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A

**Appropriation Bill 2020-2021**
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—9 February 2021

This bill will appropriate money for the purposes of the Territory for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2020.

- **Scrutiny Report 2** (no comment)

**Appropriation Bill 2021-2022**
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—6 October 2021

This bill will appropriate money for the purposes of the Territory for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2021.

- **Scrutiny Report 10** (no comment)

**Appropriation Bill 2022-2023**
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—2 August 2022

This bill will appropriate money for the purposes of the Territory for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2022.
Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2020-2021
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—9 February 2021

This bill will appropriate money for expenditure in relation to the Office of the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Assembly, including the Auditor-General, the Electoral Commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2020.

- Scrutiny Report 2 (no comment)

Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—6 October 2021

This bill will appropriate money for expenditure in relation to the Office of the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Assembly, including the Auditor-General, the Electoral Commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2021.

- Scrutiny Report 10 (no comment)

Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2022-2023
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—3 August 2022

This bill will appropriate money for expenditure in relation to the Office of the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Assembly, including the Auditor-General, the Electoral Commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2022.

B

Bail Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Hanson—5 August 2021

This bill will amend the Bail Act 1992 by extending the list of offences that do not have the presumption for bail to include assaults on frontline community service providers as defined in the Crimes Act 1900.

- Scrutiny Report 8
- Private Members' response in Scrutiny Report 9

C

Carers Recognition Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Orr—23 June 2021

This bill aims to recognise, promote, and value the role of unpaid carers within the community, by putting in place measures requiring certain entities and organisations to consider and adapt business practices to support the care relationship that exists between carers and the people they care for.

- Scrutiny Report 7
- Private Members' response in Scrutiny Report 9
City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Berry (Minister for Housing and Suburban Development)—6 October 2021
This bill will amend the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017 to alter the definition of ‘land’ in the Act to remove limitations on the operations of the Suburban Land Agency where the leasehold system is used. The bill will also remove references to ‘leases’ to ensure that, if needed in the future, the Agency has the legal authority to buy and sell land in New South Wales.

- Scrutiny Report 10 (no comment)

Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—9 November 2021
This bill will amend the Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003 to provide additional protection to buyers who purchase a residential property off-the-plan by imposing conditions on the use of certain rescission clauses in off-the-plan contracts. The bill will also provide that a seller may apply for an order from the ACT Supreme Court permitting the rescission of the contract due to a delay event or sunset event, however, the seller must satisfy the Court that the order sought is just and equitable. Amendments to the Act also include a regulation-making power to prescribe additional circumstances in which the rescission of an off-the-plan property purchase contract may occur.

- Scrutiny Report 11
- Government Response in Scrutiny Report 12

Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Cain—9 November 2021
This bill will amend the Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act 2003 by requiring a unit seller to obtain a buyer’s consent before ending an off-the-plan property contract using a sunset clause. The bill proposes that if consent is not given, the seller would be required to apply to the Supreme Court of the ACT to justify termination.

- Scrutiny Report 11 (no comment)

Civil Law (Wrongs) Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—12 May 2021
This bill will amend the Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002 to enact, in the ACT, the Model Defamation Amendment Provisions 2020 to ensure that defamation law aligns more closely with community expectations in relation to what should and should not be allowed. The amendments will include introducing a serious harm threshold and a single publication rule and will also provide for certain individuals to be counted as employees of a corporation. The bill also includes amendments clarifying the concerns notice procedure, the procedure for offers to make amends and introducing a new public interest defence. The amendments will also clarify that the cap on damages for non-economic loss operates as a scale and that aggravated damages are awarded separately for damages for non-economic loss.

- Scrutiny Report 5
Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction)—9 June 2022

This bill will amend the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010 by including provisions to limit offsetting activities and to require the Minister to consult the ACT Climate Change Council in determining offsetting activities and when setting or changing any interim emissions reduction targets. The bill also refines the functions of the Minister to ensure the aim of the primary legislation remains to be developing and delivering effective action on climate change mitigation and adaptation and to require the Minister to report on actions taken to address or adapt the impacts of climate change. Further amendments made to the Act by this bill include the requirement of a five-yearly independent assessment of policies, clarifying the general membership of the ACT Climate Change Council, including provisions to encourage community and private sector engagement and the expansion of the scope for potential sector agreements.

- Scrutiny Report 18

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Natural Gas Transition) Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction)—4 August 2022

This bill will amend the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010 by including a regulation-making power to limit new natural gas connections in prescribed circumstances. The bill will also include a mechanism to modify the national energy laws in relation to new natural gas connections, require the Chief Planning Executive’s advice to be sought and considered before making regulations and make compliance with the legislation a condition of the gas distributor’s utility licence.

COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Barr (Chief Minister)—4 August 2021

This bill will amend a number of Territory statutes by amending outdated references to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), former COAG ministerial forums and councils and any associated bodies to reduce any potential legal risks posed by these outdated references. The bill will include flexible amendments to allow changes to the names of national and interjurisdictional minister level forums without the need for subsequent legislative amendments.

- Scrutiny Report 8
- Government Response in Scrutiny Report 10

Corrections Management Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mrs Kikkert—25 November 2021

This bill will amend the Corrections Management Act 2007 to strengthen the legislation prohibiting items to be delivered into a correctional centre.

- Scrutiny Report 12 (no comment)
**Courts and Other Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2021**  
*Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—20 April 2021*

This bill will make a number of minor and technical amendments to Territory laws relating to the operations and procedures of ACT courts and tribunals. The bill also includes amendments to enhance access to justice for victims of financial abuse and proposes reforms to support the functions of the Public Trustee and Guardian and the ACT Judicial Council.

- [Scrutiny Report 4](#)

**COVID-19 Emergency Response (Check-in Information) Amendment Bill 2021**  
*Presented by Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health)—4 August 2021*

This bill will amend the **COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020** to exclusively reserve personal information collected through the use of the Check In CBR app (the app) for contract tracing purposes and compliance with its provisions. The bill will entrench into the Act that personal information collected about individuals by the app is provided to and stored by ACT Health, is stored for 28 days and then deleted, unless the person is subject to an investigation or prosecution for failing to comply with a public health direction and can only be used for contract tracing and contract tracing compliance purposes.

- [Scrutiny Report 8](#)  
- [Government response in Scrutiny Report 9](#)

**COVID-19 Emergency Response Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (No 3)**  
*Presented by Mr Barr (Chief Minister)—2 December 2020*

This bill will amend a number of Territory statutes to extend certain existing COVID-19 legislative measures adopted due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. The measures will be in place for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

- [Scrutiny Report 1](#)  
- [Government response in Scrutiny Report 4](#)

**Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2020**  
*Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—3 December 2020*

This bill will amend a number of Territory laws including the **Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003** to clarify legislation provisions that apply to applications for exclusion orders for property subject to an unexplained wealth restraining order. The **Crimes (Sentencing Administration) Act 2005** will also be amended to create a clear mechanism to bring offenders before an appropriate court to consider whether to cancel an intensive correction order where an offender has committed and been convicted or found guilty of a new offence that is punishable by imprisonment. Amendments to the **Criminal Code 2002** will be made to correct an anomaly in the definition of ‘threatening act’ for the offence of serious vilification and amendments to the **Magistrates Court Act 1930** will be made to allow defendants to appeal against conviction in the Magistrates Court up to 28 days after sentence.

- [Scrutiny Report 1](#)  
- [Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 2 and Scrutiny Report 3](#)
**Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2021**  
**Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—24 June 2021**

This bill makes necessary changes to ACT legislation to improve the clarity and effective operation of criminal justice legislation. The bill amends several acts to support efforts to keep vulnerable people safe, to support police in the field and to ensure that the criminal justice system functions in line with the ACT community’s expectations.

- [Scrutiny Report 7](#)
- [Government response in Scrutiny Report 8](#)

**Crimes (Consent) Amendment Bill 2022**  
**Presented by Dr Paterson—8 February 2022**

This bill will amend the *Crimes Act 1900* by outlining the principles of sexual consent, providing a meaning of consent, articulating a set of circumstances under which consent is not deemed given and also introduces the concept of reasonable belief in relation to a person’s consent.

- [Scrutiny Report 13](#)
- [Private Member’s Response in Scrutiny Report 16](#)

**Crimes (Policing) Legislation Amendment Bill 2021**  
**Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Police and Emergency Services)—1 December 2021**

This bill will amend a number of Territory statutes by enhancing the ability of ACT Policing to protect the lives and sexual safety of children by providing higher levels of compliance with reporting obligations by those convicted of child sex offences. The bill will also make amendments to firearms legislation by introducing a permanent amnesty so that a person will not face penalty under an offence provision if unregistered firearms are surrendered to police. The bill includes provisions for the Firearms Registrar to destroy or dispose of firearms surrendered under the amnesty, without requiring a court order to do so.

- [Scrutiny Report 12](#)

**Crimes (Stealthing) Amendment Bill 2021**  
**Presented by Ms Lee—22 April 2021**

This bill will amend the *Crimes Act 1900* to define stealthing as a factor that would negate consent.

- [Scrutiny Report 4](#)
- [Private Member’s Response in Scrutiny Report 10](#)

**Domestic Animals Legislation Amendment Bill 2021**  
**Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—31 March 2021**

This bill will amend legislation about domestic animals by introducing a requirement for dogs to be registered annually in the Territory from July 2021.

- [Scrutiny Report 3](#)
- [Government response in Scrutiny Report 5](#)
Domestic Animals Legislation Amendment Bill 2022  
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—10 February 2022  
This bill will amend domestic animal legislation by introducing a requirement for newly acquired cats to be  
contained to a premises for their lifetime and to require all cats to be registered annually in the ACT.
  
  • Scrutiny Report 13  
  • Government response in Scrutiny Report 14

Domestic Violence Agencies Amendment Bill 2021  
Presented by Ms Berry (Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence)—23 June 2021  
This bill will establish the domestic and family violence death review function in the ACT. The review  
mechanism aims to take a system-wide perspective and make recommendations to improve responses to  
domestic and family violence in relation to policy, procedures, legislation, system and services, data collection  
and management, and public awareness.
  
  • Scrutiny Report 7  
  • Government response in Scrutiny Report 9

Domestic Violence Agencies Amendment Bill 2022  
Presented by Ms Berry (Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence)—24 March 2022  
This bill will amend the Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986 by introducing provisions to bring the Act’s  
objectives and functions in line with the current domestic and family violence policy and service landscape.  
These provisions will include reforms to the Domestic Violence Prevention Council to ensure it continues to  
guide and improve the ACT’s response to domestic and family violence. The bill will also make consequential  
amendments to a number of other ACT statues.
  
  • Scrutiny Report 15

Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021  
Presented by Mr Pettersson—11 February 2021  
This bill will amend the Drugs of Dependence Act 1989 to rename the Simple Cannabis Offence Notice Scheme  
to the Simple Drug Offence Notice Scheme and add other common illicit drugs to the diversionary pathway.
  
  • Scrutiny Report 2  
  • Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 19
Education Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Ms Berry (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs)—7 April 2022

This bill will amend the Education Act 2004 and the Education Regulation 2005 to revise the registration and registration review requirements for non-government schools. The bill will also make amendments to the legislation to clarify the definitions of suspensions, transfers, expulsions and exclusions as well as strengthening reporting requirements for all schooling sectors. The bill makes consequential amendments to a number of Territory Acts.

- Scrutiny Report 15
- Government response in Scrutiny Report 17
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 17

Electoral Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Davis and Mr Braddock—2 December 2021

This bill will amend the Electoral Act 1992 to lower the mandatory voting age from 18 to 16 years of age.

- Scrutiny Report 12

Emergencies Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Police and Emergency Services)—9 November 2021

This bill will amend the Emergencies Act 2004 by creating a legislative power to appoint the ACT Recovery Coordinator. The bill will amend the Act by requiring that emergency management in the Territory develops community resilience to emergencies. Amendments also include providing for the transition of the ACT Bushfire Council into the ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council and allowing for the appointment of an Assistant Emergency Services Commissioner. The bill will also include provisions relating to the declaration of a state of alert and state of emergency, the use of social media to inform the community about emergencies, the delegation of certain powers to a police officer and the issuing of fire permits.

- Scrutiny Report 11
- Government Response in Scrutiny Report 12

Fair Trading and Other Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Consumer Affairs)—7 April 2022

This bill will amend fair trading legislation of the Territory to provide greater consumer protection outcomes for the community. The amendments will include reforms to the regulation of the real estate industry to improve professional standards and qualifications and streamline the licensing framework for the industry. Amendments will be made to the licensing framework for gaming machine suppliers in the relevant legislation. The bill will also amend bookmaking legislation to provide that only corporations and not individuals or syndicates may hold a sports bookmaking licence. A number of minor and technical amendments will also be made to the Retirement Villages Act 2012 and the Retirement Villages Regulation 2013 to clarify uncertainties predominantly relating to meeting procedures.
Family Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—10 February 2022
This bill will amend a number of ACT statutes to ensure that domestic and family violence offenders are held to account, help to improve access to justice and remove trauma for victims involved in court proceedings. The bill will create an aggravated offence scheme, provide an express legislative basis for the court to grant an adjournment for the preparation of a Victim Impact Statement in sentence proceedings for serious offences and limit cross-examination on the contents of Victim Impact Statements. The amendments proposed by the bill will also extend the existing counselling protections for counselling communications in sexual offence proceedings, include technological abuse in the definition of family violence and change the name of the offence of ‘sexual relationship with child or young person under special care’. The bill will create a legislative requirement to review the Family Violence Act 2016 three years after the bill’s commencement.

Financial Management Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—16 September 2021
This bill will amend the Financial Management Act 1996 to increase the appropriation during the 2021-2022 supply period from 50 percent to 75 percent due to the delay in the introduction of the 2021-2022 appropriation bills as a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak in the Territory. Amendments to the Act will also increase the amount available for Treasurer’s advance payments from one percent to five percent of 2020-2021 appropriation acts.

Financial Management Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2)
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety)—1 December 2021
This bill will amend the Financial Management Act 1996 to require an evaluation to be completed prior to the outsourcing and/or privatisation of public sector jobs. The bill will include provisions to require that proposed services or works with an estimates value equal to or greater than an amount that may be prescribed by regulation be evaluated in accordance with the Insourcing Framework to be determined by the Chief Minister through a notifiable instrument.
G

**Government Procurement Amendment Bill 2021**

Presented by Mr Steel (Special Minister of State) and Mr Gentleman (Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety)—10 November 2021

This bill will amend the *Government Procurement Act 2001* and the *Government Procurement Regulation 2007* to increase the effectiveness of the Secure Local Jobs Code and allow for the obtaining of information or documentation to improve compliance with the obligations of the Code and to make determinations. The bill will also increase the monetary threshold for requiring a Labour Relations, Training and Workplace Equity Plan in services or works procurements that are primarily for construction work from a total estimated value of $25,000 to $200,000.

- [Scrutiny Report 11](#)
- [Government Response in Scrutiny Report 12](#)

H

**Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2022**

Presented by Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health)—4 May 2022

This bill will amend the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* to allow compliance testing to occur for sales of e-cigarettes to minors. The amendments will clarify that no smoking products may be sold via vending machines and will exempt community pharmacists from the requirement to source nicotine vaping products from a wholesaler who holds an ACT Tobacco licence. Amendments will also be made to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1927*, by this bill, to extend the application of Commonwealth therapeutics goods laws in the Territory. Amendments to the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1978* will also be made to resolve technical legal compatibility issues between the Act and the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1997*.

- [Scrutiny Report 16](#)

I

**Integrity Commission Amendment Bill 2022**

Presented by Ms Burch (Speaker)—9 June 2022

This bill will amend the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* to include the category of ‘Assembly information’ in the Act, which is a broad class of information into which material covered by parliamentary privilege will necessarily fall. The bill also includes particular arrangements for handling of such information in the exercise of powers and functions by the Integrity Commission, including requests for information from heads of public sector entities, preliminary inquiry notices, search warrants and examination summonses.

- [Scrutiny Report 18](#)
Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—3 December 2020
This bill will make minor, technical and non-controversial amendments to a number of Territory laws to improve regulation of government, professional and community bodies and to better protect and promote improved services for vulnerable persons.

- Scrutiny Report 1
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 1

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—11 November 2021
This bill will make minor and technical amendments to a number of Territory laws to improve the administration and operation of the laws for the more vulnerable members of the community and also to improve regulatory framework and the operation of the ACT Government and its agencies.

- Scrutiny Report 11
- Government Response in Scrutiny Report 12
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 11

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—9 June 2022
This bill will make minor, technical and non-controversial amendments to a number of Territory laws to improve regulation of government, professional and community bodies and to better protect and promote improved services for vulnerable persons. The bill will also include provisions to improve access to justice for survivors of child sexual abuse which will give the Courts the power to set aside unjust child abuse settlements and remove limitation periods on causes of actions for survivors of child physical abuse.

- Scrutiny Report 18

Legislation (Legislative Assembly Committees) Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Ms Burch (Speaker)—10 February 2022
This bill will amend provisions in a number of ACT statues to enable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to nominate, in writing, which Assembly standing committees are to perform particular statutory responsibilities and functions. The amendments will make statutory references to Assembly committees consistent and will remove any ambiguity as to which committees are required to perform particular statutory functions, however, the amendments will not give the Speaker power to nominate a committee to perform functions arising under the Auditor-General Act 1996, the Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2012, the Electoral Act 1992, the Ombudsman Act 1989 and the Integrity Commission Act 2018.

- Scrutiny Report 13 (no comment)
Loose-fill Asbestos Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Vassarotti (Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction)—3 June 2021
This bill will amend the definitions of ‘buyback scheme’ and ‘loose-fill asbestos insulation eradication buyback program’ in several Acts to allow the eradication of loose-fill asbestos insulation from Canberra homes to continue beyond closure of the Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme Buyback Program on 17 August 2021.

- Scrutiny Report 6 (no comment)

Operational Efficiencies (COVID-19) Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—16 September 2021
This bill will amend several Territory statutes to permanently adopt a number of legislative measures taken during the COVID-19 emergency and will also extend the expiry of measures put in place to assist the business activities of incorporated associations.

- Scrutiny Report 9
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 9

Period Products and Facilities (Access) Bill 2022
Presented by Ms Orr—4 August 2022
This bill will establish requirements to enable the provision of free period products of various types in designated places in the community and to designated community partners for distribution to those who may struggle to acquire them. The bill will also require the Government to provide freely available information about menstruation and safe, healthy management of periods in multiple languages. The bill will require the Government to make period products and associated information in government schools and require non-government education providers to supply period products to those students in need at the education provider’s premises. Further requirements in the bill include that the ACT Public Service and entities undertaking territory-funded work provide appropriate handwashing, sanitary waste and other period management facilities in ACTPS workplaces.

Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Planning and Land Management)—10 February 2021
This bill will amend the Planning and Development Act 2007 to prohibit the establishment of major waste facilities in Fyshwick and also ban the expansion of existing facilities in Fyshwick.

- Scrutiny Report 2 (no comment)
Planning and Unit Titles Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Planning and Land Management)—2 December 2020
This bill will amend a number of Territory laws that deal with planning and unit titles matters to improve the operation of those laws. The amendments will make changes to existing legislative provisions regarding unit titles and community concessional leases.

- Scrutiny Report 1

Planning and Unit Titles Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Planning and Land Management)—8 October 2021
This bill will make minor policy, procedural and technical amendments to a number of Territory laws administered by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Justice and Community Safety Directorate.

- Scrutiny Report 10

Plastic Reduction Bill 2020
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—2 December 2020
This bill will enact policy to reduce the use of plastic in the Territory, particularly single-use plastic, by prohibiting the supply of identified single-use plastic items. The bill will also establish a framework for adding other products in the future, and absorbs the existing plastic shopping bag ban to streamline plastic-related regulation in the ACT.

- Scrutiny Report 1
- Government response in Scrutiny Report 2

Public Health Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health)—10 November 2021
This bill will amend the Public Health Act 1997 by including temporary provisions to ensure that the Government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic can continue to effectively address public health risks as the Territory moves into the next phase of the public health response.

- Scrutiny Report 11
- Government Response in Scrutiny Report 12

Public Health Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2)
Presented by Mr Barr (Chief Minister) and Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health)—2 December 2021
This bill will amend the Public Health Act 1997 and a number of other COVID-19 related statutes to allow the Executive, after consultation with the Chief Health Officer, to make a COVID-19 Management Direction where it is satisfied that COVID-19 presents a serious risk to public health. Any direction made must be published on the ACT Legislation Register for transparency and accountability. The bill will require that the Human Rights Commission is consulted in the making of directions and any direction made will require a statement on how the direction is consistent with human rights.

- Scrutiny Report 12
- Government response in Scrutiny Report 14
• Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 15
• Committee comments on Government response in Scrutiny Report 15

Public Place Names Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Dr Paterson—30 November 2021
This bill will amend the Public Place Names Act 1989 to replace “colonisation” with “reconciliation” which will broaden the scope of persons famous in Australian fields whom the Minister can have regard in determining a public place name.
• Scrutiny Report 12 (no comment)

Radiation Protection Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Health)—24 March 2022
This bill will amend the Radiation Protection Act 2006 and the Radiation Protection Regulation 2007 to strengthen controls on the safe use and ownership of radiation sources, improve licensing and registration processes and align regulatory controls with other jurisdictions. The bill will also seek to provide greater regulatory transparency and improve business and government efficiencies, radiation safety controls, and stakeholder relations. The bill will make a consequential amendment to the Public Health Act 1997.
• Scrutiny Report 15
• Government Response in Scrutiny Report 16
• Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 17

Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Burch (Speaker)—11 November 2021
This bill will amend the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995 by amending provisions to allow for the position of ‘Whip in the Legislative Assembly of a registered party (other than the party to which the Chief Minister or Leader of the Opposition belongs) if at least four members of the Assembly are members of the party’ to be declared an ‘office’ pursuant to section 73 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988. The amendments would require the Remuneration Tribunal to inquire into, and determine, the remuneration and allowances to be paid, and other entitlements to be granted to, the ‘office’.
• Scrutiny Report 11 (no comment)

Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer)—31 March 2021
This bill will amend a number of laws on the ACT statute book to improve the operation of tax laws. The bill includes the removal of the current expiry date of 30 June 2021 for the affordable community housing and land tax exemption. The bill will also provide for: a conveyance duty concession for pensioners with a disability purchasing residential shares in not-for-profit supportive housing properties; provide for the application of penalty tax provisions under the Taxation Administration Act to overdue and unpaid rates on land owned by corporations and trusts; and will also make a number of minor and technical amendments.
• Scrutiny Report 3
Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—5 August 2021

This bill will amend the Territory’s road transport legislation to improve road safety by strengthening the regulatory and enforcement framework for dangerous driving and other unsafe behaviours on the Territory’s road network. The amendments include establishing a new offence for negligent driving that causes actual bodily harm, increasing existing minimum automatic licence disqualification periods for the offences of culpable driving and negligent driving and establishing two new offences to address unsafe behaviours of other transport modes.

- Scrutiny Report 8
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 13
- Committee considered amendments in Scrutiny Report 14
- Private Member’s Response in Scrutiny Report 15

Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2)
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—1 December 2021

This bill will amend the Territory’s road transport legislation to introduce a regulatory timeframe of three months before the owner of a vehicle that is kept at an ACT garage address must transfer its registration to the ACT. The bill will also introduce a legislative exemption to the regulatory timeframe for vehicles registered in the name of a transferred defence force member and their eligible family members. Amendments made by the bill will also introduce provisions in relation to the use of certain vehicles, including e-scooters, or animals on the road while under influence of alcohol or drugs. The bill will also make minor and technical amendments to road transport legislation.

- Scrutiny Report 12
- Government response in Scrutiny Report 14

Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—13 May 2021

This bill will amend a number of laws and regulations to allow for the use of mobile device detection cameras on ACT roads. The bill will amend the legislation governing the use of fixed and mobile speed cameras to be more flexible and responsive.

- Scrutiny Report 5
- Government response in Scrutiny Report 7

Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2)
Presented by Ms Clay—22 June 2021

This bill will improve road safety, and where vulnerable road users (people outside of a car) are harmed, to bring penalties closer to meeting community expectation. It introduces a new offence for negligent driving that causes harm to a vulnerable road user with a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units and a traffic infringement notice penalty for this offence of $1600 plus the loss of three licence points.

- Scrutiny Report 7
Senior Practitioner Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Ms Davidson (Minister for Disability)—24 June 2021
This bill will amend the Senior Practitioner Act 2018, and contains provisions that both engage and promote or limit human rights in order to regulate and reduce the use of restrictive practices on vulnerable people.

- Scrutiny Report 7 (no comment)

Senior Practitioner Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Ms Davidson (Minister for Disability)—4 August 2022
This bill will amend the Senior Practitioner Act 2018 by removing, from the definition of restrictive practice, verbal directions, or gestural conduct, of a coercive nature. This will make it clear that coercion is not a restrictive practice that could be part of a positive behaviour support plan. The bill will also strengthen the authority of regulations made under the Act to enable them to create offences and fix penalties.

Statute Law Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—20 April 2021
This bill will amend a number of laws and regulations and forms part of the technical amendments program for ACT legislation. The bill includes amendments to the Controlled Sports Act 2019 to include the controlled sports registrar as someone who may be informed or advised about controlled sports issues by an advisory committee. The bill also proposes amendments to the Mental Health Act 2014 to include a registered affected person as someone who may appear and give evidence at the hearing of certain proceedings. The bill also proposes a number of other minor and technical amendments to ACT legislation.

- Scrutiny Report 4

Statute Law Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—2 June 2022
This bill will amend a number of laws and regulations by making technical amendments to the ACT’s statute book. The Territory Records Act 2002 will be amended to remove the requirement for the Minister to approve leave for the director of Territory Records with other laws being amended to update them with gender-neutral language. A number of typographical errors and outdated cross-references will also be made to ACT laws.

- Scrutiny Report 18 (no comment)

Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Rattenbury (Attorney-General)—5 May 2022
This bill will amend Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Act 2006 to extend the operation of the Act for a further five years, to 19 November 2027, and requires that a further statutory review of the Act be provided to the Legislative Assembly a year before the expiry of the extension. The bill also makes several amendments aimed at strengthening human rights protections for individuals detained under the Act.
Urban Forest Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Steel (Minister for Transport and City Services)—3 August 2021

This bill will repeal the Tree Protection Act 2005 and the Magistrates Court (Tree Protection Infringement Notices) Regulation 2006 to provide an updated legislative framework for managing trees on private and public land to enhance Canberra’s tree canopy to reach a target of 30 percent canopy coverage by 2045.

Utilities Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Barr (Treasurer) and Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction)—20 April 2021

This bill will amend the Utilities Act 2000 by introducing a required reference price framework to provide ACT consumers with a consistent benchmark to compare alternative offers and make informed choices regarding electricity contracts.

Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2021
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety)—24 June 2021

This bill will provide a more effective deterrence for poor workplace safety by establishing an offence provision that is similar to those in effect under the Crimes Act for the purposes of industrial manslaughter. The bill will establish industrial manslaughter as an offence under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, repeals industrial manslaughter from the Crimes Act 1900 and sets out the necessary consequential amendments to a number of Acts.

Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
Presented by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety)—8 June 2021

This bill will amend a number of laws relating to workplace legislation. The bill will include provisions to provide greater clarity for duty holders about their work, health and safety obligations, to ensure work health safety offences are effective in deterring non-compliance and to ensure that liability for penalty amounts under the Territory’s work health safety laws cannot be insured. The bill seeks to strengthen cross-border information sharing arrangements between regulators, will extend work safety incident notification laws to require employers to report sexual assault incidents occurring at their workplaces to the work safety regulator and improve worker protections relating to private sector workers’ compensation. The bill will also make a number of minor and technical amendments to workplace legislation.