LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2012–2013

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2013

1 The Assembly met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mrs Dunne) took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 REVENUE LEGISLATION (TAX REFORM) AMENDMENT BILL 2013

Mr Barr (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Act 2004* and the *Rates Act 2004*.

Papers: Mr Barr presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 10 April 2013.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Barr moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Smyth) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2013

Mr Corbell (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation for the purpose of statute law revision, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Corbell presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 10 April 2013.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Corbell moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Seselja) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2013

Mr Corbell (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Corbell presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 10 April 2013.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Corbell moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Coe) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 PLANNING, BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013

Mr Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about planning, building and the environment, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Corbell presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 10 April 2013.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Corbell moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Wall) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS NATIONAL LAW (A.C.T.) BILL 2013

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to apply a national law about the registration and regulation of community housing providers, and for other purposes.

Papers: Mr Rattenbury presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 10 April 2013.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Rattenbury moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hanson—Leader of the Opposition) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE

Ordered—That notice No. 1, Assembly business, relating to the referral of call-in powers to the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services, be postponed until the next day of sitting.

8 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE

Ordered—That Executive business be called on forthwith.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 1—INQUIRY INTO APPROPRIATION BILL 2012-2013 (NO. 2)—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Barr (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 1—*Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2012-2013 (No. 2)*—Government response—

and moved—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Corbell—Manager of Government Business) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Mr Corbell (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Assembly business, order of the day, relating to the Government response to Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, entitled *Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2012-2013 (No. 2)*, being called on and debated cognately with Executive business, order of the day No. 1—Appropriation Bill 2012-2013 (No. 2).

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL 2012-2013 (NO. 2)

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—

Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

12 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 1—INQUIRY INTO APPROPRIATION BILL 2012-2013 (NO. 2)—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER NOTED

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Barr (Treasurer)—That the Assembly takes note of the paper, viz:

Public Accounts—Standing Committee—Report 1—*Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2012-2013 (No. 2)*—Government response—

Question—put and passed.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

14 QUESTION ON NOTICE NO. 76—ANSWER—EXPLANATION

Mr Coe, pursuant to standing order 118A, asked Mr Rattenbury (Minister for the Territory and Municipal Services) for an explanation concerning the answer to question on notice No. 76.

Mr Rattenbury gave an explanation.

15 PAPER

Ms Gallagher (Chief Minister), having added to an answer to a question without notice from Mr Coe yesterday, presented the following paper:

ACTEW Corporation Limited—General Meeting—15 April 2013—Copy of agenda.

16 PRESENTATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

ACT Legislative Assembly Secretariat—Annual Report 2011-2012—Erratum, dated 10 April 2013.

17 PRESENTATION OF PAPER

Mr Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development) presented the following paper:

Planning and Development Act, pursuant to subsection 242(2)—Schedule—Leases granted for the period 1 January to 31 March 2013.

18 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT—DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 201222226—BLOCK 15 SECTION 42 GRIFFITH—STATEMENT REGARDING EXERCISE OF CALL-IN POWERS AND NOTICE OF DECISION—PAPERS AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Mr Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development) presented the following papers:

Planning and Development Act, pursuant to subsection 161(2)—Development application No. 201222226—Block 15 Section 42 Griffith—

Statement regarding exercise of call-in powers.

Notice of Decision, dated 2 April 2013—

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the papers.

19 A.C.T. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ELECTED BODY—THIRD REPORT TO THE A.C.T. GOVERNMENT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) presented the following paper:

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body—Third Report to the ACT Government—Government response—

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the paper.

20 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DISCUSSION—A.C.T. ECONOMY—IMPORTANCE OF MAJOR EVENTS

The Assembly was informed that Ms Berry, Dr Bourke, Mr Coe, Mr Doszpot, Mr Gentleman, Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition), Mrs Jones, Mr Seselja, Mr Smyth and Mr Wall had proposed that matters of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 79, the Speaker had determined that the matter proposed by Ms Berry be submitted to the Assembly, namely, "The importance of major events to the ACT economy".

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

21 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Barr (Deputy Chief Minister) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 4.35 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 7 May 2013 at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly