# Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

**2024-2025-2026**

# Notice Paper

No 66

Thursday, 17 September 2026

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

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## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

*There are no items of Assembly business programmed for 17 September 2026.*

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## EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

### Notices

*1 **MS TOUGH**: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about victims of crime, and for other purposes. *(Notice given 16 September 2026.)*

2 **MS CHEYNE**: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about housing and consumer affairs. *(Notice given 15 September 2026.)*

### Orders of the day

1 **ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (VALIDATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 15 September 2026—Ms Lee)*.

2 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2026-2027**: *(Treasurer)*: Further consideration at detail stage—Schedule 1—Part 1.1—Education Directorate *(from 16 September 2026—Ms Stephen-Smith)*.

3 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2026-2027**: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

4 **BETTER REGULATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 May 2026—Ms Barry)*.

5 **LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2025:** *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 21 October 2025—Mr Hanson)*.

6 **MAGISTRATES COURT (INDICATIVE SENTENCING) AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 30 October 2025—Mr Hanson)*.

7 **FAMILY, PERSONAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 3 December 2025—Ms Castley)*.

8 **FIREARMS (PUBLIC SAFETY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: (*Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 February 2026—Ms Castley)*.

9 **FIREARMS (FIREARMS PROHIBITION ORDERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 24 February 2026—Ms Barry)*.

10 **PLANNING (MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 24 March 2026—Ms Lee)*.

11 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 May 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

12 **CRIMES (COERCIVE CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 28 May 2026—Ms Castley)*.

13 **EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Lee)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 11 June 2026.)*

14 **URBAN FOREST AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026.)*

*15 **GAMBLING AND RACING CONTROL (GAMBLING EXCLUSION) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Gaming Reform)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 16 September 2026—Mr Parton)*.

*16 **COMPETITION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 16 September 2026—Ms Lee)*.

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

1 **MR PARTON**: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Australian Government has introduced the Private Health Insurance Amendment (Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate) Bill 2026, which would remove the higher private health insurance rebate currently available to Australians aged 65 and over, with the proposed changes to commence on 1 April 2027;

(b) the Australian Government estimates the measure will affect approximately 3.2 million Australians aged 65 and over and result in approximately 44,000 fewer older Australians holding private health insurance by 2028-2029;

(c) recent polling indicates that almost 40 percent of seniors surveyed in outer-suburban and regional electorates are more likely to drop their private health insurance as a result of the proposed changes; and

(d) the ACT has one of the highest rates of private hospital insurance coverage in Australia, with 54.2 percent of the population holding hospital treatment cover as at December 2025, compared with 45.6 percent nationally;

(2) recognises that:

(a) private health insurance makes an important contribution to healthcare capacity in the ACT by supporting access to private hospital and specialist services and helping to reduce demand on the public hospital system; and

(b) the ACT public health system is already under significant strain, including workplace culture and morale challenges, the threat of occupational violence on the workforce, prolonged elective surgery waiting times and pressure on emergency departments, hospital beds and specialist services;

(3) further notes with concern the warnings from the New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmanian health ministers that removing the higher rebate for older Australians risks increasing demand for public hospitals and shifting additional costs and demand from the Commonwealth to state and territory health systems;

(4) considers that increasing the cost of private health insurance for older Australians risks encouraging some people to downgrade or abandon their private cover, placing additional pressure on the ACT's public hospitals and potentially increasing demand for public hospital services; and

(5) calls on the Government to:

(a) make representations to the Australian Government urging it to abandon the proposed removal of the higher private health insurance rebate for Australians aged 65 and over;

(b) write to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, outlining the ACT Government's opposition to the proposed changes and the potential impact on the ACT public health system; and

(c) provide a copy of that correspondence to the Assembly within 30 days of this motion passing. (*Notice given 14 September 2026. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A.*)

## Orders of the day

1 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 December 2025—Mr Barr)*.

2 **LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PORTABLE SCHEMES) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Cocks)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 5 May 2026—Mr Pettersson)*.

3 **ELECTORAL (GAMBLING INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Emerson)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders on 11 June 2026.)*

4 **ROAD TRANSPORT (ALCOHOL AND DRUGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026.)*

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## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

## Order of the day

**First sitting day of February 2027**

1 **SOCIAL POLICY—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report on endometriosis and other pelvic pain conditions, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 4 December 2025.

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## INQUIRIES INTO BILLS BY COMMITTEES

*(pursuant to standing order 174)*

**16 October 2026**

**Referred to Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026**

**ROAD TRANSPORT (ALCOHOL AND DRUGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*.

**21 October 2026**

**Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 11 June 2026**

**EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Lee)*.

**28 October 2026**

**Referred to Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders on 11 June 2026**

**ELECTORAL (GAMBLING INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Emerson)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*.

**Referred to Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026**

**URBAN FOREST AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

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## 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/parliamentary-business/in-the-chamber/chamber-documents.

***Unanswered question***

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**H Finlay**
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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## GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(*in accordance with standing order 100*)

**4 August 2026**

Support for the Women's Shed Canberra—Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations—Petition lodged by Ms Tough (e-Pet 033-26 and Pet 040-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 5 May 2026*.)

**10 September 2026**

Inclusion of the Woden Valley Soccer Club in the National Premier League Girls competition in 2027—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Mr Steel (e-Pet 047-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 11 June 2026*.)

**14 December 2026**

Parking at Kaleen sports fields—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Castley (e-Pet 067-26).

Establishment of a Paediatric Oncology and Haematology Unit in Canberra—Minister for Health—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 039-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 15 September 2026*.)

Pump track on Alfred Hill Drive, Melba—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Barry (e-Pet 068-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 15 September 2026*.)

Molonglo District Playing Fields—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Ms Carrick (e-Pet 022-26 and Pet 082-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 15 September 2026*.)

Road safety on Theodore Street, Curtin—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Mr Steel (e-Pet 046-26).

Opposition to Light Rail Stage 2B—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Mr Parton (e-Pet 025-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 15 September 2026*.)

Protecting the rights and dignity of older people—Minister for Health—Petition lodged by Ms Barry (e-Pet 080-26).

Rental Ombudsman for the ACT—Attorney-General—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (e-Pet 014-26 and Pet 084-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 15 September 2026*.)

Shade for ACT playgrounds—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Mr Emerson (e-Pet 064-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

Footpath in Page—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Clay (e-Pet 072-26).

Facilities at Lyons Shops—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 027-26 and Pet 083-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

Changes to the Unit Titles (Management) Act—Attorney-General—Petition lodged by Mr Emerson (e-Pet 074-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 15 September 2026*.)

North Canberra green waste facility - Draft Planning amendment DPA14—Minister for Planning—Petition lodged by Mr Cain (e-Pet 071-26 and Pet 085-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

**15 December 2026**

Investing in ACT Libraries—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (e-Pet 065-26 and Pet 086-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 16 September 2026*.)

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# COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Eleventh 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 6 November 2024)*: The Speaker *(Chair)*, Mr Cocks, Miss Nuttall, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

Pursuant to resolution

**ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION**: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Werner-Gibbings *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Emerson, Ms Lee, Ms Vassarotti.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Clay *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Mr Cain, Ms Carrick.

**INTEGRITY COMMISSION AND STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS**: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Lee *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS**: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Barry *(Chair)*, Ms Vassarotti, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATION:** *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Milligan *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Ms Carrick, Ms Clay.

**SOCIAL POLICY**: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Emerson *(Chair)*, Ms Barry, Ms Berry, Miss Nuttall.

**TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVCES**: *(Formed 26 June 2025)*: Mr Cain *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Mr Braddock, Ms Castley.

## Dissolved

**CARETAKER CONVENTIONS**: *(Formed 5 March 2025)*: Mr Rattenbury *(Chair)*, Ms Castley, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 26 February 2026)*

**ESTIMATES 2025-2026**: *(Formed 15 May 2025)*: Mr Cocks *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Rattenbury, Ms Tough. *(Presented 29 August 2025)*

**ESTIMATES 2026-2027**: *(Formed 24 February 2026)*: Ms Barry *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Emerson, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 28 August 2026)*

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE:** *(Formed 26 February 2026)*: Ms Carrick *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Ms Morris, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 10 June 2026)*

**FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ACT**: *(Formed 4 December 2025)*: Ms Clay *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Cocks, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 26 August 2026)*

**PRIVILEGES 2026:** *(Formed 6 May 2026)*: Ms Lee *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 6 August 2026)*

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2025-2026:** *(Formed 3 September 2025)*: Mr Cocks *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Rattenbury, Ms Tough. *(Presented 15 September 2025)*

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