EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

*1 MR BARR: To present a Bill for an Act to establish the city renewal authority and the suburban land agency, and for other purposes. (Notice given 29 March 2017).


*3 MR GENTLEMAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Firearms Act 1996. (Notice given 29 March 2017).

*4 MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about justice and community safety, and for the other purposes. (Notice given 29 March 2017).

*5 MR RAMSAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation for red tape reduction, and for other purposes. (Notice given 29 March 2017).

*6 MS STEPHEN-SMITH: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008. (Notice given 29 March 2017).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO THE VALUE OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: Resumption of debate (from 15 December 2016—Mr Rattenbury) on the motion of Mr Steel—That this Assembly:

(1) notes the Mitchell Institute Report Preschool – Two Years are Better Than One Developing a universal preschool program for Australian 3 year olds – evidence, policy and implementation; and

(2) resolves that the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs conducts an inquiry into the value of universal access to early childhood education, including evidence around the benefits to children of starting preschool at age three.

2 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO ENROLMENTS AND CAPACITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Resumption of debate (from 15 December 2016—Ms Le Couteur) on the motion of Mr Pettersson—That the matter of enrolments and capacity in Canberra public schools, including Priority Enrolment Areas and other factors affecting demand on schools, and any related matters, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs for inquiry and report.

3 PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO GREATER HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: Resumption of debate (from 15 December 2016—Mr Rattenbury) on the motion of Ms Orr—That the matter of the interaction of housing types, market settings and land release with changes in consumer behaviour and the goal of achieving greater housing affordability be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal for inquiry and report.

4 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO EVIDENCE AND BEST PRACTICE AROUND PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS IN THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE: Resumption of debate (from 15 December 2016—Ms Le Couteur) on the motion of Ms Cody—That the matter of evidence and best practice around prevention and early intervention programs in the prevention of domestic and family violence and any other related matters be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety for inquiry and report.
Last sitting day in May 2017

5 STANDING COMMITTEES: Presentation of reports on annual and financial reports for the financial year 2015-2016 and calendar year 2015, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 February 2017.

1 August 2017


Last sitting day in August 2017

7 STANDING COMMITTEES: Presentation of reports on annual and financial reports for the calendar year 2016, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 February 2017.

End of August 2017

8 INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the most effective and efficient model for an independent integrity commission for the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 December 2016.

Last sitting day in 2017

9 2016 ACT ELECTION AND THE ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on a review of the operation of the 2016 ACT election and the Electoral Act and other relevant legislation and policies in regards to election-related matters, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 December 2016.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

There are no notices or orders of the day
EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—continued

Orders of the day

1 FAMILY AND PERSONAL VIOLENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017: 
(Attorney-General): Detail stage—Clause 1—Resumption of debate (from 28 March 2017—Mr Gentleman).

Notices—continued

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

(1) notes:

(a) the importance of the vocational education and training (VET) sector to the ACT as a driver of jobs, economic growth and innovation;

(b) that in 2015, a total of 66,214 ACT residents participated in VET programs across Australia and a total of 9,696 VET programs were undertaken by ACT residents with 1,420 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ACT residents studying VET programs in that year;

(c) the achievements of the Canberra Institute of Technology, including the delivery of over 600,000 teaching hours to more than 2,000 apprentices in 2016;

(d) the important contribution played by industry in training apprentices, the exceptional performance of ACT apprentices at the last Australian Training Awards held in Darwin last November with ACT apprentice, Shane Dealy, named the 2016 Australian Apprentice of the Year, and ACT Australian School-based Apprentice, Madeline Wallace, named as runner-up in the schools’ category;

(e) that through the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Skills Reform, the Australian Government has committed $1.75 billion over five years (2012-17) to work with States and Territories to drive reform of the national training system;

(f) the ACT training sector has received $28 million of funding through this NPA since 2012;

(g) that Commonwealth funding for the NPA on Skills Reform expires in June 2017;

(h) that the Commonwealth has refused to schedule a meeting of Skills and Training Ministers to discuss any future agreement or funding for continuing Commonwealth funding for this essential education program; and
(i) demands made by business groups, including the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, AI Group and Business Council of Australia, for the Commonwealth Government to recommit to full funding of a new NPA on Skills Reform; and

(2) calls for:

(a) the ACT Government to again write to the Federal Government to urgently recommit to a new NPA on Skills to take effect from July 2017 with funding levels at least maintained at current levels; and

(b) continued efforts by the ACT Government, in conjunction with all jurisdictions, to ensure a properly funded, well-regulated and high quality vocational, education and training system. (Notice given 29 March 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

Orders of the day—continued


5 ACT HEALTH REPORTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2017—Mr Wall) on the motion of Ms Fitzharris—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notice

1 MR HANSON: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) on 14 February 2017, a member of the Labor Party, Ms Bec Cody MLA, used the adjournment debate of the Assembly to attack the RSL over some tiles in the male bathroom, Ms Cody stated “Let me say that again, in 2017 in Australia, in a club that promotes itself as championing our values and respect for our national heritage, men are expected to urinate on Aboriginals”;

2 (Treasurer): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate from 23 March 2017—Mr Coe.


4 (Attorney-General): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate from 23 March 2017—Mr Hanson.

5 (from 14 February 2017—Mr Wall) on the motion of Ms Fitzharris—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
(b) about the Sussex Inlet RSL, Ms Cody said “the Sussex Inlet RSL are a disgrace, they are a disgrace to themselves, a disgrace to the veterans they claim to represent and a disgrace to Australia”;

(c) about the RSL in general, Ms Cody said that there existed “a long history of disgraceful behaviour by this organisation”;

(d) about the people within the RSL, Ms Cody said they were “people who either are, or stand by, racists”;

(e) since Ms Cody’s accusations, it has been exposed that the description Ms Cody made of the tiles’ placement was not true;

(f) since Ms Cody’s accusations, it was revealed that the links between the club and the RSL management is not true;

(g) following Ms Cody’s accusations, the RSL stated “It is this type of unfounded criticism of a national body, spoken in generalisations, which has completed over 100 years of assisting the veteran family and community that makes the veterans very angry”; and

(h) Ms Cody’s accusations have caused enormous hurt and harm by falsely representing facts, and accusing various parties of extreme racism; and

(2) calls upon the Minister for Veterans and Seniors and the Chief Minister to:

(a) condemn Ms Cody for her inflammatory and untruthful statements;

(b) apologise to the members of the Sussex Inlet RSL and its management for promoting untrue statements, and accusing them of being racists;

(c) apologise to the national and state management of the RSL for falsely associating them with the RSL club, and accusing them of being racists; and

(d) reconfirm the ACT Government’s commitment to our returned service men and women, and the organisations that support them. (Notice given 20 March 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

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.
Unanswered questions

68, 84, 92, 95-115, 117, 124, 134-150.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS
(in accordance with standing order 100)

16 May 2017
Curtin—Draft Master Plan—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 1-17).
Tillyard Drive and Ginninderra Drive—Traffic control measures—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 2-17).

20 June 2017
KFC Restaurant—O’Hanlon Place, Gold Creek Village—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petitions lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 3-17 and Pet 6-17).

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth 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 31 October 2016): The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.
Pursuant to resolution

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton, Mr Pettersson.

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Mr Steel, Mr Wall.

**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Ms Orr (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Doszpot, Mr Parton.

**HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Mr Steel (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson.

**JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Mrs Jones (Chair), Ms Cody, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.

**PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Ms Le Couteur (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder, Mr Milligan, Ms Orr.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:** *(Formed 13 December 2016)*: Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mr Pettersson.

**Select**

**2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 15 December 2016)*: Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall.

**ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 16 February 2017)*: Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson.

**INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 15 December 2016)*: Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.