



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021

Notice Paper

No 9

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2020-2021:** *(Treasurer):* Further consideration at detail stage—Schedule 1—Part 1.5, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate *(from 20 April 2021—Mr Barr)*.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2020-2021:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 February 2021—Mr Gentleman)*.
- 3 **REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 31 March 2021—Ms Lee)*.
- 4 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Minister for Transport and City Services):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 31 March 2021—Ms Lawder)*.
- *5 **UTILITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Treasurer and Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 20 April 2021—Ms Lee)*.
- *6 **COURTS AND OTHER JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 20 April 2021—Ms Lee)*.

- *7 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 April 2021—Ms Lee*).
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR PARTON:** To move—That this Assembly
- (1) notes:
- (a) the importance of public housing residents' reasonable entitlement to a dwelling that is structurally safe to live in;
 - (b) the Government's obligation to provide public housing dwellings that are free of risks to the health and safety of their residents;
 - (c) the Government requires its public housing maintenance contractor to comply with rigorous standards for rectification of health and safety risks;
 - (d) in 2019-20, Housing ACT reported it had received more than 1,100 complaints related to maintenance and property condition issues, amounting to almost 42 percent of all complaints;
 - (e) many residents advise that neglect of their dwellings creates stress and fears for their safety particularly where they are living in dangerous or intimidating neighbourhoods;
 - (f) public housing tenants say they feel helpless and are being ignored when they seek help on fixing the poor condition of their dwellings; and
 - (g) significant numbers of public housing tenants are reaching out to their local members for help on remediating critical health and safety issues;
- (2) further notes the Government:
- (a) is allocating more than \$650 million capital expenditure on new construction and public housing renewals, but at the same time, forcing some residents to live in unsatisfactory conditions; and
 - (b) has an ethical and social obligation to ensure its public housing tenants are living in safe and health compliant dwellings; and
- (3) calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to:
- (a) undertake a stocktake of its public housing to determine the condition of each dwelling;
 - (b) commit to a program to determine the actions and work required to rectify all dwellings that are in breach of, or below health and safety standards;

- (c) allocate sufficient funds to have all significant maintenance requests including for health and safety defects resolved no later than 31 August 2021;
- (d) ensure the provisions and performance benchmarks in the facilities maintenance contract for public housing are enforced; and
- (e) report back to this Assembly before mid-October on progress made in resolving maintenance backlog impacting on tenants' health and safety. *(Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) there is a need for improved design and infrastructure to meet the needs of individuals with dementia in Canberra;
 - (b) having “dementia-friendly design” (as recommended by Dementia Australia) of venues and infrastructure will decrease the risk of social isolation for older individuals;
 - (c) social inclusion is an integral part of improving mental health in older Canberrans;
 - (d) access to places that provide social opportunities such as our national institutions and tourist locations should be open to everyone;
 - (e) there are currently no set standards for physical environments to ensure that they allow for people with dementia to engage safely and as independently as possible with these built environments; and
 - (f) the Federal Government committed an additional \$132.2 million to Dementia Australia in December 2020 in response to the Aged Care Royal Commission’s recommendations on COVID-19; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) investigate how to make Canberra a more dementia friendly city;
 - (b) formally incorporate these findings into the Age-Friendly City Plan 2020-2024 and outline a timeframe for when the implementation process must be completed by; and
 - (c) report these findings and table the updated Age-Friendly City Plan 2020-2024 to the Assembly by the end of September 2021. *(Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

3 **MS LEE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900*. *(Notice given 19 April 2021).*

4 **MRS JONES:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the public waiting list for endoscopy has blown out to 7,200 people waiting;
 - (b) at least two people have developed cancer while waiting over a year to be seen; and
 - (c) endoscopy is an important and preventative measure for many with a history of ulcers and polyps and is vital in the fight against cancer in our community; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) demonstrate to the public precisely how the wait times for endoscopy will be reduced to a reasonable timeframe; and
 - (b) report back to the Assembly by 24 June on exact progress. (*Notice given 19 April 2021*). *Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A*).

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

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) sport and active recreation are essential parts of physical and mental wellbeing;
 - (b) participation in sport and active recreation should be accessible to all ACT community members;
 - (c) community sporting clubs play a vital role in building stronger and more resilient communities;
 - (d) the contribution of volunteers to sport and recreational activities is significant and should be supported;
 - (e) sport and recreation are important sources of employment and economic and social activity;
 - (f) sporting events and activities should be undertaken in a way that considers, and minimises the impact on, the changing environment;
 - (g) government funded peak sporting groups represent individual sports rather than community sport and recreation as a whole; and
 - (h) the ACT Government’s strategic long-term plan for sport and recreation “Active 2020” plan expires at the end of 2021; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) as per the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement, explore options to recognise a sport and recreation industry peak body, to support the sector to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 and beyond. This body would liaise with government agencies on matters relevant to members including:

- (i) planning and land use;
- (ii) strategic needs-based funding;
- (iii) major sporting events;
- (iv) mass participation community sporting events; and
- (v) the role of community sport during the COVID recovery phase;
- (b) work collaboratively with this sport and recreation industry peak body, and all other sport and recreation groups in the ACT to develop a new long-term strategic plan for sport and recreation in the ACT;
- (c) develop a comprehensive facilities management plan for the ACT's indoor and outdoor sporting facilities to ensure that maintenance of existing facilities and establishment of new facilities meets community need;
- (d) act on the priority of addressing climate change impacts on ACT Government owned indoor and outdoor sporting facilities with particular efforts made to ensure heat-managed and smoke-free environments;
- (e) examine barriers of participation for Canberrans from low-income households, and report on existing mechanisms and possible steps to combat these barriers; and
- (f) report back to the Assembly no later than December 2021. (*Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

6 **MR PETTERSSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of Yerrabi Pond as the primary recreation area for the growing Gungahlin community since opening in 1999; and
 - (b) that residents would like to see improved amenities at the pond with particular consideration to:
 - (i) number of toilets and their amenity;
 - (ii) improved signage;
 - (iii) landscaping and replanting of bushes and grass;
 - (iv) number of tables, bins and barbeques to cater to local demand;
 - (v) recreational facilities for young people; and
 - (vi) path improvements for pedestrians and cyclists;
- (2) further notes the \$300,000 in funding provided by the ACT Government for Yerrabi Pond foreshore improvements in the 2020-21 Budget; and

- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) consult with the Gungahlin community to inform improvements and future upgrades;
 - (b) consider further upgrades to Yerrabi Pond in future ACT Budgets; and
 - (c) support a “Friends of Yerrabi Pond” group to engage in this process.

(Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).

7 **MS CASTLEY:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the importance of Canberra’s 30,000 small businesses which employ almost two-thirds of Canberra’s workforce;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) the ACT Government has established several ministerial advisory councils to enable important groups in the ACT to represent the views and experiences of their communities including women, our multicultural community, seniors, youth and the LGBTIQ+ community, but there is no dedicated platform for the small business community;
 - (b) it is important the ACT Government understands the issues affecting the small business community and implements policies which support the sector to grow; and
 - (c) the ACT has previously had a small business ministerial advisory council which provided practical, strategic advice to the Chief Minister on policy; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to establish an ACT small business ministerial advisory council to comprise representatives from key sectors in the small business community. *(Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

Order of the day

- 1 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:**
(Mr Pettersson): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 11 February 2021—Ms Stephen-Smith). (Referred to Select Committee on Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 on 11 February 2021 for report by last sitting day in October 2021.)
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 **MS LAWDER:** To move—That this Assembly amends the resolution of establishment for general purpose standing committees of the 10th Assembly of 2 December 2020 by:
 - (1) inserting in the Table at (6) Public Accounts—Areas of Responsibility, the words “Treasury including taxation and revenue”; and
 - (2) omitting in the Table at (3) Economy and Gender and Economic Equality—Areas of Responsibility, the words “Treasury including taxation and revenue”. (*Notice given 19 April 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

Order of the day

Last sitting day in October 2021

- 1 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 and any other related matters, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2021.

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 Questions

132, 133, 135, 136, 139-150, 153-177.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

11 May 2021

Proposed inquiry into alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment services—Minister for Health—Petitions lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pets 25-20 and 3-21).

Giralang shops—Update from developer on progress—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Orr (Pet 1-21).

12 May 2021

Giralang shops—Update from developer on progress—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Orr (Pet 4-21).

29 June 2021

Belconnen High School—French—Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 2-21).

Kippax Fair—Proposed expansion—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 8-21).

20 July 2021

Yerrabi Pond—Proposed upgrade—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Pettersson (Pet 5-21).

Chisholm Village—Proposed development—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petitions lodged by Ms Burch (Pet 10-21 and Pet 11-21).

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),

Mr Milligan, 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):* Mrs Kikkert (Chair), Mr Braddock,

Mr Pettersson.

Select

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021: *(Formed*

11 February 2021): Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Davis, Dr Paterson.
