 June 1997)*

Report presented: No. 9 of 1997: Health and Community Care Services (Validation of Fees and Charges) Bill 1997 - Proposed Government  
Amendments *(26 August 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 8 July 1997)*

The Fourth Commonwealth Conference on Delegated Legislation 10-13 February 1997 held at Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand *(27 February 1997)*

**SOCIAL POLICY**

(formed 9 March 1995, membership amended 26 March 1996, 18 February 1997)

**Membership:**

Ms Tucker (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Chair 15 March 1995)

Ms Reilly (appointed 26 March 1996, elected Deputy Chair 3 April 1996)

Mrs Littlewood (appointed 18 February 1997)

**Past Membership:**

Ms McRae OAM (appointed 10 March 1995, elected Deputy Chair 15 March 1995, discharged 26 March 1996)

Mr Hird (appointed 10 March 1995, discharged 18 February 1997)

**Trms of reference:**

Examine matters related to health, hospitals, nursing homes, welfare, employment, housing, social security, the ageing, people with disabilities, the family, Aboriginal people, youth affairs, the status of women, multicultural affairs, industrial relations, occupational health and safety, education, the arts, sport and recreation.

**Discussion paper presented:**

Community Consultation on Social Policy Issues (*21 September 1995 - printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Deputy Speaker 13 September 1995*)

**Inquiries completed:**

\* No. 1: Social Policy Issues Raised by Community Groups April 1995 (*22 June 1995, government response tabled 20 September 1995*)

\* The prevention of violence in schools with particular reference to the following:

- (i) the current programs and need for programs for preventing violence, bullying and harassment across the different sectors of schooling;
- (ii) training and support for teachers in managing programs;
- (iii) resourcing of programs;
- (iv) issues relating to case management within the school and the broader community;
- (v) evaluation mechanisms in place; and
- (vi) any other related matter. (*self-referred on 5 June 1995, statement made 22 June 1995*)

Report presented: No. 2: Report on the inquiry into Prevention of Violence in Schools (*23 May 1996, government response tabled on 27 August 1996*)

- ✱ The implications of the proposed restructure of the School without Walls (SWOW) for the alternative education needs of secondary students in the ACT, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the review process surrounding the proposed restructuring of the School without Walls (SWOW); and
  - (ii) the implications of this proposed restructure for the broader alternative education needs of secondary students in the ACT. (*self-referred on 4 September 1996, statement made 5 September 1996*)

Report presented together with a dissenting report and additional comments: No. 3. The implications of the proposed restructure of the School without Walls (SWOW) for the alternative education needs of secondary students in the ACT (*10 December 1996, government response tabled 7 May 1997*)

- ✱ Commonwealth-Territory Disability Agreement with particular reference to:
  - (i) gaps which have emerged in service delivery;
  - (ii) any overlap or duplication of functions by the Commonwealth and the ACT;
  - (iii) the impact of the Agreement on outcomes of ACT people with disabilities in terms of:
    - employment;
    - support services for both children and adults; and
    - education and support services for school-age children; and
  - (iv) funding of services under the Agreement. (*referred on 14 December 1995*)

Report presented: No. 4: Report on the inquiry into The Commonwealth/Territory Disability Agreement (*20 February 1997, government response tabled 14 May 1997*)

- ✱ The use of Skateboards and in-line skates near shops with particular reference to:
  - (i) the needs of young people;
  - (ii) pedestrian safety issues; and
  - (iii) any other related matter. (*self-referred on 14 June 1996, statement made 20 June 1996*)

Report presented: No. 5: Report on the inquiry into the use of skateboards and in-line skates near shops (*8 May 1997 – printing, circulation and publication authorised by the Speaker 22 April 1997, government response tabled on 23 September 1997*)

- ✱ Community consultation, in relation to social policy issues:
  - (i) inquire into processes of community consultation for:
    - the development of legislation;
    - the development of policy; and
    - maximisation of community participation in Assembly processes; and
  - (ii) identify and report to the Assembly on effective means of community consultation. (*self-referred on 25 May 1995 - amended on 26 June 1995, statement made 24 August 1995. Inquiry closed - see the Chair's statement of 23 September 1997*)

- ✱ The adequacy of mental health services with particular reference to:

- (i) coordination of service provision and issues surrounding continuity of care;
- (ii) the interface between mental health services and other services (especially police and housing); and
- (iii) any other related matter. (*self-referred on 1 December 1995, statement made 7 December 1995*)

Report presented together with a dissenting report: No. 6: Report on the inquiry into the adequacy of mental health services (*25 September 1997, government response tabled 11 December 1997*)

✱ The provision of services for at risk children and youth, especially 12 to 18 years old, with particular reference to:

- (i) the provision and appropriateness of accommodation and other service options, including substitute care, for young people aged 18 years and under;
- (ii) co-ordination between agencies including the interface between Family Services, the police, youth justice, youth services, mental health, education, housing and other community agencies;
- (iii) family support services;
- (iv) training of Government and non-Government workers in this area;
- (v) the provision of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- (vi) children's advocacy services;
- (vii) whether the ACT Government is meeting its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- (viii) any other related matter. (*self referred on 3 April 1997, statement made 10 April 1997*)

Report presented including additional comments: No. 7: Report on the inquiry into Services for Children at Risk in the ACT (*9 December 1997, government response tabled 28 April 1998*)

#### **Statements:**

\*Inquiry into the use of skateboards and in-line skates near shops (5 September 1996)

\*Inquiry into the proposed restructure of the School without Walls (SWOW) (5 September 1996)

Inquiry into community consultation on social policy issues (23 September 1997)

✱ Early Intervention Centre – Proposed feasibility study:

- (i) to do a feasibility study on the possible establishment of an Early Intervention Centre in the ACT modelled on the Stimulus Early Intervention Centre located at South Windsor, NSW;
- (ii) to table the study with recommendations either for or against such a centre as soon as possible. (*referred on 12 November 1997*)

Statement made: Inquiry into the feasibility of the establishment of an Early Intervention Centre modelled on the Stimulus Early Intervention Centre (11 December 1997)

Committee's activities during the Third Assembly (11 December 1997)

\*Statement, by leave

## **SELECT COMMITTEES**

(Note: Select committees exist only for the life of a specific inquiry. Unless the Assembly makes a special order, they go out of existence once they have reported.)

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 1995-96**

(formed 16 April 1996, members appointed 18 April 1996)

#### **Membership:**

Ms McRae OAM (elected Chair 18 April 1996)

Mr Kaine (elected Deputy Chair 18 April 1996)

Mr Berry

Mr Hird

Mr Osborne

Ms Tucker

#### **Terms of reference:**

Examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1995-96 and any other related matters.

#### **Report presented:**

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1995-96 (*14 May 1996 printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 6 May 1996, government response tabled on 14 May 1996*)

### **COMPETITION POLICY REFORM**

(formed & membership appointed 24 October 1995)

#### **Membership:**

Ms Follett (elected Chair 3 November 1995)

Ms Tucker (elected Deputy Chair 3 November 1995)

Mr Kaine

**Terms of reference:**

Inquire into and report on the Competition Policy Reform Bill 1995 to assess the impacts, whether positive or negative, of the introduction of the Bill on the ACT community and in particular to:

- (a) determine the impact on the ability of the Assembly and the Government of the ACT to pursue policies and protect the interests of the Territory in relation to:
  - (i) legislation and policies relating to protection of the environment, including fostering environmentally sustainable practices;
  - (ii) social welfare and equity objectives;
  - (iii) maintenance of basic wage and work conditions, including legislation and policies relating to matters such as occupational health and safety, and access and equity;
  - (iv) the interests of consumers;
  - (v) the economic well being of the local community;
  - (vi) the efficient allocation of resources; and
  - (vii) any other services provided by or on behalf of the ACT Government;
- (b) determine and assess:
  - (i) alternative options for achieving any benefits which may be achieved through enactment of the Bill;
  - (ii) options for preventing or reversing any adverse impacts which may occur as a result of the enactment of the Bill; and
- (c) other relevant matters as determined by the committee.

**Report presented:**

Competition Policy Reform Bill 1995 (*16 April 1996, government response tabled on 14 May 1996*)

**ESTIMATES 1995-96 AND BUDGET REVIEW**

(formed 21 June 1995, members appointed 22 June 1995)

**Membership:**

Ms McRae OAM (elected Chair 23 June 1995)

Mr Kaine (elected Deputy Chair 3 November 1995)

Mr Hird

Mr Moore

Ms Tucker

Mr Whitecross

**Terms of reference:**

Examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 1995-96 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government.



**Report presented:**

Appropriation Bill 1995-96 (*21 November 1995 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 31 October 1995, government response tabled 21 November 1995*)

**ESTIMATES 1996-97**

(formed 28 August 1996, members appointed 29 August 1996)

**Membership:**

Ms McRae OAM (elected Chair 3 September 1996)

Mr Kaine (elected Deputy Chair 3 September 1996)

Mr Hird

Mr Moore

Ms Tucker

Mr Wood

**Terms of reference:**

Examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 1996-97 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 1996 Budget, together with the 1995-96 Annual Reports.

**Report presented:**

Appropriation Bill 1996-97 (*19 November 1996 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 5 November 1996, government response tabled on 19 November 1996*)

**ESTIMATES 1997-98**

(formed 8 April 1997, memberships appointed 10 April 1997)

**Membership:**

Ms McRae (elected Chair 10 April 1997)

Mr Hird (elected Deputy Chair 10 April 1997)

Ms Reilly

Mrs Littlewood

Mr Moore

Ms Tucker

**Terms of reference:**

Examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 1997-98 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 1997 Budget and the Annual and Financial Reports for the financial year 1996-97.

**Reports presented:**

Appropriation Bill 1997-98 (*presented together with dissenting comment on 17 June 1997 - printing and circulation authorised by the Speaker 16 June 1997; government response tabled on 19 June 1997*)

Annual and Financial Reports for the Financial Year 1996-97 (*2 December 1997; government response tabled on 9 December 1997*)

**PETROL PRICING**

(formed 27 June 1996, membership amended 18 February 1997)

**Membership:**

Mr Wood (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Chair 20 February 1997)

Mrs Littlewood (appointed 18 February 1997, elected Deputy Chair 20 February 1997)

Mr Osborne (appointed 27 June 1996)

**Past Membership:**

Ms Follett (appointed 27 June 1996, elected Chair 10 July 1996; resigned from the Assembly 12 December 1996)

Mr Kaine (appointed 27 June 1996, elected Deputy Chair 10 July 1996, discharged 18 February 1997)

**Terms of reference:**

Inquire into and report on means of reducing petrol prices in the ACT and any related matters so that they are similar to those in other cities.

**Report presented:** 25 September 1997 (*government response tabled 11 December 1997*)

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PRIVATE HOSPITAL**

(formed and membership appointed on 15 May 1997)

**Membership:**

Mr Berry (appointed and elected Chair 15 May 1997)

Ms Tucker (appointed and elected Deputy Chair 15 May 1997)

Mr Hird (appointed 15 May 1997)

**Terms of reference:**

Inquire into and report on the establishment of a new private hospital at or near The Canberra Hospital with particular reference to:

- (a) current provision of both public and private beds in the ACT and the appropriate ratio of public/private beds as well as the overall requirement for beds in the ACT and surrounding region;
- (b) the possible inter-relationship of the proposed new private hospital with The Canberra Hospital;
- (c) the impact of any new beds in the private sector on:
  - (i) the current public hospitals in the ACT;
  - (ii) the current private hospitals in the ACT;
- (d) the current and projected requirements of different types/categories of beds in the ACT including different levels of acute care beds and day care bed requirements as well as other possible combinations;
- (e) the financial arrangements associated with the proposed new private hospital – including land allocations and proposed working and transfer arrangements;
- (f) the impact on the citizens of the ACT in the climate where the number of private beds are rising at the same time as private health insurance is falling;
- (g) any economic or employment benefits of the new private hospital;
- (h) any other related matters.

**Report presented including a dissenting report:**

Report of the Select Committee on the Establishment of a New Private Hospital *(13 November 1997, government response tabled 11 December 1997)*

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROVISIONS**

(formed 31 May 1995, membership appointed 1 June 1995)

**Membership:**

Mr Berry (Elected Chair 2 June 1995)

Mr Hird (Elected Deputy Chair 2 June 1995)

Mr Moore

**Terms of reference:**

Inquire and report on the provision of workers' compensation arrangements in the ACT Government Service including Territory Owned Corporations and Statutory Authorities. The committee will include in its inquiry the following:

- (a) the adequacy of the Commonwealth Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act in the ACT Government context;
- (b) the management of the Act in the ACT Government context;
- (c) the value provided to the workforce and to the ACT;
- (d) the costs of the current arrangements and the underlying reasons;
- (e) the cost of possible alternative arrangements; and
- (f) any other related matters.

**Report presented:** 17 October 1995 (*government response tabled on 22 February 1996*)

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