Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2016-2017-2018

Notice Paper

No 51

Thursday, 22 March 2018

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on annual and financial reports for the financial year 2016-2017 and calendar year 2016, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 26 October 2017.


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

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notice

*1 MS FITZHARRIS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about domestic animals, and for other purposes. (Notice given 21 March 2018).

*2 MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about justice and community safety, and for other purposes. (Notice given 21 March 2018).

3 MR RATTENBURY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about light rail, and for other purposes. (Notice given 20 March 2018).

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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

Notices

1 MS ORR: To move—that the resolution of the Assembly of 26 October 2017, which referred specified annual and financial reports for the calendar years 2016 and 2017 and the financial year 2016-2017 to standing committees be amended at paragraph (4) after “standing committees are to report to the Assembly on financial year reports by the last sitting day in March 2018, on calendar year reports for 2016 by the last sitting day in March 2018” by inserting “except the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services which is to report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in April 2018,“. (Notice given 20 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

Orders of the day—continued

3 ESTIMATES 2018-2019—SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT: Resumption of debate (from 15 February 2018—Ms Cheyne) on the motion of Mr Wall—that:

(1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2018-2019 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2018-2019, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2018-2019 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2018-2019 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;

(2) the Committee be composed of:

(a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
(b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
(c) one Member to be nominated by the Greens; and
to be notified in writing to the Speaker by 12.15 pm today;

(3) an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of the Committee by the Committee;

(4) funds be provided by the Assembly to permit the engagement of external expertise to work with the Committee to facilitate the analysis of the Budget and the preparation of the report of the Committee;

(5) the Committee is to report by Tuesday, 31 July 2018;

(6) if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee has completed its inquiry, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publishing and circulation; and

(7) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Notices—continued

*2 MR WALL: To move—That:

(1) pursuant to standing order 277, a Select Committee on Privileges be established to examine whether there was improper influence of a member, in relation to threats made by the Chief Minister, Mr Barr MLA, during a public hearing of the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism on 6 November 2017 and any other relevant matters;

(2) the Committee shall report back to the Assembly by the last sitting week in June 2018; and

(3) the Committee shall be composed of:

(a) one member nominated by the Government; and
(b) one member nominated by the Crossbench; and
(c) one member nominated by the Opposition;

to be notified to the Speaker by 4 pm today. (Notice given 21 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).
Orders of the day—continued

4  ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 5—REVIEW OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION 9—SENATOR FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 15 February 2018—Mr Wall) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—that the report be noted. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks—standing order 152A.)

Last sitting day in May 2018

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

September 2018

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

Last sitting day in 2018

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

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1  MR RATTENBURY: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) acknowledges that the ACT is a Refugee Welcome Zone and has a well-established commitment to support and encourage refugees to settle here, and over the past ten years Canberra welcomed over 2000 refugees;
(2) welcomes the Federal Government’s positive decision to support refugees coming to Australia by announcing a Community Support Program (CSP), with an intake of 1000 from 1 July 2017;

(3) notes with concern that:
   (a) there are strict priority criteria for refugees applying for the CSP which includes the following:
      (i) be aged between 18 and 50;
      (ii) have an offer of employment (or a pathway that leads to employment);
      (iii) have personal attributes that would enable them to become financially self-sufficient within 12 months of arrival; or
      (iv) be willing to live and work in regional Australia;
   (b) in addition to this strict criteria, community sponsors of applicants to the CSP are required to fund:
      (i) visa application charges of $2680 at the time of application, with no guarantee of success;
      (ii) an additional $16 444 for the primary applicant and $2680 for each other family member before the visa can be granted; and
      (iii) airfares, medical screening and settlement costs; and
   (c) although the CSP is a step in the right direction, we are concerned that:
      (i) the rigid criteria will discriminate against those who are most in need; and
      (ii) high fees, upwards of $19,000 per first individual, may be prohibitive for potential community supporters;

(4) further notes that:
   (a) there have been significant changes to eligibility for the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) payment - a reduced payment of 87 per cent of Newstart that can be paid to those waiting for processing of their applications;
   (b) community groups, such as Canberra Refugee Support (CRS) are already stretched to provide support to fill the gap left by the changes made to the SRSS payments late last year; and
   (c) there is little transparency about the new eligibility criteria for the payment – the Federal Department of Home Affairs states simply that eligibility for the SSRS is “determined by Department of Home Affairs”; and

(5) calls on the Assembly to write to the Federal Government to:
   (a) adopt a more humane and affordable visa fee structure for the CSP, to make the program fairer and more accessible;
(b) make the cap on the Refugee Community Sponsorship program additional to our existing humanitarian intake, in order to recognise the generosity and care of our communities rather than shifting both the costs and the burden of responsibility to them for meeting our international human rights obligations; and

(c) explain these changes to the SRSS payment and to make criteria transparent. (Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—continued

Orders of the day

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


4 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (LEASE VARIATION CHARGE DEFERRED PAYMENT SCHEME) AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Treasurer): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 15 February 2018—Mr Coe).

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

6 ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIRST YEAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

7 FEMALE DETAINEE ACCOMMODATION AT THE ALEXANDER MACONOCHIE CENTRE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1 MRS JONES: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:
   (a) prescribed, controlled, and hazard reduction burns are essential for the safety of ACT residents and their property;
   (b) the importance of prescribed burns to the Bushfire Operational Plan;
   (c) the 2016-17 Bushfire Operational Plan identified 24 burns, totalling 7379 hectares;
   (d) nine of the 24 burns were completed, totalling only 504 hectares; and
   (e) 93 per cent or 6,875 hectares of area identified for burns were not completed, leaving the ACT in a vulnerable position during the bushfire season; and

(2) calls on the Government to:
   (a) ensure all 15 incomplete burns be completed by the end of Spring 2018; and
   (b) update the Assembly upon the completion of each of these 15 burns.

(Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

Orders of the day

*1 HEALTH (IMPROVING ABORTION ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 21 March 2018—Ms Fitzharris).


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

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

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only redirected questions are included on the Notice Paper together with a list of all unanswered questions.

A Questions on Notice Paper will be issued on the Friday of a sitting week, containing the text of all questions on notice lodged that week and can be accessed at www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-the-assembly/questions-paper.

Unanswered questions


J Agostino
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

14 May 2018

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

21 May 2018

Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway—Provision of sunshade at playground—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 4-18).

22 May 2018

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

19 June 2018

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

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees’ resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 31 October 2016)*: The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017)*: Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton, Mr Pettersson.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Ms Orr (Chair), Miss C Burch, Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder.

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

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

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

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

Select

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

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

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

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