



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Office of the Legislative Assembly

Schedule of Public Hearings

Inquiries into ACT Budget 2021-22

Friday 15 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021

The ACT Legislative Assembly has established seven inquiries into the ACT Budget 2021-22, to be conducted by each of the [standing committees](#) in the Assembly.

The ACT Budget 2021–22 will be presented on Wednesday 6 October and then published by ACT Government on the [Treasury website](#).

Assembly standing committees will hold hearings with ACT Government Ministers and officials from Monday 18 October to Friday 29 October 2021.

Some standing committees will conduct hearings with community and industry groups on Friday 15 October 2021.

Due to public health restrictions during the COVID-19 outbreak, hearings will be conducted online. You can [watch proceedings live](#), or later, via [Assembly on Demand](#).

[Hansard transcripts](#) will be published in the week following each hearing.

Committees must report on their inquiries before 5 December 2021.

DAY 1 – Friday 15 October 2021

Community and Industry Group Hearing

Committee	Indicative Time	Community or Industry Group Name
JACS	9.00am – 10.00am	Canberra Community Law (9.00am – 9.20am); Women’s Legal Centre (9.20am – 9.40am); AFP Association (9.40am – 10.00am)
BREAK 10.00am – 10.15am (15 mins)		
ECI	10.15am – 11.15am	ACTCOSS (10.15am – 10.40am; Youth Coalition of the ACT 10.45am – 11.15am)
BREAK 11.15am – 11.30am (15 mins)		
PTCS	11.30am – 12.30pm	Combined Community Councils (11.30am – 11.50am); Property Council (11.50am – 12.10pm); Master Builders Association (12.10pm – 12.30pm)
LUNCH BREAK 12.30pm – 1.30pm (1 hour)		
ECCB	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Conservation Council ACT (1.30pm – 2.00pm); ACT Wildlife (2.00pm – 2.15pm); Landcare ACT (2.15pm – 2.30pm)
BREAK 2.30pm – 2.45pm (15 mins)		
HCW	2.45pm – 3.45pm	ACTCOSS (2.45pm – 3.05pm); Health Care Consumers Association (3.05pm – 3.25pm); Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (3.25pm – 3:45pm)
BREAK 3.45pm – 4.00pm (15 mins)		
EGEE	4.00pm – 5.20pm	ACTCOSS (4.00pm – 4.20pm); Canberra Business Chamber (4.20pm – 4.40pm); Perinatal Wellbeing Centre (4.40pm – 5.00pm); YWCA Canberra (5.00pm – 5.20pm)
CLOSE 5.00pm		

Standing Committee:

EGEE - Economy and Gender and Economic Equality; ECI - Education and Community Inclusion; ECCB - Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity;
HCW - Health and Community Wellbeing; JACS - Justice and Community Safety; PAC - Public Accounts; PTCS - Planning, Transport and City Services.

DAY 2 – Monday 18 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
PTCS	9.00am – 10.30am 90 mins	Steel	Minister for Transport and City Services	Output 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure Output 2.2 Library Services Output 2.3 Waste and Recycling Output 2.4 City Maintenance and Services Output 2.5 Capital Linen Services
PTCS	10.30am – 11.45am 1 hour 15 mins	Steel	Minister for Transport and City Services	Output 1.1 Transport Canberra Output 1.1 Major Projects Canberra

BREAK 11.45am – 1pm (1 hour 15 mins)

JACS	1.00pm – 1.30pm 30 mins		Electoral Commission	
JACS	1.30pm – 1.45pm 15 mins	Steel	Special Minister of State	Output 1.1 Policy Advice and Justice Programs
JACS	1.45pm – 2.00pm 15 mins		Inspector of Integrity Commission	
JACS	2.00pm – 2.30pm 30 mins		Integrity Commission	
JACS	2.30pm – 3.00pm 30 mins		Public Trustee and Guardian	

BREAK 3.00pm – 4.15 pm (75 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
PTCS	4.15pm – 5.15pm 1 hour	Barr	Chief Minister	City Renewal Authority Statement of Intent Suburban Land Agency (as it relates to declared urban renewal sites) Statement of Intent
PTCS	5.30pm – 6.15pm 45 mins	Berry	Minister for Sport and Recreation	Output 2.4 City Maintenance and Services (sports ground management)

CLOSE 6.15pm

DAY 3 – Tuesday 19 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
ECCB	9.00am – 10.00am 1 hour	Cheyne	Minister for Business and Better Regulation	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
ECCB	10.00am – 11.00am 1 hour	Barr	Minister for Climate Action	Output Class 1: Government Strategy Output 1.1 Government Policy and Reform
ECCB	11.00am – 11.30am 30 mins		Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment	EBT1 Commissioner

BREAK 11.30pm – 12.45pm (75 mins)

ECI	12.45pm – 3.00pm 2 hour 15 mins	Berry	Minister for Education and Youth Affairs	Output 1 Public School Education Output 2 Non – Government Education
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BREAK 3.00pm – 3.15pm (15 mins)

ECI	3.15pm – 4.15pm 1 hour	Berry	Minister for Early Childhood Development	CSD 2.1 Child and Family Centres CSD 2.2 Child Development Services
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BREAK 4.15pm – 4.30pm (15 mins)

JACS	4.30pm – 5.15pm 45 mins		Human Rights Commission	Human Rights Commission — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President & Human Rights Commissioner • Discrimination, Health Services, Disability & Community Services Commissioner • Public Advocate & Children and Young People Commissioner • Victims of Crime Commissioner
JACS	5.15pm – 5.30pm 15 mins	Cheyne	Minister for Human Rights	Output 1.1 Policy advice and justice programs Output 1.5 Protection of rights

CLOSE 5.30pm

DAY 4 – Wednesday 20 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
EGEE	9.00am – 11.00am 2 hours	Cheyne	Minister for Business and Better Regulation	<p>Output Class 1: Government Strategy</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1.1 Government Policy and Reform</p> <p>Output Class 2: Access Canberra</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.1 Access Canberra (except in relation to planning development, land and lease regulation)</p> <p>Output Class 3: Economic Development</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">3.1 Business and Innovation (business advocacy and development, small business functions)</p> <p>ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (Statement of Intent)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Output Class 1: Gambling Regulation and Harm Minimisation</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1.1 Gambling Regulation and Harm Minimisation</p> <p>Output Class 2: Access Canberra</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.1 Access Canberra (Gaming)</p>

BREAK 11.00am – 11.45am (45 mins)

HCW	11.45am – 1.30pm 1 hour 45 mins	Davidson	Minister for Mental Health Minister for Justice Health	<p>Output 1.3: Mentally Healthy Communities</p> <p>Output 1.2 Mental Health, Justice Health, Alcohol and Drug Services</p> <p><i>(Except for Alcohol and Drug Services – to be referred to Minister for Health)</i></p>
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BREAK 1.30pm – 2.00pm (30 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
PAC	2.00pm – 4.15pm 2 hours 15 mins	Barr	Treasurer	Output Class 4: Financial and Economic Management Output 4.1 Economic Management Output 4.2 Financial Management Output Class 5 (Output 5.1): Revenue Management Superannuation Provision Account (SPA) Territory Banking Account (TBA) Output Class 7: Infrastructure Finance and Procurement Output 7.1 Infrastructure Finance

BREAK 4.15pm – 4.30pm (15 mins)

ECI	4.30pm – 5.00pm 30 mins	Barr	Chief Minister	Output Class 1: Government Strategy (LGBTIQ+)
ECI	5.00pm – 5.30pm 30 mins	Stephen-Smith	Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	CSD 1.3 Strategic Policy

CLOSE 5.30pm

Day 5 – Thursday 21 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
ECCB	9.30am – 11.00am 1 hour 30 mins	Rattenbury	Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Output Class 3.1 Climate Change and Energy Output Class 2.4 Water Policy
			Minister for Gaming	Output 3.1 Climate Change and Energy

BREAK 11.00am – 12.00 noon (1 hour)

HCW	12.00 – 1.00pm 1 hour	Davidson	Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services	CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation <i>(Only in relation to community recovery and emergency relief, and Volunteering statement and policy)</i> CSD 1.3 Strategic Policy <i>(Only in relation to Carers Strategy and policy, and Youth Justice policy)</i> CSD 2.3 Child and Youth Protection Services <i>(Only in relation to Bimberi)</i>
HCW	1.00pm – 2.00pm 1 hour	Vassarotti	Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services	HACT 1.1 Social Housing Services
HCW	2.00pm – 2.45pm 45 mins	Stephen-Smith	Minister for Health	Output 1.1: Improved Hospital Services Output 1.1: ACT Local Hospital Network

BREAK 2.45pm – 3.15pm (30 mins)

HCW	3.15pm – 4.00pm 45 mins	Stephen-Smith	Minister for Health	Output 1.2: Healthy Communities
HCW	4.00pm – 4.30pm 30 mins	Stephen-Smith	Minister for Health	Output 1.4: Continuous Improvement of the ACT Public Health System

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
HCW	4.30pm – 5.30pm 1 hour	Stephen-Smith	Minister for Health	Output 1.1 Acute Services Output 1.2 Mental Health, Justice Health, Alcohol and Drug Services <i>(Except for Mental Health and Justice – to be referred to Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Justice Health)</i> Output 1.3 Cancer Services Output 1.4 Subacute and Community Services

CLOSE 5.30pm

Day 6 – Friday 22 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
ECCB	9.30am – 11.30am 2 hours	Vassarotti	Minister for the Environment	Output Class 2.1 Environment
ECCB	11.30am – 12.00 noon 30 mins	Vassarotti	Minister for Heritage	Output Class 2.3 Heritage

BREAK 12.00 noon – 12.30pm (30 mins)

EGEE	12.30pm – 2.00pm [BREAK 15 mins] 2.15pm – 3.30pm 2 hours 45 mins	Steel	Special Minister of State	Output Class 1: Government Strategy Output 1.1 Government Policy and Reform Territory Records Output 1.4 Digital Strategy Output Class 3: Economic Development 3.6 Venues (excluding venues Canberra infrastructure upgrades) Output Class 6: Shared Services 6.1 Shared Services 6.2 Digital Data and Technology Solutions Output Class 7: Infrastructure Finance and Procurement 7.2 Procurement Output Class 8: Property Services 8.1 Property Services (excluding Aquatic facilities) ACT Insurance Authority EBT Class 1 Lifetime Care and Support Fund Motor Accident Injuries Commission
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BREAK 3.30pm – 3.45pm (15 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
PTCS	3.45pm – 5.00pm 1 hour 15 mins	Vassarotti	Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction	Output Class 5.1 Asbestos Response Taskforce Output Class 6.2 Building Reform Output Class 3.1 Climate Change and Energy Output 1.1 Major Projects Canberra Building Quality (MPC)

CLOSE 5.00pm

Day 7 – Monday 25 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
EGEE	9.30am – 10.15am 45 mins	Barr	Chief Minister	Output Class 1: Government Strategy 1.5 International engagement Coordinator-General, Whole-of-Government (Non-Health) COVID-19 Response
EGEE	10.15am – 11.45am 1 hour 30 mins	Barr	Minister for Economic Development	Output Class 3: Economic Development 3.1 Business Innovation 3.2 Tourism and Events (including Event attraction and Special Events Fund) 3.3 Sport and Recreation (Elite sporting performance and venue agreements) 3.6 Venues (venues Canberra infrastructure upgrades only; remainder of this output sits with Minister Steel)

BREAK 11.45pm – 2.00pm (2 hours 15 mins)

PTCS	2.00pm – 3.00pm 1 hour	Berry	Minister for Housing and Suburban Development	Suburban Land Agency (with the exception of those matters assigned to the Chief Minister) Statement of Intent
PTCS	3.00pm – 4.00pm 1 hour	Berry	Minister for Housing and Suburban Development	Output Class 6.3 Housing Strategy

BREAK 4.00pm – 4.15pm (15 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
<p style="text-align: center;">HCW</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.15pm – 5.15pm 1 hour</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stephen-Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minister for Families and Community Services</p>	<p>CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation CSD 1.3 Strategic Policy CSD 1.4 Quality, Complaints and Regulation CSD 2.3 Child and Youth Protection Services</p>

CLOSE 5.15pm

Day 8 – Tuesday 26 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
JACS	9.00am – 9.30am 30 mins		Director of Public Prosecutions	
JACS	9.30am – 9.50am 20 mins		Legal Aid ACT	
JACS	9.50am – 10.10am 20 mins		Solicitor-General for the Territory	

BREAK 10.10am – 10.30am (20 mins)

PAC	10.30am – 11.00am 30 mins		ACT Audit Office	
PAC	11.00am – 12.00 noon 1 hour		Office of the Legislative Assembly	
PAC	12.00 noon – 12.30pm 30 mins		ACT Ombudsman	

BREAK 12.30pm – 2.00pm (90 mins)

PAC	2.00pm – 3.00pm 1 hour	Barr	Treasurer	Output Class 7: Infrastructure Finance and Procurement 7.1: Infrastructure Finance
PAC	3.00pm – 3.30pm 30 mins	Barr	Treasurer	Icon Water Limited
PAC	3.30pm – 4.30pm 1 hour	Barr	Treasurer	Output 1.1 Major Projects Canberra
PAC	4.30pm – 5.00pm 30 mins	Barr	Treasurer	Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (Statement of Intent)

CLOSE 5.00pm

Day 9 – Wednesday 27 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
JACS	9.30am – 10.00am 30 mins		Inspector of Correctional Services	
JACS	10.00am – 11.15am 1 hour 15 mins	Gentleman	Minister for Corrections	Output 2.1 Corrective Services Sentence Administration Board of the ACT

BREAK 11.15am – 11.30am (15 mins)

JACS	11.30am – 12.15pm 45 mins	Gentleman	Minister for Police and Emergency Services	EBT 1: ACT Policing
JACS	12.15pm – 1.00pm 45 mins	Gentleman	Minister for Police and Emergency Services	Output 4.1 Emergency Services Emergency Services Agency

BREAK 1.00pm – 2.00pm (1 hour)

EGEE	2.00pm – 3.00pm 1 hour	Barr	Minister for Tourism	Output Class 3: Economic Development 3.1 Business and Innovation (aviation industry development) 3.2 Tourism and Events (including Major Events, Floriade, Enlighten, Innovation Festival)
EGEE	3.00pm – 3.45pm 45 mins	Barr	Chief Minister	ACT Executive Public Sector Standards Commissioner

BREAK 3.45pm – 3.55pm (10 mins)

EGEE	3.55pm – 4.55pm 1 hour	Barr	Chief Minister	Output Class 1: Government Strategy 1.1 Government Policy and Reform 1.2 Workforce Capability and Governance 1.3 Coordinated Communications and Community Engagement
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Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
EGEE	5.00pm – 5.55pm 55 mins	Gentleman	Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety	Output Class 1: Government Strategy 1.6 Workforce Injury Management and Industrial Relations Policy EBT Class 1 (EBT1.1) Public Sector Workers Compensation Fund Office of the Work Health and Safety Commissioner (WorkSafe ACT) ACT Long Service Leave Authority (Statement of Intent)

CLOSE 5.55pm

Day 10 – Thursday 28 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
JACS	9.00am – 10.30am 1 hour 30 mins	Rattenbury	Attorney-General	Output 1.1 Policy Advice and Justice Programs Output 1.2 Legal Services to Government Output 1.3 Legislative Drafting and Publishing Services Output 1.4 Public Prosecutions Output 3.1 Courts and Tribunal
JACS	10.30am – 12.00 noon 1 hour 30 mins	Rattenbury	Minister for Gaming Minister for Consumer Affairs	Output 1.1 Policy Advice and Justice Programs

BREAK 12.00 noon – 1.30pm (90 mins)

ECI	1.30pm – 2.15pm 45 mins	Davidson	Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services	CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation (seniors and ageing policy; veterans)
			Minister for Disability	CSD 1.2 Office for Disability CSD 1.4 Quality, Complaints and Regulation

BREAK 2.15pm – 3.00pm (15 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
PTCS	2.30pm – 4.30pm 2 hours	Gentleman	Minister for Planning and Land Management	Output Class 6.1 Planning Policy Output Class 2.2 Parks and Conservation Output Class 1 Statutory Planning Output Class 4 Development and Implementation
PTCS	4.30pm – 5.00pm 30 mins	Gentleman	Minister for Planning and Land Management	Output Class 2 (Output 2.1): Access Canberra (in relation to planning, development, land and lease regulation only)

CLOSE 5.00pm

Day 11 – Friday 29 October 2021

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
EGEE	9.00am – 9.45am 45 mins	Cheyne	Minister for the Arts	Output Class 3: Economic Development 3.4: Arts Cultural Facilities Corporation (Statement of Intent) Output 1.1 Major Projects Canberra
EGEE	9.45am – 10.30am 45 mins	Cheyne	Assistant Minister for Economic Development	Output Class 3: Economic Development 3.1 Business and Innovation (functions relating to advanced technologies, creative industries, key industry capability area sector development, science, manufacturing, science and Screen Canberra) 3.2 Tourism and Events (ACT events fund and community events)

BREAK 10.30am – 10.45am (15 mins)

ECI	10.45am – 11.15am 30 mins	Cheyne	Minister for Multicultural Affairs	CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation
ECI	11.15am – 1.00pm 1 hour 45 mins	Steel	Minister for Skills	Output Class 3: Economic Development Output 3.5: Skills ACT Building Construction Industry Training Fund Authority (Statement of Intent) Output 1.1: Provision of Vocational Education and Training Services Canberra Institute of Technology (Statement of Intent)

BREAK 1.00pm – 1.30pm (30 mins)

Committee	Indicative Time	Witness	Office	Budget Paper Details
ECI	1.30pm – 2.00pm 30 mins	Steel	Minister for Skills	Output 1.1 Major Projects Canberra

BREAK 2.00pm – 2.15pm (15 mins)

ECI	2.15pm – 2.45pm 30 mins	Berry	Minister for Women	CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation (Women)
ECI	2.45pm – 3.15pm 30 mins	Berry	Minister for Education and Youth Affairs	CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation (Youth)
ECI	3.15pm – 3.45pm 30 mins	Berry	Minister for Sport and Recreation	Output Class 3: Economic Development Output 3.3: Sport and Recreation (Community sports infrastructure and sport and recreation) Output Class 8: Property Services Output 8.1: Property Services (Aquatic facilities management)

BREAK 3.45pm – 4.00pm (15 mins)

HCW	4.00pm – 4.30pm 30 mins	Berry	Minister for Housing and Suburban Development	HACT 1.1 Social Housing Services CSD 1.4 Quality Complaints and Regulation
HCW	4.30pm – 5.00pm 30 mins	Berry	Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence	CSD 1.5 Safer Families

CLOSE 5.00pm