Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory


Notice Paper

No 87

Thursday, 21 February 2019

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Order of the day

1 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on expanding the scope of the ACT Register of Lobbyists to cover in-house government relations staff, industry associations and project management liaison officers and companies, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 1 November 2018; amended 27 November 2018.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notice

*1 MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about child sexual offences, and for other purposes. (Notice given 20 February 2019).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

1 MR WALL: To move—That:

(1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2019-2020, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2019-2020 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2019-2020 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;

(2) the Committee be composed of:
   (a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
   (b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
   (c) one Member to be nominated by the Greens; and
   to be notified in writing to the Speaker within two hours of this motion passing;

(3) an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of the Committee by the Committee;

(4) funds be provided by the Assembly to permit the engagement of external expertise to work with the Committee to facilitate the analysis of the Budget and the preparation of the report of the Committee;

(5) the Committee is to report by Tuesday, 30 July 2019;

(6) if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee has completed its inquiry, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publishing and circulation; and

(7) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (Notice given 18 February 2019. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).
Orders of the day—continued

Last sitting day in March 2019

2  STANDING COMMITTEES: Presentation of report on annual and financial reports for the financial year 2017-2018 and calendar year reports for 2017, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 25 October 2018.

Last sitting day in March 2019

3  END-OF-LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on end-of-life choices in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017; amended 2 August 2018 and 27 November 2018.

Last sitting day of April 2019

4  PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on issues relating to commercial rates in Canberra, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 29 November 2018.

Last sitting day in May 2019

5  ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on whether the protocols in place around the permissions for MLAs to visit or attend school events constitute an impediment to the Members performing their function as MLAs and in complying with the Code of Conduct for all Members of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 14 February 2019.

6 June 2019

6  ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on a new Territory Coat of Arms, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 29 November 2018.

6 June 2019

*7  HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on inquiry into the Drugs of Dependence (Personal Cannabis Use) Amendment Bill 2018 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 20 February 2019.
Last sitting day in June 2019

8 **FUEL PRICING—SELECT COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report on fuel prices in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 14 February 2019.

Last sitting week in 2019

9 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report on drone delivery systems in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 1 November 2018.

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**CROSSBENCH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

*There are no notices or orders of the day*

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—continued**

Orders of the day

1. **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2018 (NO 2)**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 1 November 2018—Mr Parton)*.

2. **EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017**: *(Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 26 October 2017—Mr Wall)*.

3. **CONTROLLED SPORTS BILL 2018**: *(Minister for Sport and Recreation)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 29 November 2018—Mr Milligan)*.

4. **FUELS RATIONING BILL 2018**: *(Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 29 November 2018—Mr Hanson)*.

5. **RETIREMENT VILLAGES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**: *(Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 29 November 2018—Mr Parton)*.

6. **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2018**: *(Attorney-General)*: Detail stage—Clause 1—Resumption of debate *(from 12 February 2019—Mr Wall)*.

7. **REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 14 February 2019—Mr Coe)*.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices

1 MISS C BURCH: To move—That this Assembly:
   (1) notes that:
       (a) as of November 2018, the ACT Government is yet to release the 2019 bus timetable;
       (b) without access to the proposed timetable, it is nearly impossible to ascertain the impact of the new network on commuters or for the community to provide genuine feedback in the consultation process;
       (c) the ACT Government has also not given an indicative commencement date for the 2019 bus network and timetable;
       (d) this uncertainty regarding the start date of the new network and timetable will cause inconvenience to students, parents and schools who need to make arrangements for the 2019 school year;
       (e) given that 50 schools will have no dedicated school buses, this uncertainty will also disproportionately impact those who must solely rely on the new network to get to and from school; and
       (f) there is strong dissatisfaction in the community regarding the ACT Government’s inaction on releasing the commencement date for the 2019 bus timetable and network; and
   (2) calls on Minister Fitzharris to:
       (a) explain the reasons why the 2019 bus timetable has yet to be released;
       (b) explain why the Minister thinks it is appropriate to leave thousands of parents and students, as well as Canberra schools, in the dark
regarding these changes, causing inconvenience and uncertainty going into the 2019 school year; and

(c) indicate a definitive commencement date in 2019 for the new network and timetable by 7 December 2018. (Notice given 26 November 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 2 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

2 MR PETTERSSON: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) the tertiary education and research sector plays an integral role in the ACT’s economy;

(b) a recent study by Deloitte Access Economics found that the tertiary education (which for the purposes of the study included technical and further education (TAFE)) and research sector contributes $3.3 billion and 20 000 full-time equivalent jobs to the ACT economy which equates to approximately nine percent of the ACT economy and workforce;

(c) a critical part of this sector is the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system;

(d) a properly funded VET system is crucial to ensuring that Canberrans have the skills they need to participate in the labour market which in turn supports our growing city and economy;

(e) the ACT Government acted decisively and successfully negotiated an agreement with the Commonwealth under the National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund ensuring the Territory will receive approximately $20 million over the next four years, along with additional funding for specific projects that will help the ACT Government meet the needs of industry and increase the number of apprentices and trainees;

(f) since 2014-15, the ACT has lead the nation in arresting the decline and significantly increasing apprenticeship commencements, while nationally the numbers have continued to decline. In fact from 2015-16 to 2016-17, the ACT increased apprenticeship commencements by 47 percent;

(g) the Government has also proactively targeted and supported a number of key groups in our community to take up apprenticeships and traineeships, for example, recently announcing the recipients of the Mature Workers Grants Program and a second round of the Women in Trades Grant Program;

(h) the ACT Government’s commitment to supporting VET is demonstrated through the Government’s continued support of the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT);
(i) through the Ninth Assembly Parliamentary Agreement the Government has committed to recognise that CIT should remain the primary provider of high-quality vocational training in the ACT, and to maintain the CIT under public ownership. The Government will continue to directly fund CIT to a minimum of 70 percent of total ACT Government funding for VET; and

(j) the ACT Government’s commitment to strong linkages and integration between the tertiary and VET sectors in the ACT to give students and industry the best access to holistic learning opportunities;

(2) notes the vital role CIT plays in providing vocational education in Canberra, including:

(a) educating and training over 13 000 people last year, with 4 210 program completions;

(b) providing 3 422 apprenticeship and traineeship courses;

(c) holding a 91 percent learner satisfaction rate and a 87 percent employer satisfaction rate; and

(d) ensuring 84 percent of all graduates employed after graduation, compared to the national average of 73 percent;

(3) notes attacks on the vocational education sector coming from Federal and State Liberal governments including:

(a) attempted privatisation of cross-border TAFE services;

(b) opening the funding system and giving billions to shonky providers who lured students in with free gifts and left them with massive debts; and

(c) the Liberal Party propensity to sell off anything and everything, even if it is nailed down; and

(4) calls on all Members of this Assembly to:

(a) support public vocational education and rule out privatisation of this essential institution; and

(b) sign a commitment to keep CIT in public hands. (Notice given 26 November 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 2 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

3 MRS DUNNE: To move—that this Assembly:

(1) notes:
(a) Recommendation 18 of the Interim Report of the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services (Review), which recommends the establishment of a “Cultural Review Oversight Committee”; and

(b) Recommendations 19 and 20 relate to an annual and independent external review, over three years, of the extent of implementation of the recommendations of the Review; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government, by 31 March 2019, to:

(a) establish a Cultural Review Oversight Committee, including:

(i) terms of reference that reflect the recommendations of the Review report; and

(ii) a requirement that the Committee provide a report on its activities and related outcomes to be published in the annual report of ACT Health; and

(b) appoint an independent chair to the Committee; and

(3) calls on the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to report to the Assembly on the establishment of the Committee and its operating brief by the first sitting day in April 2019. (Notice given 13 February 2019. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

MR COE: To move—that this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) the need for stronger legislative whistle blower protections in the ACT;

(b) the current processes are complex, lengthy, and often require legal expertise to navigate;

(c) that integrity and confidence in public administration should be a high priority for the ACT Government;

(d) the need for a review of the effectiveness of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012 has been repeatedly raised and agreed to during this Assembly;

(e) the Government agreed to Recommendation 78 of the Select Committee on an Independent Integrity Commission’s report tabled on 31 October 2017, Inquiry into an Independent Integrity Commission;

(f) Recommendation 78 of the Inquiry into an Independent Integrity Commission report states:

(i) the Committee recommends that the ACT Government appoint an independent person to conduct a statutory review of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012 (the PID Act). The Review, amongst other things, should consider: (a) any potential conflict of interest (real or perceived) as it concerns decision makers and
disclosure officers under the PID Act; (b) the findings of the Moss Review examining the operation of the Commonwealth Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 as it concerns the strengthening of that legislation to achieve the Act's integrity and accountability aims; (c) the matters raised in submission No. 3 (as detailed in paragraph 3.162) to the Inquiry as it concerns the PID Act; (d) application of the PID Act to any future ACT Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commission (ACIC)—in particular, its articulation with any protected disclosure provisions that may apply to any informants providing assistance to the ACIC or anyone consequently at risk; and (e) the suitability of an ACT ACIC for the purposes of receiving disclosures pursuant to the PID Act;

(g) the Government agreed to Recommendation 54 of the Select Committee on an Independent Integrity Commission 2018’s report tabled on 31 October 2018, Inquiry into the establishment of an integrity commission for the ACT report; and

(h) Recommendation 54 of the Inquiry into the establishment of an integrity commission for the ACT report states:

(i) the Committee recommends that the ACT Government establish a comprehensive review of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012 as soon as is possible with the aim of having changes implemented by 2020; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

(a) commence the review within 20 working days;

(b) present the review report and any proposed legislation no later than the first sitting day of August 2019;

(c) refer the review report and proposed legislation to an ACT Legislative Assembly committee for inquiry and report;

(d) provide sufficient resources and assistance to enable the ACT Legislative Assembly committee to complete their report by the last sitting day of September 2019; and

(e) present final legislation by the last sitting day of October 2019. (Notice given 11 February 2019. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

Orders of the day

*1 CRIMES (ANTI-CONSORTING) AMENDMENT BILL 2019: (Mr Hanson) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2019—Mr Ramsay).

3 CRIMES (CONSENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 11 April 2018—Mr Ramsay).

4 MAGISTRATES COURT (RETIREMENT AGE OF MAGISTRATES) AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Mr Hanson) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 9 May 2018—Mr Ramsay).

5 DOMESTIC ANIMALS (DANGEROUS DOGS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Ms Lawder) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 24 October 2018—Mr Steel).

6 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL CANNABIS USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2018: (Mr Pettersson): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2019—Mr Rattenbury). (Referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services on 20 February 2019.)

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/in-the-assembly/questions-paper.

Unanswered questions

2114-2292.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS
(in accordance with standing order 100)

28 February 2019

ANU School of Music H-course—Restoration Funding—Minister for the Arts and Cultural Events—Petitions lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 18-18 and Pet 24-18).

14 May 2019

Motorcycle parking in Forrest—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Cody (Pet 22-18).

Direct alignment of Light Rail stage 2—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 13-18).

Support for Canberra Sexual Health Centre—Minister for Health and Wellbeing—Petition lodged by Ms J Burch (Pet 2-19).

15 May 2019

Direct alignment of Light Rail stage 2—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 3-19).

School bus services between Fairburn and Campbell schools—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (Pet 4-19).

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth 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 31 October 2016): The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.
Pursuant to resolution

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017 and 20 September 2018)*: Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Pettersson.

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 20 September 2018)*: Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Ms Lee.

**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 20 September 2018)*: Ms Orr (Chair), Miss C Burch, Mr Milligan.

**HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 20 September 2018)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Ms Le Couteur.

**INTEGRITY COMMISSION—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 29 November 2018)*: Ms Lee (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur.

**JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 20 September 2018)*: Mrs Jones (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Pettersson.

**PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 20 September 2018)*: Ms Le Couteur (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017 and 20 September 2018)*: Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Cody, Ms Lawder.

**Select**

**END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 30 November 2017)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur.

**FUEL PRICING—SELECT COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 14 February 2019)*: Ms Cheyne (Chair), Mr Parton, Mr Wall.

**Dissolved**

**2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 15 December 2016)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall. *(Presented 30 November 2017)*

**ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 16 February 2017)*: Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson. *(Presented 1 August 2017)*

**ESTIMATES 2018-2019—SELECT COMMITTEE**: *(Formed 22 March 2018)*: Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Ms Lee, Ms Orr. *(Presented 31 July 2018)*
INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 15 December 2016; amended 6 June 2017): Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel. (Presented 31 October 2017)

INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION 2018—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 6 June 2018): Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Dunne, Ms Lee, Mr Steel. (Presented 31 October 2018)

PRIVILEGES 2018—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 12 April 2018): Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Wall. (Presented 31 July 2018)