



Matters of public importance

A summary of proceedings in the ACT Legislative Assembly during the sitting week 26 to 28 May 2026



Resignation of Member

- **The Speaker** informed the Assembly of the resignation of Mr Shane Rattenbury on 15 May 2026. *(on 26 May)*

The full text of statements can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)

Government business



Bills presented: 1

- **Crimes (Coercive Control) Amendment Bill 2026** presented by the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence *(on 28 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

All bills presented to the Assembly can be accessed at www.legislation.act.gov.au and a brief summary of each bill can be found in the [Summary of Bills](#) on the Assembly website once finalised



Bills debated: 1

- **City and Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** *(debated and passed on 27 May)*

The full text of debate on bills can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)



Ministerial statements made: 15

- **2026 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival** made by the Minister for Heritage *(on 26 May)*
- **2026 Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy** made by the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence *(on 27 May)*
- **2026 National Multicultural Festival** made by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs *(on 27 May)*
- **ACT public school system resourcing review** made by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood *(on 27 May)*
- **Canberra-Sydney rail** made by the Chief Minister *(on 26 May)*
- **Housing supply** made by the Chief Minister *(on 27 May)*
- **Intergovernmental co-operation** made by the Chief Minister *(on 28 May)*
- **Mental health and suicide prevention** made by the Minister for Mental Health *(on 28 May)*
- **Multiculturalism, anti-racism and anti-discrimination frameworks** made by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs *(on 27 May)*
- **NDIS and Foundational Supports** made by the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services *(on 27 May)*
- **New road safety framework** made by the Minister for City and Government Services *(on 26 May)*
- **Reconciliation Week 2026** made by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs *(on 28 May)*

-
- **Sportsgrounds** made by the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*on 26 May*)
 - **Term 3 2026 bus network and timetable** made by the Minister for Transport (*on 28 May*)
 - **Update on voluntary assisted dying** made by the Minister for Health (*on 27 May*)

The full text of statements can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)

Private members' business

Motions debated: 6



On Tuesday

- **ACT educators' industrial action** moved by Ms Lee (*debated, amended and agreed to*)
- **Proposed future planning of public transport services** moved by Mr Braddock and Ms Clay (*debated and negatived*)



On Wednesday

- **Whistleblower support** moved by Mr Emerson (*debated and agreed to*)
- **Occupational violence in the ACT public health system** moved by Mr Parton (*debated, amended and agreed to*)



On Thursday

- **Timelines and costing for Light Rail Stage 2B** moved by Mr Parton (*debated and negatived*)
- **Public schools funding cost recovery** moved by Ms Clay (*debated and agreed to*)

The full text of debate on these items is available on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised and can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site. The terms of the motions, and any amendments moved to those motions, can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#)

Assembly business



Motions debated:

- **Animal welfare management data**—Order for the production of documents moved by Ms Castely (*debated, amended and agreed to on 28 May*)
- **Proposed publication of public interest disclosure documents**—Suspension of standing orders to authorise publication of documents moved by Mr Emerson on 27 May (*debated and negatived on 28 May*)
- **Select Committee on Privileges 2026**—Amendment to the reporting date of the committee moved by Ms Lee (*debated and agreed to on 28 May*)

The full text of debate on these items is available on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised and can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site. The terms of the motions, and any amendments moved to those motions, can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#)

Members' 90 second statements made



On Tuesday: 3

- Hidden Disability Sunflower Initiative (Mr Cain)
- Pollution by fuel-powered vehicles (Mr Braddock)
- Tribute to Mr Neale Daniher (Mr Barr)



On Wednesday: 5

- Birthday greetings for Ms Hannah Hughes (Mr Emerson)
- Eleventh Panchen Lama of Tibet (Mr Braddock)
- Hands Across Canberra Fundraiser (Ms Clay)
- Hughes anniversary (Ms Carrick)
- Your Steps Matter (Mr Cain)



On Thursday: 4

- Active Democracy Bean (Ms Carrick)
- Healthcare access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (Mr Cain)
- LGBT+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day (Dr Paterson)
- Operation Formal Wear (Ms Tough)

The full text of the statements can be read on the [Hansard](#) site, and the speeches can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site

Petitions and petition responses presented



Petitions presented: 5

- **Gungahlin United Football Club** lodged by Mr Cain (26 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 26 May
- **Inner South health facility** lodged by Ms Lee (27 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 27 May
- **Reject the Curtin Presbytery development** lodged by Ms Carrick (28 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 28 May
- **Save our wombats** lodged by Ms Clay (27 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 27 May
- **Traffic lights at Tyagarah Street, O'Malley** lodged by Ms Carrick (27 May)

Petition responses from ministers presented: 5

- **Community-based Parkinson's Disease nurses** from the Minister for Health (26 May)
- **Diving and deep water facilities in new aquatic centre** from the Chief Minister (26 May)

-
- **Ice sports facilities in Tuggeranong** from the Minister for Health (26 May)
 - **International medical graduates in the ACT** from the Minister for Sport and Recreation (26 May)
 - **Save Big Splash** from the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development (26 May)

A copy of the terms of each petition can be found on the [Assembly website](#)

Papers presented



Papers were presented by the Speaker and Ministers on Tuesday and Thursday, including the following papers of interest:

Remuneration Tribunal Act, pursuant to section 10—Determinations, together with accompanying statements for:

Full-time Statutory Office Holders—Determination 2 of 2026, dated 7 May 2026.

Full-time Statutory Office-Holders: Auditor-General, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Electoral Commissioner—Determination 3 of 2026, dated 7 May 2026.

Head of Service—Directors-General and Executives—Determination 1 of 2026, dated 7 May 2026.

Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly—Determination 4 of 2026, dated 7 May 2026.

Part-time Public Officeholder—Independent Chair, Canberra Institute of Technology Academic Council—Determination 6 of 2026, dated 7 May 2026.

Details of papers presented can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#) and the majority of papers are available from the [Assembly website](#) in due course

Committee business



Committee reports presented:

- Environment and Planning—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25](#) (presented 26 May)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into legislation on proposed firearms reform](#) (presented 26 May)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)
[Scrutiny Report 19](#) (presented 26 May)
- Public Accounts and Administration—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25](#) (presented 26 May)
- Transport and City Services—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25](#) (presented 26 May)
- Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly – Final report](#) (presented 27 May)

Further information on committee business can be found on the [Assembly website](#)

Members

Electorate of Brindabella

- Ms Deborah Morris (Canberra Liberals)
- Miss Laura Nuttall (ACT Greens)
- Mr Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Caitlin Tough (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Ginninderra

- Ms Yvette Berry (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Peter Cain (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Tara Cheyne (Australian Labor Party)
- Ms Jo Clay (ACT Greens)
- Ms Chiaka Barry (Canberra Liberals)

Electorate of Kurrajong

- Mr Andrew Barr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Thomas Emerson (Independents for Canberra)
- Ms Elizabeth Lee (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith (Australian Labor Party)
- *(Vacant due to the resignation of Mr Shane Rattenbury)*

Electorate of Murrumbidgee

- Ms Fiona Carrick (Fiona Carrick Independents)
- Mr Ed Cocks (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC (Canberra Liberals)
- Dr Marisa Paterson (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Chris Steel (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Yerrabi

- Mr Andrew Braddock (ACT Greens)
- Ms Leanne Castley (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr James Milligan (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Suzanne Orr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Michael Pettersson (Australian Labor Party)

The Assembly will meet again on Wednesday, 10 June 2026

The Matters of public importance newsletter is produced by the Office of the Legislative Assembly.