



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021

Notice Paper

No 3

Tuesday, 9 February 2021

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (NO 3):** *(Chief Minister): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2020—Ms Lee).*
 - *2 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020:** *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 3 December 2020—Ms Lee).*
 - 3 **PLANNING AND UNIT TITLES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020:** *(Minister for Planning and Land Management): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2020—Mr Hanson).*
 - 4 **PLASTIC REDUCTION BILL 2020:** *(Minister for Transport and City Services): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2020—Mrs Jones).*
 - *5 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020:** *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 3 December 2020—Ms Lee).*
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MR CAIN:** To move—That Disallowable Instrument DI 2020-278, being the Government Procurement (Secure Local Jobs) Code 2020, be disallowed. *(Notice given 8 February 2021. Disallowable Instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 6 sitting days, including today.)*
- *2 **MR GENTLEMAN:** To move—That the resolution of the Assembly of 2 December 2020 which established the standing committees of the Assembly and set a reporting date for those committees to report on annual reports referred to them, be amended as follows:
- In paragraph (3), omit 'report by 31 March' and substitute 'report by 9 April'. *(Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

Order of the day

31 March 2021

- *1 **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Presentation of reports on calendar and financial year annual and financial reports, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2020.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MRS KIKKERT:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) in 2020, the ACT Government promised to commission a review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander overrepresentation in the Territory's incarceration rates, which remains the highest in Australia;
 - (b) in 2019, the ACT Government committed \$1.35 million in justice reinvestment funding to help address the incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
 - (c) it has been acknowledged that the systemic racism that exists across our community may also exist within the Territory's prison and impact its operation; and
 - (d) certain historical incidents, along with alleged incidents now under investigation, have damaged the confidence of some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans in the prison as an institution; and

- (2) calls on the ACT Government to commission and fund an external, independent inquiry with the obligation to:
 - (a) investigate and document the incidence of institutional and/or systemic racism in relation to the Alexander Maconochie Centre;
 - (b) develop advice and recommendations to address and eliminate this racism; and
 - (c) report back to the Assembly by the last sitting day of September 2021. *(Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).*

*2 **MS ORR:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the development of Gungahlin Town Centre is a matter of note to the residents of Gungahlin;
 - (b) unlike other more established town centres, Gungahlin is relatively young and has been developed from its earliest days with the ambition of being a genuine mixed-use precinct; and
 - (c) there is great opportunity to guide the remaining development of the town centre to ensure more recent learnings from practice in the ACT and other jurisdictions are applied to future developments; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to support the further development of the Gungahlin region and town centre by:
 - (a) implementing best practice mixed-use development through the planning framework, and allowing for:
 - (i) specific requirements to achieve a balanced diversity of uses within mixed-use developments including community uses;
 - (ii) specific requirements to achieve a higher level of commercial and business uses and subsequent activity within mixed-use developments;
 - (iii) providing for requirements for commercial fitouts that enable the easy establishment of varied business and commercial activity without the need for significant modification or retrofitting;
 - (iv) clear design principles that link development activity with achieving active precincts and vibrant street level activity; and
 - (v) traffic flow around the town centre;
 - (b) ensuring current sales of development sites incorporate the requirements to support best practice mixed-use developments;
 - (c) implementing best practice mixed-use developments processes and regulations that are used to inform Draft Variation 364 and the Territory Plan; and

- (d) engage with the Gungahlin Town Centre community on mixed-use developments in their town centre. *(Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).*

*3 **MR DAVIS:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the ACT Government has been consulting with students, the Australian Education Union, the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Association, and the ACT Principals' Association on the provision of financial literacy education in public schools and the implications of the Financial Services Royal Commission and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) recent report on their review into school banking programs;
 - (b) ACT public schools already utilise ASIC's MoneySmart program, including curriculum resources, lesson plans and professional learning, which are highly valued by teachers; and
 - (c) the ACT Government has been collaborating with ASIC to ensure students have access to best-practice financial literacy education;
- (2) notes the December 2020 release of the ASIC report on its review into school banking programs, finding that:
 - (a) school banking programs are used as a key strategic tool by banks and financial institutions to market their products to young children;
 - (b) there is no evidence that school banking programs improve the financial literacy or savings habits of children;
 - (c) banks and financial institutions use sophisticated marketing techniques through their school banking programs to target young children who are vulnerable consumers; and
 - (d) banks and financial institutions make payments to schools to encourage them to get students to participate in school banking programs and in return use school resources and volunteers to market their products to their students;
- (3) further notes that:
 - (a) during the Future of Education consultations where the ACT Government heard from over 5,000 community members, students said that they want to learn real life skills, including financial skills;
 - (b) building financial literacy from childhood is important for long-term social and economic stability and equality;
 - (c) the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum provides for financial literacy education; and
 - (d) Money Smart and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Report Authority have both developed comprehensive financial education resources for teachers to implement the Australian Curriculum without the need for banking and financial institutions to run school banking; and

- (4) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) continue to work with students, the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Association, the Australian Education Union ACT Branch, and the ACT Principals' Association to develop a plan to deliver quality financial literacy education in public schools; and
 - (b) transition away from banks and financial institutions delivering school banking programs in ACT Government schools by the end of the 2020-2021 financial year. (*Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A*).

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the ACT is Australia's most expensive rental market. As a result, an increasing number of residents are experiencing housing stress;
 - (b) data from CoreLogic shows the median weekly rent for houses in Canberra is \$657, up 3.6 percent since 2019, while median weekly unit rents are \$473;
 - (c) over 20 years the ACT Labor/Greens Government has driven housing and thereby rental costs up through increased rates, slow land release for new stock and the failure to deliver effective policy for affordable housing; and
 - (d) a number of Canberrans are being driven into homelessness as they struggle with increased living costs, in major part driven by increased housing costs; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) investigate the effectiveness of a range of policy levers aimed at alleviating the extremely high cost of housing in the ACT, particularly for low to moderate income earners, including working more effectively with community housing providers (CHPs) to strengthen their ability to provide more affordable housing;
 - (b) investigate implementing shared equity arrangements, whereby the ACT Government provides land for CHPs to provide social housing, while maintaining an ownership stake;
 - (c) investigate the introduction of a rent supplementation lease arrangement whereby the ACT Government would undertake bulk auctions of long-term leases to CHPs, to provide affordable rentals, with the supplement serving as an incentive for institutional investors to partner with CHPs;
 - (d) immediately extend lease durations for public housing currently let out by Housing ACT to CHPs, thereby allowing long-term revenue certainty to allow providers to borrow and grow;
 - (e) consider providing more extensive land tax exemptions and rates rebates for landholders leasing to CHPs;

- (f) investigate implementing a land tax threshold, where the tax is only paid on the value of land over a certain amount, similar to jurisdictions like NSW;
- (g) reassess the current land release regime to determine whether supply is meeting demand; and
- (h) report back to the Legislative Assembly on the Government's progress in considering these proposals by the final sitting day in April 2021. (*Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A*).

*5 **MR PETTERSSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*. (*Notice given 8 February 2021*).

*6 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) it has been 20 years since the Sharing the Benefits Final Report from the Carnell Government's Poverty Task Group;
 - (b) after 20 years of ACT Labor, thousands of Canberrans are struggling with the cost of living and are consequently living in poverty;
 - (c) according to the ACT Council of Social Service, in the wake of COVID-19, just over 38,000 people are living in poverty in the ACT;
 - (d) the Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot for 2020 highlighted the lack of affordable housing for low income households in the ACT, with just 4 percent of properties being affordable for someone on minimum wage; and
 - (e) data from CoreLogic shows the median weekly rent for houses in Canberra is \$657, up 3.6 percent since 2019, while median weekly unit rents are \$473;
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) over the last five years, electricity and gas prices have risen by 25 percent and 31 percent respectively in Canberra, prices for medical and hospital services have increased 28 percent, and housing costs increased by 15 percent;
 - (b) many Canberrans are suffering from significant transport disadvantage due to many suburban public transport services having been cut;
 - (c) Canberrans regularly pay higher petrol prices than motorists in surrounding towns and most cities; and
 - (d) the ACT has the lowest general practitioner bulk-billing rate in the country, with Canberrans being twice as likely as other Australians to put off seeing a doctor due to high fees; and

- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) develop a comprehensive strategy to deal with the causes and symptoms of poverty in Canberra by establishing a Poverty Task Force; and
 - (b) work with the Poverty Task Force to facilitate appropriate consultation with stakeholders, including community sector organisations, industry, and members of the public. *(Notice given 8 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).*

*7 **DR PATERSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that the:
 - (a) ACT Government provides financial and in-kind support to seven community councils across the ACT;
 - (b) ACT's newest greenfield development, gazetted in 2010—the Molonglo Valley area—is currently represented through the Weston Creek Community Council;
 - (c) Molonglo Valley area has a population of around 8,500 and is expected to grow to 10,000 by the end of 2021, and to 55,000 in coming decades;
 - (d) area has diverse needs as it continues to develop; and
 - (e) Molonglo Valley Community Forum is a community group, recently established to preserve and improve the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Molonglo Valley and its community. Its first public meeting is expected to be held in March 2021; and
- (2) calls on the Government to support the establishment of a Molonglo Valley Community Council to:
 - (a) engage with and advocate to the ACT Government on a broad range of issues and reflect the needs of the local community; and
 - (b) ensure the group's membership is reflective and inclusive of the area's broad population and demography by exploring innovative community engagement methods. *(Notice given 5 February 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).*

CROSSBENCH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

There are no notices or orders of the day.

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.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Member indicated have been redirected to the Minister indicated and answers have been received:

- 2 Treasurer (*Ms Lee*).
- 10 Treasurer (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 11 Minister for Economic Development (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 55 Minister for Families and Community Services (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 69 Minister for Human Rights (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 71 Minister for Sport and Recreation (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 72 Minister for Housing and Suburban Development (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 73 Minister for Health (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 74 Chief Minister (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 75 Minister for Education and Youth Affairs (*Mrs Kikkert*).
- 78 Minister for the Arts (*Mrs Kikkert*).

Unanswered questions

There are no unanswered questions.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

2 March 2021

Thoroughbred Park—Proposed withdrawal of public funding and redirection of funding to Canberra's arts and entertainment industry—Special Minister of State—Petition lodged by Ms Clay (Pet 24-20).

3 March 2021

Alternate sites for proposed waste processing facilities in Fyshwick—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (Pet 13-20).

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Tenth 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 3 November 2020*): The Speaker (Chair), Mr Braddock, Mr Hanson, Ms Orr.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Ms Lawder (Chair), Mr Davis, Ms Orr.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mr Cain, Mr Davis.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Dr Paterson (Chair) Mr Braddock, Ms Castley.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Davis (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Clay, Dr Paterson.

PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Ms Clay (Chair), Mr Parton, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (*Formed 2 December 2020*): Mr Coe (Chair), Mr Braddock, Mr Pettersson.
