



Inquiry update

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Madam/Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT to update the Assembly on the Committee's progress with its inquiry.

Members would be aware that Mr Saul Eslake was engaged to provide independent technical expertise to the Committee. The Committee released Mr Eslake's interim report on 2 March 2026 and his final report was due at the end of April. The Committee has received his final report and expects to publish it shortly.

The Committee notes that Mr Eslake's interim report made a significant contribution to public debate on the ACT's finances, and we trust that his final report will have a similar effect.

The Committee has a number of deadlines and events approaching.

- We have a public hearing with the Deputy Chief Minister on 19 May 2026 in relation to the cost effectiveness of the Government's housing and education services.
- The Government response to Mr Eslake's report and terms of reference 4(b) to 4(h) is due on 29 May 2026.
- The Committee has a public hearing with the Treasurer on 2 June 2026.
- The Government's Budget for 2026 is scheduled for 10 June 2026.
- The Committee has a public hearing with the Chief Minister on 16 June 2026 which will cover infrastructure, sourcing Commonwealth funds, and the Wellbeing framework.
- The Government response to the Committee's interim report is due on 24 July 2026.
- The Committee's final report is due on 28 August 2026.