



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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¹ The Assembly motion of 26 March 2015 resolved that a member of the cross-bench be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the purpose of this investigation.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INQUIRY INTO ELEMENTS IMPACTING ON THE FUTURE OF THE ACT CLUBS SECTOR

On Thursday 26 March 2015, the Legislative Assembly referred **part (3)** of the following motion to the Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of September 2015.

“That this Assembly:

(1) notes the ongoing value community clubs provide to the wider Canberra community; and:

- (a) the need to secure the long-term financial viability of the community clubs sector to ensure this contribution to the economic and social wellbeing of Canberra continues;
- (b) the need for community clubs to diversify their business models away from reliance on gaming revenue;
- (c) the need for harm minimisation measures to protect vulnerable problem gamblers; and
- (d) the following elements impacting on the future of the ACT clubs sector:
 - (i) revenue and profitability;
 - (ii) legislation and regulations;
 - (iii) taxation and charges;
 - (iv) land development and sales;
 - (v) problem gambling;
 - (vi) diversification and mergers;
 - (vii) new business models;
 - (viii) poker machines and gambling technologies; and
 - (ix) water and resource management;

(2) notes the Government’s continuing work in partnership with ClubsACT on:

- (a) the comprehensive suite of red tape reduction measures passed by the Legislative Assembly in 2014 as part of the Gaming Machine Reform Package;
- (b) legislation introducing the second tranche of the Gaming Machine Reform Package, including a trading scheme, will be introduced into the Assembly in May;
- (c) the establishment of a Community Clubs Taskforce in November 2014 to explore further ways the Government can assist community clubs to diversify their business models; and
- (d) the establishment of Access Canberra as a one-stop shop for businesses, including community clubs, to work with the ACT Government; and

(3) resolves that:

- (a) the matters in 1(d) and related matters be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for further investigation and consultation with the wider community;
- (b) a member of the cross-bench be appointed to the committee for the purpose of this investigation; and
- (c) the committee report by the last sitting day of September 2015 with a response from the Government by the last sitting day of November 2015.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

ACT Legislative Assembly, Minutes of Proceedings No. 96, 26 March 2015, pp. 1072–1073.

On 22 September 2015 the Legislative Assembly resolved:

That the resolution of the Assembly of 26 March 2015 referring Elements Impacting on the Future of the ACT Clubs Sector to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for inquiry and report be amended by omitting the words “by the last sitting day in September 2015” and substituting “by the last sitting day in October 2015” and adding a new paragraph (3)(d):

- “(3)(d) if the Assembly is not sitting when the report is completed the Speaker, or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, is authorised to give directions for its printing, publication and circulation.”

ACT Legislative Assembly, Minutes of Proceedings No. 115, 22 September 2015, pp. 1288.