

Standing Committees – Establishment

At its meeting on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, the Assembly passed the following resolution ([amended 4 February 2025, 26 June 2025 and 4 December 2025](#)):

“That:

- (1) the following general purpose standing committees be established and be comprised of membership as set out in the table below;
- (2) the purpose of such committees is to enhance the scrutiny of the Executive, to examine and suggest improvements to any bills referred to it, to enable the citizens of the Territory to engage and to participate in law-making and policy review, and to review annual reports of taxpayer funded agencies;
- (3) the committees so established may inquire and report on matters referred to it by the Assembly or matters that are considered by the committee to be of concern to the community and within the nominated areas of responsibility;
- (4) calendar and financial year annual and financial reports stand referred to the relevant standing committee for inquiry and report by 12 May of the year after the presentation of the report to the Assembly pursuant to the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*;
- (5) notwithstanding standing order 229, only one standing committee may meet for the consideration of the inquiry into the calendar and financial year annual and financial reports at any given time;
- (6) all reports of the ACT Auditor-General tabled in the Assembly stand referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration for inquiry and report;
- (7) the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders shall:
 - (a) examine matters related to corruption and integrity in public administration;
 - (b) inquire into and report on matters referred to it by the Assembly or matters that are considered by the Committee to be of concern to the community;
 - (c) perform all functions required of it pursuant to the *Integrity Commission Act 2018*; and
 - (d) monitor, review and report on the performance of the Integrity Commission and the Inspector of the Integrity Commission or the exercise of the powers and functions of the Integrity Commission and the Inspector of the Integrity Commission, including examining the annual reports of the Integrity Commission and the Inspector of the Integrity Commission and any other reports made by the Commission;
- (8) nothing in this resolution authorises the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders to investigate a matter relating to particular conduct or to reconsider a decision to investigate, not to investigate or to discontinue an investigation of a particular complaint made to the Commission, or to reconsider the findings, recommendations, determinations or other decisions of the Commission or the Inspector in relation to a particular investigation or complaint;

- (9) the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs is also to perform a legislative scrutiny role of bills and subordinate legislation by:
- (a) considering whether the clauses of bills (and amendments proposed to bills) introduced into the Assembly:
 - (i) unduly trespass on personal rights and liberties;
 - (ii) make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
 - (iii) make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
 - (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
 - (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny; and
 - (vi) consider whether any explanatory statement associated with legislation meets the technical or stylistic standards expected by the Assembly;
 - (b) reporting to the Legislative Assembly about human rights issues raised by bills and subordinate laws presented to the Assembly, pursuant to section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2004*;
 - (c) considering whether any instrument of a legislative nature made under an Act which is subject to disallowance and/or disapproval by the Assembly (including a regulation, rule or by-law):
 - (i) is in accord with the general objects of the Act under which it is made;
 - (ii) unduly trespasses on rights previously established by law;
 - (iii) makes rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions; or
 - (iv) contains matter which in the opinion of the Committee should properly be dealt with in an Act of the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (d) consider whether any explanatory statement or explanatory memorandum associated with legislation and any regulatory impact statement meets the technical or stylistic standards expected by the Assembly;
- (10) each committee shall have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the relevant standing committee appointed during previous Assemblies;
- (11) each committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources;
- (12) in addition, the membership of the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure, established under standing order 16, be composed of the:
- (a) Speaker, as Chair;
 - (b) Government whip;
 - (c) Opposition whip; and

- (d) ACT Greens whip;
- (13) the Independents for Canberra Member and the Fiona Carrick Independent Member may attend and participate (without voting) at meetings of the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure when Assembly and Private Members' business is ordered, and at any other time a majority of Members of the Committee invite those Members;
- (14) a Liberal Member will chair the:
- (a) Standing Committee on Legal Affairs;
- (b) Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders;
- (c) Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration; and
- (d) Standing Committee on Transport and City Services;
- (15) the Greens Member will chair the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning;
- (16) the Labor Member will chair the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation;
- (17) the Independents for Canberra Member will chair the Standing Committee on Social Policy;
- (18) nominations for membership of these committees be notified in writing to the Speaker within two hours following conclusion of the debate on the matter; and
- (19) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Committee	Primary Wellbeing Indicator/s	Areas of Responsibility	Membership
Administration and Procedure	Governance and institutions	As outlined in standing order 16 and (12) and (13) above	
1. Environment and Planning	Environment and Climate, Housing and Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Environment and climate change · Heritage · Water and energy policy and programs · Emissions reductions · Environment and ecological sustainability · Commissioner for the Environment · Environment Protection Agency · Parks and conservation · City Renewal Authority · Suburban Land Agency · Planning · Land management 	4 Member committee 1 Liberal Member 1 Labor Member 1 Greens Member Member of Fiona Carrick Independent

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2. Economics, Industry and Recreation	Economy, Living Standards and Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gaming and racing · Gaming and Racing Commission · Arts · Creative industries · Screen Canberra · Tourism · Skills · Sport and Recreation · Building and construction · Business · Access Canberra · ACT Events Fund · Community events · Major events · Night-time economy · Industrial relations and workplace safety · Economy · Economic development and diversification · Infrastructure Canberra · Employment 	<p>5 Member committee</p> <p>1 Greens Member</p> <p>1 Labor Member</p> <p>Member of Independents for Canberra</p> <p>Member of Fiona Carrick Independent</p> <p>1 Liberal Member</p>
3. Social policy	<p>Education and Life-long Learning and Identity and Belonging</p> <p>Health and Social Connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Early Childhood Development · Education · Youth Affairs · Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs · Multicultural Affairs · Disability · Women (including the Office for Women) · Seniors · Veterans · LGBTIQ+ · Health and health system · Justice Health · Mental Health · Homelessness and housing services · Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence · Families · Community Services 	<p>4 Member committee</p> <p>Member of Independents for Canberra</p> <p>1 Labor Member</p> <p>1 Liberal Member</p> <p>1 Greens Member</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Social Housing · Intergenerational fairness 	
4. Legal Affairs	Safety and Governance and Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Emergency management and the Emergency Services Agency · Policing and ACT Policing · Corrective Services · Attorney-General · Consumer Affairs · Human Rights · Victims of Crime · Access to justice and restorative practice · Public Trustee and Guardian · Scrutiny of bills and subordinate legislation 	<p>3 Member committee</p> <p>1 Liberal Member</p> <p>1 Labor Member</p> <p>1 Greens Member</p>
5. Public Accounts and Administration	Governance and Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the ACT and its authorities · All reports of the Auditor-General which have been presented to the Assembly · ACT Public Service · Procurement Policy · Insurance Policy · Chief Digital Officer · Digital and Data Strategy · Finance · Treasury (including taxation and revenue) 	<p>4 Member committee</p> <p>1 Liberal Member</p> <p>1 Labor Member</p> <p>Member of Fiona Carrick Independent</p> <p>1 Greens Member</p>
6. Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders	Governance and Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ACT Auditor-General · ACT Ombudsman · Office of the Legislative Assembly · ACT Electoral Commission · ACT Integrity Commission · Electoral policy 	<p>3 Member committee</p> <p>1 Liberal Member</p> <p>1 Labor Member</p> <p>1 Greens Member</p>

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7. Transport and City Services	Access and Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Transport · City Services 	3 Member committee 1 Liberal Member 1 Labor Member 1 Greens Member