



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2020–2021

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 28

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 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 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Hanson moved—That leave of absence be granted to Ms Lee for this sitting week due to her attendance at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow.

Question—put and passed.

3 PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSES—PETITIONS AND RESPONSE NOTED

Petitions

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

Ms Vassarotti, from 50 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to build a public toilet facility at the Hackett Shops (e-Pet 12-21).

Ms Lawder, from 52 residents, requesting that the Assembly call upon the Government to improve Fadden Hills Pond playground by removing the tower and replacing it with another useful piece of play equipment (e-Pet 27-21).

Ms Clay, from 251 residents, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to upgrade the Melba recreational space to a space that can be used by the community by building a nature-based playground; seating, tables and drinking fountains; a carpark; a learn-to-ride space; and a barbecue, and by upgrading the toilet block and basketball courts (e-Pet 15-21).

Dr Paterson, from 406 and 149 residents, respectively, requesting that the Assembly call on the ACT Government to quickly fund, co-ordinate and install an LED lighting system on the irrigated field at Waramanga near Arawang Primary School (e-Pet 26-21 and Pet 43-21).

Pursuant to standing order 99A, e-petition 26-21 and petition 43-21 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:

Ms Berry (Deputy Chief Minister), dated 27 October 2021—Response to e-petition No 22-21, lodged by Mr Pettersson on 3 August 2021, concerning upgrades to amenities at the Nicholls oval.

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

Debate ensued.

Papers: Ms Clay, by leave, presented the following papers:

Petitions which do not conform with the standing orders—Melba recreational space—Ms Clay (185 and 95 signatures).

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

4 PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—MELBA RECREATIONAL SPACE—PETITION AND OUT-OF-ORDER PETITIONS

Ms Clay, by leave, moved—That e-petition No 15-21 and two out-of-order petitions relating to the Melba recreational space be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services.

Question—put and passed.

5 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:

Status of the Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19—Chief Health Officer Report 19—October 2021, dated 13 October 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)—ACT Government response—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE—HARM MINIMISATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health) made a ministerial statement concerning a harm minimisation approach to alcohol and other drug use, in response to the resolution of the Assembly of 20 August 2020, and presented the following paper:

Alcohol and other drug use—Harm minimisation—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 COVID-19 SAFE RETURN TO EDUCATION SETTINGS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Ms Berry (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) made a ministerial statement concerning a safe return to education settings and presented the following paper:

COVID-19 safe return to education settings—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

Ms Berry moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

8 A.C.T. HOUSING STRATEGY—YEAR 3 REPORT CARD—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED

Ms Berry (Minister for Housing and Suburban Development) made a ministerial statement to update the Assembly on the third year of implementation of the ACT Housing Strategy and presented the following papers:

ACT Housing Strategy—Year 3 Report Card, dated November 2021.

ACT Housing Strategy—Year 3 Report Card—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

Ms Berry moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 A.C.T. HIGH-RISK WEATHER SEASON PREPAREDNESS AND SEASONAL OUTLOOK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Mr Gentleman (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) made a ministerial statement concerning the 2021-22 high-risk weather season and presented the following paper:

ACT high-risk weather season preparedness and seasonal outlook—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

Mr Gentleman moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

10 CORRECTIONS UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Mr Gentleman (Minister for Corrections) made a ministerial statement to update the Assembly on key corrections initiatives and presented the following paper:

Corrections update—Ministerial statement, 9 November 2021.

Mr Gentleman moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11 CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003*.

Paper: Mr Rattenbury presented the following paper:

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

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Rattenbury 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.

12 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 10—STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mr Hanson (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 10, dated 2 November 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.

13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Mr Gentleman moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Notice No 3, Assembly business relating to the reporting date for the standing committee inquiries into the 2021-22 Budget being called on and debated forthwith.

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

14 STANDING COMMITTEES—ESTABLISHMENT—AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES REPORTING DATE

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved—That, because of the unprecedented public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the resolution of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended 11 February, 30 March, 22 April and 16 September 2021, which established general purpose standing committees, be amended by inserting paragraph (7A) as follows:

“(7A) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (7), expenditure proposals contained in the 2021-2022 appropriation bills for the Territory and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2021-2022 Budget stand referred to the relevant standing committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2021;”.

Paper: Mr Gentleman presented the following paper:

Estimates reporting—Copy of letter to the Clerk, copied to Committee Chairs, from the Manager of Government Business, dated 14 October 2021.

Mr Hanson moved the following amendment: In new paragraph 7A, omit “report by 12 November 2021”, substitute “report by 19 November 2021”.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7

Ms Castley
Mr Hanson
Mrs Jones
Mrs Kikkert
Ms Lawder
Mr Milligan
Mr Parton

NOES, 14

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

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

15 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

16 A.C.T. INTEGRITY COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—SPEAKER'S RULING

The Speaker made a statement concerning ministerial responsibility for the ACT Integrity Commission, in relation to a question without notice asked by Mr Davis of the Chief Minister on 8 October 2021 regarding community confidence in exposing and eliminating corruption should it exist in the ACT.

The Speaker ruled that Mr Davis' question was in order as, under the current Administrative Arrangements, the Chief Minister has responsibility for integrity policy and for executing and maintaining the *Integrity Commission Act 2018*.

17 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

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—Hostage taking incident at the Alexander Maconochie Centre on 27 March 2021 (CIR 02/21), dated October 2021.

Legislative Assembly (Members' Superannuation) Act, pursuant to section 11A—Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Board—Annual Report 2020-21, dated 11 October 2021.

Territory Rights—Resolution of the Assembly of 8 October 2021—Correspondence from—

Senator The Hon Kim Carr, dated 18 October 2021, together with a copy of a report by the Senate's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, entitled *Ensuring Northern Territory Rights Bill 2021*.

Senator The Hon Zed Seselja, dated 4 November 2021, together with a copy of correspondence from Senator Dr Sam McMahon.

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

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Amendment Bill 2021—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services, dated 18 October 2021.

Planning and Unit Titles Legislation Amendment Bill 2021—Copy of letter to the Speaker from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services, dated 18 October 2021.

Standing order 191—Amendments to the Operational Efficiencies (COVID-19) Legislation Amendment Bill 2021, dated 11 and 12 October 2021.

18 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) presented the following papers:

A Step Up for Our Kids—Snapshot Report—A presentation of data covering 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021.

Auditor-General Act, pursuant to subsection 21(2)—Auditor-General's Reports—Government responses—

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

No 6/2021—Teaching Quality in ACT Public Schools, dated October 2021.

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

Bimberi Youth Justice Centre—Bimberi Headline Indicators Report 2020-2021, dated November 2021.

COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, pursuant to subsection 3(3)—COVID-19 Measures—Report No 12—Reporting period 1 July to 30 September 2021, dated October 2021.

COVID-19 pandemic—Social and economic recovery—Response to the resolution of the Assembly of 7 October 2021, dated 9 November 2021.

Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to section 39—Copies of notices provided to the Ombudsman—Freedom of Information requests—Decisions not made in time—

Community Services Directorate (CYF-21/15), dated 29 April 2021.

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (21/62059), dated 5 November 2021.

Our Booris, Our Way—Implementation update (January to June 2021), dated 9 November 2021.

Subordinate legislation (including explanatory statements unless otherwise stated)

Legislation Act, pursuant to section 64—

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act—Cemeteries and Crematoria (Fees) Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-248 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act—Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) (Fees) Determination 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-241 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Domestic Animals Act—

Domestic Animals (Exercise Areas) Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-230 (LR, 13 September 2021).

Domestic Animals (Prohibited Areas) Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-231 (LR, 13 September 2021).

Electoral Act—Electoral (Commission Chairperson) Appointment 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-225 (LR, 9 September 2021).

Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT)—

Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT) Operating Requirements 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-226 (LR, 16 September 2021).

Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ACT) Participation Rules 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-227 (LR, 16 September 2021).

Emergencies Act—Emergencies (Bushfire Council Members) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-232 (LR, 16 September 2021).

Gambling and Racing Control Act and Financial Management Act—Gambling and Racing Control (Governing Board) Appointment 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-242 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act—Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (Disclosure Guidelines) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-238 (LR, 27 September 2021).

Liquor Regulation—Liquor (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Permit Fee Waiver) Declaration 2021 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-244 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act—Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods (Monitored Medicine) Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-224 (LR, 9 September 2021).

Official Visitor Act—Official Visitor (Children and Young People) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-249 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Planning and Development Act—Planning and Development (Remission of Lease Variation Charges—Construction Sector Recovery) Amendment Determination 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-243 (LR, 29 September 2021).

Public Health Act—

Public Health (Health Care Facility) Code of Practice 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-240 (LR, 27 September 2021).

Public Health (Health Care Facility) Risk Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-239 (LR, 27 September 2021).

Public Place Names Act—

Public Place Names (Franklin) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-245 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Public Place Names (Gungahlin District) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-246 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Radiation Protection Act—Radiation Protection (Council Member, Chair and Deputy Chair) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-221 (LR, 2 September 2021).

Road Transport (General) Act—

Road Transport (General) (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Application Order 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-222 (LR, 3 September 2021).

Road Transport (General) (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Taxi Industry) Application Order 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-229 (LR, 10 September 2021).

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (COVID-19 Parking Arrangements) Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-223 (LR, 3 September 2021).

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (COVID-19 Parking Arrangements) Declaration 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-236 (LR, 17 September 2021).

Road Transport (Offences) Regulation—Road Transport (Offences) Application to Holiday Period Declaration 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-247 (LR, 30 September 2021).

Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation—Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Parking Authority Declaration 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-250 (LR, 11 October 2021).

Tree Protection Act—

Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-233 (LR, 20 September 2021).

Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-234 (LR, 20 September 2021).

Utilities Act—

Utilities (Licensing) Exemption 2021 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-237 (LR, 24 September 2021).

Utilities (NERL retailers—Application of Industry Codes) Determination 2021—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-228 (LR, 9 September 2021).

Veterinary Practice Act—Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2021 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2021-235 (LR, 20 September 2021).

19 A STEP UP FOR OUR KIDS—SNAPSHOT REPORT AND OUR BOORIS, OUR WAY—IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE—PAPERS NOTED

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to standing order 211, moved—That the Assembly take note of the following papers:

A Step Up for Our Kids—Snapshot Report—A presentation of data covering 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021.

Our Booris, Our Way—Implementation update (January to June 2021).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

20 BIMBERI YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE—BIMBERI HEADLINE INDICATORS REPORT 2020-2021—PAPER NOTED

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to standing order 211, moved—That the Assembly take note of the following paper:

Bimberi Youth Justice Centre—Bimberi Headline Indicators Report 2020-2021.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

21 CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Mr Cain, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003*.

Paper: Mr Cain presented an explanatory statement to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Gentleman—Minister for Planning and Land Management) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 HOUSING AND RENTAL AFFORDABILITY

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the CoreLogic Quarterly Rental Review published on 26 October 2021 indicated the ACT has the highest median rental price in Australia, at \$633 per week;
 - (b) SQM Research reports that, as of September 2021, the residential vacancy rate in the ACT was 0.8 percent, while other sources report it was less than this;
 - (c) steep increases in property prices are causing property owners to seek rental returns beyond the reach of average Canberrans; and
 - (d) escalating rent levels are making it almost impossible to find a place to live in Canberra;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) ACT property industry reports state the asking price for the majority of stand-alone houses is near, or over a million dollars;
 - (b) the difference between the median price for a unit and the median price of a detached house continues to increase;
 - (c) the ACT's current housing prices threaten to deny an entire generation of aspirational homeowners from ever doing so;
 - (d) Canberrans are in such a state of desperation that in a recent Suburban Land Agency ballot for Taylor, 7484 people applied for a chance to secure 115 blocks of land, of which, only 17 were in the RZ1 Zone;
 - (e) housing insecurity has a detrimental effect on the mental health of those Canberrans worried about getting a place to live and to raise a family;

- (f) the ACT Government's escalating land taxes and residential rates, its disincentives on owners renting their properties and deliberate restrictions on land supply are all contributing to increasing rent levels, the availability of rental properties and housing supply in the ACT; and
 - (g) the Government has, at its disposal, a range of policy levers and budgetary tools to ameliorate this terrible situation but refuses to do so; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) declare a housing crisis in the ACT;
 - (b) conduct an independent review on the impact of ACT Government policy on the rising cost of house prices and rent levels; and
 - (c) report back to this Assembly by 30 June 2022.

Ms Berry (Minister for Housing and Suburban Development) moved the following amendment: Omit all text after "notes" first occurring, substitute:

- "(a) there is a housing affordability crisis unfolding across the OECD, including in Australia. The ACT is not immune from this;
 - (b) higher-than-average incomes can hide the challenges lower income families can face in the private rental market;
 - (c) the CoreLogic Quarterly Rental Review published on 26 October 2021 indicated the ACT has the highest median rental price in Australia, at \$633 per week; and
 - (d) SQM Research reports that, as of September 2021, the residential vacancy rate in the ACT was 0.8 percent;
- (2) further notes:
- (a) the 10th Assembly Parliamentary and Governing Agreement commits the Government to implementing policies designed to improve housing affordability;
 - (b) the strong ACT Government commitment to public housing and continued investment in the growth and renewal of public housing with \$100 million committed in the 2021-2022 ACT Budget;
 - (c) the release of the Year 3 Report Card of the ACT Housing Strategy, built on thousands of community voices, implementing 74 actions to address housing and homelessness across the spectrum; and
 - (d) the commitment to increase specialist homelessness services with over \$10 million committed over the last two budgets; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) continue to implement the 10th Assembly Parliamentary and Governing Agreement;
 - (b) continue to lobby the Commonwealth Government to take measures to improve housing affordability, including to create a national housing and homelessness strategy;

- (c) continue to implement the ACT Housing Strategy to support the growth of social, community and affordable housing; and
- (d) review and assess the levers available to the ACT Government to address housing and rental affordability, as part of the ACT Housing Strategy and provide an update to the Assembly by the last sitting day in 2022.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 15		NOES, 8
Ms Berry	Ms Orr	Mr Cain
Mr Braddock	Dr Paterson	Ms Castley
Ms Burch	Mr Pettersson	Mr Hanson
Ms Cheyne	Mr Rattenbury	Mrs Jones
Ms Clay	Mr Steel	Mrs Kikkert
Ms Davidson	Ms Stephen-Smith	Ms Lawder
Mr Davis	Ms Vassarotti	Mr Milligan
Mr Gentleman		Mr Parton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) there is a housing affordability crisis unfolding across the OECD, including in Australia. The ACT is not immune from this;
 - (b) higher-than-average incomes can hide the challenges lower income families can face in the private rental market;
 - (c) the CoreLogic Quarterly Rental Review published on 26 October 2021 indicated the ACT has the highest median rental price in Australia, at \$633 per week; and
 - (d) SQM Research reports that, as of September 2021, the residential vacancy rate in the ACT was 0.8 percent;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) the 10th Assembly Parliamentary and Governing Agreement commits the Government to implementing policies designed to improve housing affordability;
 - (b) the strong ACT Government commitment to public housing and continued investment in the growth and renewal of public housing with \$100 million committed in the 2021-2022 ACT Budget;

- (c) the release of the Year 3 Report Card of the ACT Housing Strategy, built on thousands of community voices, implementing 74 actions to address housing and homelessness across the spectrum; and
- (d) the commitment to increase specialist homelessness services with over \$10 million committed over the last two budgets; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) continue to implement the 10th Assembly Parliamentary and Governing Agreement;
 - (b) continue to lobby the Commonwealth Government to take measures to improve housing affordability, including to create a national housing and homelessness strategy;
 - (c) continue to implement the ACT Housing Strategy to support the growth of social, community and affordable housing; and
 - (d) review and assess the levers available to the ACT Government to address housing and rental affordability, as part of the ACT Housing Strategy and provide an update to the Assembly by the last sitting day in 2022.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

23 PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE SCHEMES

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

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) increasing trend towards insecure and casualised work that impacts modern employment patterns with only one in four Australians staying with the same employer for more than 10 years;
 - (b) impact that transient and insecure work has on workers in some industries who are unable to accrue leave over long periods of time;
 - (c) importance of equitable access to long service leave as a workplace entitlement; and
 - (d) success of the existing portable long service leave schemes in protecting transient workers who may remain in the same industry but move between employers;
- (2) acknowledges the:
 - (a) work that has already been done by the ACT Government to establish successful portable long service leave schemes for a number of industries, such as construction, contract cleaning, community sector and security; and
 - (b) commitment from the ACT Government to work with Hair Stylists Australia to develop portable long service leave for hairdressers; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) expand the *Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act 2009* to include the contract catering industry and report on the progress of this to the Assembly by June 2022; and

- (b) investigate further industries for inclusion in portable long service leave schemes such as the hospitality industry. This investigative work should be undertaken in consultation with relevant trade unions and other stakeholders to ensure more workers receive fair entitlements.

Mr Cain moved the following amendment: Add:

- “(c) publish guidelines for ministerial decision-making under Part 2 Section 12 (Declarations by Minister—additional coverage of Act) and Part 2 Section 13 (Declarations by Minister—limitation to coverage of Act) of the *Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act 2009*.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Cain, who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed the Assembly.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8		NOES, 15	
Mr Cain		Ms Berry	Ms Orr
Ms Castley		Mr Braddock	Dr Paterson
Mr Hanson		Ms Burch	Mr Pettersson
Mrs Jones		Ms Cheyne	Mr Rattenbury
Mrs Kikkert		Ms Clay	Mr Steel
Ms Lawder		Ms Davidson	Ms Stephen-Smith
Mr Milligan		Mr Davis	Ms Vassarotti
Mr Parton		Mr Gentleman	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

24 EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Mr Gentleman (Minister for Police and Emergency Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Emergencies Act 2004*, and for other purposes.

Paper: Mr Gentleman presented the following paper:

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

Title read by Clerk.

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

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

25 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—ORDER OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended to substitute Private Members' business, notice No 6, from Ms Castley with the motion circulated by Mr Hanson concerning correspondence from Senator Seselja.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

26 WITHDRAWAL OF ASSERTIONS MADE AGAINST SENATORS

Mr Hanson sought leave to move a motion concerning the withdrawal of assertions made against Senators.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

27 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—PRECEDENCE TO PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

Mr Hanson moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would allow his motion to be debated.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 8

Mr Cain
Ms Castley
Mr Hanson
Mrs Jones
Mrs Kikkert
Ms Lawder
Mr Milligan
Mr Parton

NOES, 15

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

And so it was negatived.

28 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 6 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

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

*on leave

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly