



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2020–2021

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 25

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2021

- 1 The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Ms Burch) 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 dhawura Ngunnaawalbun yindjumaralidjinyin.

This is Ngunnawal Country.

Today we are gathering on Ngunnawal country.

We always pay respect to Elders, female and male, and Ngunnawal country.

The Speaker asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE**

Mr Hanson moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would allow Mrs Kikkert to move a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Corrections.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7

Mr Cain
 Ms Castley
 Mr Hanson
 Mrs Jones
 Mrs Kikkert
 Ms Lee
 Mr Parton

NOES, 14

Ms Berry	Dr Paterson
Mr Braddock	Mr Pettersson
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury
Ms Cheyne	Mr Steel
Ms Clay	Ms Stephen-Smith
Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti
Mr Gentleman	
Ms Orr	

And so it was negated.

3 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSES—PETITIONS AND RESPONSE NOTED

Petitions

The Clerk announced that the following Members had lodged petitions for presentation:

Ms Lee, from 444 and 186 residents, respectively, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to conduct a whole of suburb review of the parking and traffic problems in Campbell, with a view to implementing a parking and traffic management plan for the whole suburb (pet 40-21, e-Pet 21-21).

Pursuant to standing order 99A, these petitions stand referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services.

Ministerial response

The Clerk announced that the following response to a petition had been lodged:

Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services), dated 15 September 2021—Response to e-petition No 19-21, lodged by Mr Cain on 22 June 2021, concerning the closure of community green waste and landscaping supplies at Canberra Sand and Gravel in West Belconnen.

The Speaker proposed—That the petitions and response so lodged be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)—A.C.T. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health) made a ministerial statement to update the Assembly on the ACT Government response to the COVID-19 emergency and presented the following papers:

Consideration of human rights implications of imposed Public Health Emergency Directions—Update: October 2021, dated 6 October 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)—ACT Government response—Ministerial statement, 6 October 2021.

Ms Stephen-Smith moved—That the Assembly take note of the Ministerial statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would allow Mrs Kikkert to move a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Corrections.

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

6 MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS—PROPOSED MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

Mrs Kikkert moved—That the Assembly express no confidence in Mr Gentleman as Minister for Corrections.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 6		NOES, 13	
Mr Cain		Ms Berry	Ms Orr
Ms Castley		Mr Braddock	Dr Paterson
Mr Hanson		Ms Burch	Mr Pettersson
Mrs Kikkert		Ms Cheyne	Mr Rattenbury
Ms Lee		Ms Clay	Mr Steel
Mr Parton		Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti
		Mr Gentleman	

And so it was negatived.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—APPROPRIATION BILL 2021-2022 AND APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2021-2022

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) any business before the Assembly at 5 pm on 6 October 2021 being interrupted to allow the Treasurer to be called on forthwith to present the Appropriation Bill 2021-2022 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022;
- (2) where business before the Assembly has concluded before 5 pm on 6 October 2021, the Assembly shall suspend proceedings and reconvene at 5pm to allow the Treasurer to be called on forthwith to present the Appropriation Bill 2021-2022 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022;

- (3) at 4 pm on 8 October 2021, the order of the day for resumption of debate on the question that Appropriation Bill 2021-2022 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022; be agreed to in principle, being called on notwithstanding any business before the Assembly; and
- (4) debate on any motion before the Assembly at the time of interruption being adjourned until the adjournment questions in relation to the Appropriation Bill 2021-2022 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022 are determined.

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

8 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 9—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mr Hanson (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 9, dated 28 September 2021, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

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

9 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 5—DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO 364—GUNGALIN TOWN CENTRE: AMENDMENTS TO THE GUNGALIN PRECINCT MAP AND CODE—REPORT NOTED

Ms Clay (Chair) presented the following report:

Planning, Transport and City Services—Standing Committee—Report 5—*Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No 364—Gungahlin Town Centre: Amendments to the Gungahlin precinct map and code* (Copy), dated 30 September 2021, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE SUPPORT FUNCTION—REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STATEMENT BY CHAIR—PAPER

Ms Burch (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, made a statement concerning a review of the committee support function conducted by Dr Rosemary Laing, Specialist Adviser and, by leave, presented the following paper:

Review of the Committee Support Function—Report to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure, prepared by Dr Rosemary Laing, Specialist Adviser, dated 17 August 2021.

11 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—PETITIONS—CHISHOLM VILLAGE—DEVELOPMENT AND YERRABI POND—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Clay (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that, following consideration of petitions concerning proposed development of Chisholm Village, and the Minister's response, the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services would not be inquiring further into the matters raised in e-petition 10-21 and petition 11-21.

Ms Clay also informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services had considered petition 14-21 concerning Yerrabi Pond, and the Minister's commitments contained in his response, and had resolved not to inquire further in the matters raised in the petition.

12 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—PETITION—IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED SPEED LIMITS IN PARTS OF CIVIC—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Clay (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services had resolved to conduct an inquiry into, and report on, e-petition 31-21 concerning the implementation of revised speed limits in parts of Civic.

13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRIES—AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS NOS 3/2021, 5/2021 AND 7/2021—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mrs Kikkert (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts had considered, and resolved to inquire further into, the following Auditor-General's Reports—

No 3/2021—Court Transport Unit Vehicle—Romeo 5;

No 5/2021—Management of Closed-Circuit Television Systems; and

No 7/2021—Procurement exemptions and value for money.

14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 4/2021—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mrs Kikkert (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts had resolved to note and not inquire further into Auditor-General's Report No 4/2021—ACT Government's vehicle emissions reduction activities.

15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 6/2021—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mrs Kikkert (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts had inquired into Auditor-General's Report No 6/2021—Teaching Quality in ACT Public Schools, and had resolved to bring it to the attention of the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion for consideration.

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

17 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General Act, pursuant to subsection 17(5)—Auditor-General's Report
No 8/2021—Canberra Light Rail Stage 2a: Economic Analysis dated 24 September 2021.

Bills referred to Committees, pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended 11 February, 30 March, 22 April and 16 September 2021—
Correspondence—Not inquired into—

Financial Management Amendment Bill 2021—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the
Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, dated 27 September 2021.

Operational Efficiencies (COVID-19) Legislation Amendment Bill 2021—Copy of letter
to the Speaker from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community
Safety, dated 24 September 2021.

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act, pursuant to subsection 20(2)—
Independent Reviewer—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2021, dated
27 September 2021, prepared by Professor Dennis Pearce AO.

Inspector of Correctional Services Act, pursuant to subsection 30(2)—Report of a Review
of a Critical Incident by the ACT Inspector of Correctional Services—Use of force to
conduct a strip search at the Alexander Maconochie Centre on 11 January 2021
(CIR 01/21)—Corrigenda, dated 17 September 2021.

18 GENDER INEQUALITY

Ms Orr, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) gender inequality, including inequality of pay, has been impacting women in Australia and around the world for centuries;
 - (b) reducing gendered inequality in the workplace and more broadly is ongoing and will require many different initiatives and responses;
 - (c) as a transparency and accountability tool, the gender pay gap has provided a headline measure of how equally men and women have or have not been remunerated for their work;
 - (d) in Australia, the national gender pay gap has reduced from a high of 18.5 percent in November 2014 to 13.4 percent in November 2020, although there has subsequently been an increase back up to 14.2 percent as of May 2021 and, in the ACT, the gender pay gap is 7.9 percent;
 - (e) the ACT Government has done effective work to reduce gender inequality within its own workforce which is reflected in its high female participation rates and low gender pay gap;

- (f) as a result of the good work by the ACT Government and public service, the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) has an overall gender pay gap of one percent or less, with 65 percent of ACTPS employees being women;
 - (g) to build on the work already undertaken, starting in the 2022-23 financial year, directorates will be directed to report on gender action plans and gender impact assessments in their annual reports;
 - (h) while this is an overall excellent outcome, there remains a lack of reporting available on the breakdown between directorates;
 - (i) there is also a lack of reporting on the difference in outcomes between executive and non-executive levels; and
 - (j) these details are useful in identifying areas where further gains in gender equality and equal remuneration can be focused; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) undertake more detailed reporting on the gender pay gap in the ACTPS;
 - (b) include in this undertaking a breakdown of the gender gap between:
 - (i) directorates; and
 - (ii) executive and non-executive levels in the ACTPS; and
 - (c) identify possible reporting mechanisms that capture:
 - (i) gender gaps between full-time, part-time and casual employees; and
 - (ii) a breakdown of the pay gap experienced by women from diverse groups (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and people with a disability).

Debate ensued.

Ms Lawder, who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed the Assembly and moved the following amendment: Add:

- “(iii) a breakdown of the pay gap experienced by non-binary and gender-diverse people from diverse groups (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and people with a disability).”.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) gender inequality, including inequality of pay, has been impacting women in Australia and around the world for centuries;
 - (b) reducing gendered inequality in the workplace and more broadly is ongoing and will require many different initiatives and responses;

- (c) as a transparency and accountability tool, the gender pay gap has provided a headline measure of how equally men and women have or have not been remunerated for their work;
 - (d) in Australia, the national gender pay gap has reduced from a high of 18.5 percent in November 2014 to 13.4 percent in November 2020, although there has subsequently been an increase back up to 14.2 percent as of May 2021 and, in the ACT, the gender pay gap is 7.9 percent;
 - (e) the ACT Government has done effective work to reduce gender inequality within its own workforce which is reflected in its high female participation rates and low gender pay gap;
 - (f) as a result of the good work by the ACT Government and public service, the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) has an overall gender pay gap of one percent or less, with 65 percent of ACTPS employees being women;
 - (g) to build on the work already undertaken, starting in the 2022-23 financial year, directorates will be directed to report on gender action plans and gender impact assessments in their annual reports;
 - (h) while this is an overall excellent outcome, there remains a lack of reporting available on the breakdown between directorates;
 - (i) there is also a lack of reporting on the difference in outcomes between executive and non-executive levels; and
 - (j) these details are useful in identifying areas where further gains in gender equality and equal remuneration can be focused; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) undertake more detailed reporting on the gender pay gap in the ACTPS;
 - (b) include in this undertaking a breakdown of the gender gap between:
 - (i) directorates; and
 - (ii) executive and non-executive levels in the ACTPS; and
 - (c) identify possible reporting mechanisms that capture:
 - (i) gender gaps between full-time, part-time and casual employees;
 - (ii) a breakdown of the pay gap experienced by women from diverse groups (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, and people with a disability); and
 - (iii) a breakdown of the pay gap experienced by non-binary and gender-diverse people from diverse groups (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and people with a disability).”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

19 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES

Ms Lee, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) 2021 Cost of Living Report, which highlights steep increases to cost of living as a driving factor for high rates of poverty in the ACT, including:
 - (i) 27.7 percent increase to electricity costs over five years;
 - (ii) 26.2 percent increase to gas costs over five years;
 - (iii) 18.6 percent increase to health costs over five years;
 - (iv) 18 percent increase to education costs over five years; and
 - (v) 15.7 percent increase to housing costs over five years;
 - (b) that ACTCOSS estimates 38 000 Canberrans are living in poverty, including 9300 children, which equates to nine percent of the total population;
 - (c) that the loss of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ACT lockdown have disproportionately affected the Canberrans living in poverty; and
 - (d) the last review of the ACT Concessions Program was in 2017; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) recognise that many Canberra families have, for many years, been subjected to increased cost of living pressures that have been exacerbated by the economic impacts of COVID-19;
 - (b) recognise the significant economic value and direct role the community services sector plays in improving the wellbeing of all Canberrans;
 - (c) undertake a full review of the purpose, adequacy, fairness and impacts of the ACT Targeted Assistance Strategy to ensure concessions are targeted to need, by June 2022; and
 - (d) report to the Assembly on progress of the review in March 2022.

Ms Berry (Deputy Chief Minister) moved the following amendment: Omit all text after “notes” (first occurring), substitute:

- “(a) Canberrans enjoy, overall, a high standard of living, with access to free high-quality healthcare, free quality public education, and well planned and delivered infrastructure;
- (b) the ACT unemployment rate remains one of the lowest rates in Australia;
- (c) the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a growth in inequality around the world, and Australia and the ACT have not been immune to this global trend; and
- (d) the Commonwealth Government’s refusal to reinstate the JobSeeker scheme in 2021, and its insistence on imminently halting COVID-specific support payments despite an ongoing COVID-19 outbreak in the ACT, have and will hurt many Canberrans reliant on them to cover essential living costs;

- (2) also notes that, over the past year, the ACT Government has focussed on:
 - (a) protecting the health of the community through a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic and a significant local outbreak of COVID-19;
 - (b) running an effective and efficient mass vaccination program to reach as close to 100 percent COVID-19 vaccination rate for the eligible ACT population as possible;
 - (c) supporting our most vulnerable through the pandemic and its associated economic effects; and
 - (d) fostering a strong economic recovery to create more secure and well paid jobs, as one of the best ways to address inequality in the community;
- (3) further notes the ACT Government is directly addressing inequality and hardship through the pandemic by, amongst other measures:
 - (a) establishing the largest business support grants program in the ACT's history to keep local small businesses afloat;
 - (b) introducing a rental eviction moratorium for impacted residential tenants as well as additional rental support for residential and commercial tenants and landlords;
 - (c) increasing the utilities concession by over 40 percent, from \$700 to \$1 000 a year;
 - (d) making thousands of free training places available so that school leavers, the unemployed, and those looking to upskill are able to train for a new job;
 - (e) funding for community and support groups to keep more Canberrans who are at risk of homelessness, or handling mental health issues, in secure and safe accommodation, and provide the support they need;
 - (f) investing \$100 million to increase and improve affordable and public housing, one of the single largest housing investments in the ACT's history;
 - (g) providing additional funding to legal aid and community legal centres to support the crucial services they provide to disadvantaged members of the community;
 - (h) providing funding to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Commissioner to help end the adverse experiences of young First Nations people in ACT child protection; and
 - (i) providing additional funding to community sector organisations providing emergency food relief for those in need;
- (4) further notes, the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement commits the ACT Government to a range of measures to target the complex and intersecting causes of poverty, including:
 - (a) reviewing and increasing funding for the community sector;
 - (b) increasing emergency accommodation funding;
 - (c) expanding specialist homelessness service capacity;

- (d) improving the extended care system for 18 to 21 year olds in the out of home care system; and
 - (e) amending the Rental Tenancies Act to end no cause evictions and to make other improvements for people who rent;
- (5) finally notes that, over the past five years, the Government has instituted a range of measures to reduce daily costs on homebuyers, households and businesses, such as:
- (a) continuing the expansion of the Nurse-Led Walk-In and Health Centre network across the ACT, to provide free medical treatment for Canberra families;
 - (b) establishing the \$150 million Sustainable Household Scheme so that Canberrans can access interest-free loans to install solar panels and heat pumps and reduce their electricity bills;
 - (c) abolishing stamp duty for eligible first home buyers;
 - (d) setting the payroll tax threshold at the highest in the country, meaning most ACT businesses pay no payroll tax;
 - (e) continuing to provide Chromebooks to ACT public school students in Years 7 to 12, saving parents and carers hundreds of dollars; and
 - (f) establishing the Motor Accident Injury Scheme to drive down premiums and improve access to support for injured drivers; and
- (6) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) use every tool at its disposal to foster a strong and fair economic recovery from the pandemic-induced economic downturn, while continuing to address day-to-day cost stresses; and
 - (b) review and update the ACT's Targeted Assistance Strategy in the first half of 2022, with potential measures to be considered as part of the 2022-23 Budget."

Debate continued.

Ordered—That the question be divided.

Paragraphs (1) to (5)—Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 14		NOES, 7
Ms Berry	Dr Paterson	Mr Cain
Mr Braddock	Mr Pettersson	Ms Castley
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson
Ms Cheyne	Mr Steel	Mrs Jones
Ms Clay	Ms Stephen-Smith	Mrs Kikkert
Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti	Ms Lee
Mr Davis		Mr Parton
Mr Gentleman		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph (6)—Agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

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 - (b) the ACT unemployment rate remains one of the lowest rates in Australia;
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 - (a) protecting the health of the community through a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic and a significant local outbreak of COVID-19;
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 - (c) supporting our most vulnerable through the pandemic and its associated economic effects; and
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- (3) further notes the ACT Government is directly addressing inequality and hardship through the pandemic by, amongst other measures:
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- (e) funding for community and support groups to keep more Canberrans who are at risk of homelessness, or handling mental health issues, in secure and safe accommodation, and provide the support they need;
 - (f) investing \$100 million to increase and improve affordable and public housing, one of the single largest housing investments in the ACT's history;
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 - (b) increasing emergency accommodation funding;
 - (c) expanding specialist homelessness service capacity;
 - (d) improving the extended care system for 18 to 21 year olds in the out of home care system; and
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 - (f) establishing the Motor Accident Injury Scheme to drive down premiums and improve access to support for injured drivers; and

- (6) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) use every tool at its disposal to foster a strong and fair economic recovery from the pandemic-induced economic downturn, while continuing to address day-to-day cost stresses; and
 - (b) review and update the ACT's Targeted Assistance Strategy in the first half of 2022, with potential measures to be considered as part of the 2022-23 Budget."—

be agreed to—put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: The Speaker, at 4.55 pm, suspended the sitting and announced that the Chair would be resumed at the ringing of the bells.

Resumption of sitting: The bells having been rung, the Speaker resumed the Chair at 5 pm.

20 APPROPRIATION BILL 2021-2022

Mr Barr (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money for the purposes of the Territory for the financial year beginning 1 July 2021, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Barr presented the following papers:

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

Budget 2021-22—Financial Management Act—Pursuant to section 10—

Budget Presentation Speech.

Budget Outlook.

Budget Statements—

A— ACT Electoral Commission | ACT Executive | ACT Integrity Commission | Auditor-General | Office of the Legislative Assembly.

B—Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD), together with associated agencies.

C—ACT Health Directorate | Canberra Health Services | ACT Local Hospital Network.

D—Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Legal Aid Commission (ACT) | Public Trustee and Guardian for the ACT.

E—Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | City Renewal Authority | Suburban Land Agency.

F—Education Directorate.

G—Community Services Directorate | Housing ACT.

H—Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | Transport Canberra Operations | Cemeteries and Crematoria Authority.

I—Major Projects Canberra.

Indicative Land Release Program 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Financial Management Act—Pursuant to subsection 62(1)—Statements of Intent—2021-22—

ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority, dated 6, 21 and 22 September 2021.

Long Service Leave Authority, dated 6 May and 9 August 2021.

Title read by Clerk.

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

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

21 APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2021-2022

Mr Barr (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money for expenditure in relation to the Office of the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Assembly for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2021, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Barr presented the following papers:

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

Budget 2022-21—Financial Management Act, pursuant to section 20AC—Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022—Departures from Recommended Appropriations—Statement of Reasons.

Title read by Clerk.

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

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

22 CITY RENEWAL AUTHORITY AND SUBURBAN LAND AGENCY AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Ms Berry (Minister for Housing and Suburban Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017*.

Paper: Ms Berry 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.

Ms Berry moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

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

23 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Hanson moved—That leave of absence be granted to Mr Milligan for today's sitting for personal reasons.

Question—put and passed.

24 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 5.44 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Mr Milligan*.

*on leave

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly