



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

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Notice Paper

No 39

Tuesday, 22 March 2022

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Order of the day

- 1 **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the inquiry into the Public Health Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2), pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2021.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **CRIMES (POLICING) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Minister for Police and Emergency Services):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 1 December 2021—Mr Hanson).*
- 2 **ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Minister for Transport and City Services):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 5 August 2021—Mr Parton).*
- 3 **COAG LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Chief Minister):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 August 2021—Ms Lee).*

- 4 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** *(Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 1 December 2021—Mr Cain).*
- 5 **ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** *(Minister for Transport and City Services): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 1 December 2021—Mr Parton).*
- 6 **PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** *(Chief Minister and Minister for Health): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2021—Ms Lee). (Referred to Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing for report by 28 February 2022.)*
- *7 **FAMILY VIOLENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022:** *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 10 February 2022—Mr Cain).*
- *8 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022:** *(Minister for Transport and City Services): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 10 February 2022—Ms Lawder).*
- 9 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LED REVIEW—OVERREPRESENTATION IN THE TERRITORY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate *(from 8 October 2021—Mrs Kikkert)* on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the ACT is experiencing a housing crisis;
 - (b) demand for detached housing is significantly exceeding supply;
 - (c) recent land ballots for detached housing have had thousands of applicants vying for only a small number of blocks. For example, the most recent ballot for land in Whitlam had 12,417 applicants for 101 blocks;
 - (d) the ACT Government deliberately constrains the supply of land for detached housing;
 - (e) a report prepared for the ACT Government in 2015, known colloquially as the Winton Report, showed that Canberrans overwhelmingly have a preference for detached housing, a result that has been ignored by the Government;

- (f) the ACT Government did not agree with recommendation 2(c) of the Auditor-General's Report No 4 of June 2020 on Residential Land Supply and Release, which recommended that the Government publish future projections for housing supply and demand;
 - (g) the ACT Government's land development targets are not based on projected market demand, forcing many Canberrans into apartments;
 - (h) according to the latest ABS data, Canberra's residential property prices grew 28.8 percent between December 2020 and December 2021;
 - (i) the ACT Government only plans to release 4,171 blocks of land for detached housing over the next five years to 2025-26, and based on their past performance it is unlikely to deliver that amount;
 - (j) the ACT Land and Property Report for July to December 2021 has not yet been released, which means the Government's progress towards the target of 631 blocks this financial year is not publicly known;
 - (k) the ACT Government's conveyance duty concessions on multi-unit dwellings do not alleviate demand for detached housing; and
 - (l) while there are macroeconomic settings that affect the price of housing across Australia, the ACT Government controls the release of land;
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to acknowledge:
- (a) there is a housing affordability crisis in Canberra;
 - (b) the 70 percent infill strategy is leaving many Canberrans behind;
 - (c) the demand for detached housing in Canberra is significantly exceeding supply; and
 - (d) the ACT Government has a role to play in meeting the demand for detached housing in Canberra; and
- (3) also calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) use the policy levers it has available to ease the housing affordability crisis in Canberra by releasing more land for detached housing;
 - (b) commission a new housing choices survey similar to the Winton Report of 2015; and
 - (c) release ACT land and property reports within one month of the end of the relevant reporting period. (*Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*2 **DR PATERSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the ACT Government is committed to taking action for climate change adaptation and resilience, including having transitioned to 100 percent renewable energy;

- (b) the ACT Government has in place a range of robust programs to support households and businesses to lower their energy consumption, including through ACTSmart and the Climate Choices program;
 - (c) ACT Government business support for climate change action includes the community clubs program, business sustainability awards, a business recycling program, business rebates for energy and water efficiency upgrades, “Solar for business” program, a lighting efficiency web tool for businesses to check the efficiency of their lighting setup and the “Straws Suck” campaign;
 - (d) there are many organisations and stakeholder groups in the ACT undertaking important work to help individuals, households and businesses transition to renewable energy sources, lower their transport emissions and take other climate change activities;
 - (e) there are many online carbon footprint calculator tools, however:
 - (i) the vast majority of these are customised for household use; and
 - (ii) there is no clear, authoritative carbon calculator for businesses in the ACT (nor in any Australian jurisdiction or at the Federal level);
 - (f) the effects of COVID have had a profound impact on our local businesses and the ACT Government has had in place a range of support measures;
 - (g) there is opportunity for continued assistance for local businesses by helping them reduce their running costs, through energy savings and other environmental initiatives; and
 - (h) a single, authoritative online portal and carbon calculator for ACT businesses – together with guidance to help businesses implement actions – would be a positive contribution and support for local businesses, while also contributing to positive environmental outcomes; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) as a founding member of the Net Zero Emissions Policy Forum, bring forward the development or adoption of a carbon footprint calculator for businesses as an item for the Forum to investigate, including consideration of:
 - (i) the potential for Forum members to collaborate in creating a calculator for businesses across member jurisdictions;
 - (ii) existing tools that could be adopted or adapted for use by businesses operating in the ACT;
 - (iii) providing a clear pathway and guidance to assist businesses to reduce and/or offset their carbon emissions; and

- (iv) an accreditation scheme, rewards and incentives, promotional opportunities, and/or gamification for commitment to business carbon reduction goals; and
- (b) report back during the November 2022 Legislative Assembly sittings. *(Notice given 15 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

*3 **MS CASTLEY:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) defibrillators save lives. St John Ambulance estimates that each year more than 100 Canberrans' lives could be saved from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) if defibrillators were installed in ACT government schools and workplaces;
 - (b) currently there is no requirement for defibrillators in ACT government schools or workplaces;
 - (c) the cost of a defibrillator and installation is \$2,500. It would cost \$250,000 to provide 100 defibrillators in government schools and workplaces (some schools have already installed them using their own limited funds);
 - (d) rolling out defibrillators in all government schools and workplaces is supported by St John Ambulance, Australian Red Cross and the Heart Foundation; and
 - (e) it is estimated more than 30,000 Australians suffer from SCA every year of which only five percent survive. The chances of survival decrease by up to 10 percent for every minute that passes; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) lead the nation on this important health and community issue by putting a defibrillator in every ACT government school and building/workplace;
 - (b) legislate to mandate defibrillators in all ACT government schools and government workplaces;
 - (c) prepare and deliver a public education campaign, in consultation with St John Ambulance and the Heart Foundation, to raise awareness of the use of (and access to) defibrillators to save lives; and
 - (d) examine installing defibrillators on all ACT buses (we already have defibrillators on our 14 trams thanks to funding from Rotary Gungahlin) and report back to the Assembly before the May sitting period. *(Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

*4 **MR PETTERSSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) as a result of the national issue of affordable and accessible housing, many people face the likelihood of having to rent for most of or all of their life;
 - (b) there is currently a power imbalance between landlords and tenants, resulting in many tenants feeling forced to accept sub-standard or poor living conditions; and
 - (c) landlords will often ask tenants for extensive background information on their income, employment situation, rental history and references; whereas tenants can obtain little-to-no information about their landlord and their treatment of previous tenants;
- (2) acknowledges:
 - (a) the work of the ACT Government to improve rights of tenants, including:
 - (i) capping rent increases;
 - (ii) strengthening tenants' rights to have a pet;
 - (iii) allowing tenants the freedom to make minor modifications to their home;
 - (iv) providing a fairer method for calculating break lease fees;
 - (v) lowering upfront costs by limiting the amount of advance rent a landlord can request;
 - (vi) facilitated share housing arrangements by making it easier to change who is listed on a tenancy agreement while the tenancy agreement continues; and
 - (vii) raising minimum standards for rental homes;
 - (b) that the ACT Government has successfully attracted Build to Rent projects that will improve the local rental market; and
 - (c) that the ACT Government is continuing to progress its commitment to amend the Residential Tenancies Act to end no cause evictions under the Parliamentary and Governance Agreement, and related reforms to better protect tenants; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) review the information imbalance that exists between landlords and tenants, and consider whether prospective tenants should be given the right to receive references from landlords' previous tenants, and report back to the Assembly on this matter during the November 2022 sitting period; and
 - (b) reaffirm its ongoing commitment to improving the rights of renters in the ACT. (*Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*5 **MR BRADDOCK:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the ACT Government's compliance model is based on a model of Engage, Educate, Enforce, with the following key principles:
 - (i) risk-based;
 - (ii) proportionate;
 - (iii) effective; and
 - (iv) accountable;
 - (b) ACT Government legislation contains penalties in the form of fines for a wide range of offences varying in severity from serious offences to minor transgressions. Non-payment of fines can result in:
 - (i) further financial penalties regardless of the offender's ability to pay; and
 - (ii) interaction with the criminal justice system;
 - (c) the application of these penalties, and any consequential court action for non-payment of fines, may be inconsistent with the ACT Government's compliance model and its principles;
 - (d) the ACT Government has taken steps to mitigate those harms, including enabling alternatives to paying fines, and payment plans. Despite this, vulnerable Canberrans still end up in the criminal justice system due to non-payment of fines for minor transgressions; and
 - (e) nationally, abundant evidence demonstrates that fines have disproportionate and serious impacts on marginalised communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, young people, detainees, and those who are on welfare, homeless or live with disabilities and mental health issues; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) perform a cost/benefit analysis to the current compliance and enforcement system for those who fail to pay fines for minor transgressions;
 - (b) compile/canvass alternative options to compliance that may encourage greater commitment to social responsibility, reduce administrative burden, and ensure equity; and
 - (c) report back to the Assembly by 30 September 2022. (*Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*6 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that the:
 - (a) ACT Auditor-General's Report No. 13/2021 identified serious probity issues in procurement practices for the Campbell Primary School Modernisation Project; and

- (b) ACT Integrity Commissioner has publicly stated that the probity problems identified by the Auditor-General are “likely to be endemic” in the ACT Government;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the concerns raised by the Auditor-General are serious, and require the ACT Government to review and make necessary changes to its procurement culture, processes and practice; and
 - (b) Canberrans deserve assurance that their tax dollars are being used by the ACT Government to provide the best value for money; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) commission an independent audit of all ACT Government procurements contracted from 2016-17 to the present;
 - (b) table the audit terms of reference and the identity of the appointed auditor in the Assembly by the next sitting; and
 - (c) table the audit report in full in the Assembly within seven days of receiving it from the independent auditor. (*Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

Orders of the day

- 1 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Mr Pettersson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2021—Ms Stephen-Smith*).
 - 2 **ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2021—Mr Steel*).
 - 3 **CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Mr Cain*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2021—Mr Gentleman*).
 - 4 **CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Mrs Kikkert*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2021—Mr Gentleman*).
 - 5 **PUBLIC PLACE NAMES AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2021—Mr Gentleman*).
 - 6 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Mr Davis and Mr Braddock*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December—Mr Steel*).
 - 7 **CRIMES (CONSENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2022:** (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2022—Mr Rattenbury*).
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued**Notices**

*1 **MS VASSAROTTI:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) in June 2020, Minister Gentleman (the then Minister for the Environment) was approached by representatives from Geoscience Australia, the Australian Marine Sciences Association, and the Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division) proposing the adoption of a fossil emblem for the ACT;
 - (b) Minister Gentleman endorsed the proposal put forward;
 - (c) during September and October 2020, the public voted on five expertly selected fossils relevant to the ACT. A total of 1,135 votes were cast;
 - (d) on 21 October 2020, Minister Gentleman announced the trilobite *Batocara mitchelli* as the winner of the public selection process;
 - (e) fossil emblems have been adopted in Western Australia, New South Wales and South Australia, with Victoria set to ratify a fossil emblem following a public vote; and
 - (f) a fossil emblem will complement the existing suite of Territory emblems including the Royal Bluebell (floral), Southern Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby (mammal) and the Gang-Gang Cockatoo (faunal) in representing the ACT's rich and diverse natural values;
- (2) agrees to refer consideration of the adoption of an ACT fossil emblem to the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity; and
- (3) calls on the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity to inquire and report on the adoption of a fossil emblem, with due regard to the publicly voted fossil emblem, trilobite *Batocara mitchelli*. *(Notice given 21 March 2022. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

*2 **MR DAVIS:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) property price rises in the last five years have outstripped the long-term average and have exacerbated issues of housing and rental affordability in the ACT;
 - (b) in 2018, after advocacy from former ACT Greens MLA, Caroline Le Couteur, the ACT Government extended land tax to vacant dwellings in addition to rented properties and included subsequent exemptions for certain properties which may have legitimate reasons for being vacant;
 - (c) the ACT has a rental vacancy rate below one percent which is increasing rent prices;

- (d) the rental vacancy rate calculation does not include properties intentionally left vacant;
 - (e) artificial supply constraints such as leaving habitable dwellings intentionally vacant for speculative future gains are a contributing factor to the housing and rental affordability crisis;
 - (f) levying additional taxation upon intentionally vacant dwellings in line with the long-term average annual price increase of approximately five percent per annum of improved (market) value would make keeping residential dwellings intentionally vacant unprofitable, therefore bringing that housing supply back into the rental or housing market;
 - (g) the Queensland Greens campaigned on a five percent improved capital value vacancy levy for Brisbane City during the 2017 State election;
 - (h) the Victorian Labor Government introduced a one percent improved capital value vacancy levy in 2018 for Metro Melbourne and the NSW Labor Opposition also had this policy as part of their 2019 election platform; and
 - (i) a vacancy tax is an effective lever available to the ACT Government to rapidly increase our city's housing stock;
- (2) further notes that:
- (a) many local shopping centres around the ACT have been left untenanted for many years leaving communities without a local shopping centre;
 - (b) this has an impact on the vibrancy of communities and the liveability of a suburb to low-income people and families;
 - (c) lack of affordable commercial rentals influences the capacity for ACT small businesses to thrive and help rejuvenate local centres; and
 - (d) there are a range of opportunities available to the ACT Government to incentivise commercial landlords to regenerate these shopping centres including introducing new taxation policies on vacant commercial sites;
- (3) refers this matter for an inquiry to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality to investigate legislative reforms, regulatory levers, and creative mechanisms available to the ACT Government to reduce the number of vacant properties and commercial sites;
- (4) requests the Committee in conducting its inquiry to have regard to:
- (a) the rapidly increasing cost of renting or buying a home in the Territory;
 - (b) the impact of intentionally vacant habitable dwellings on the housing and rental affordability crisis in Canberra;
 - (c) the ways to determine whether a residential property is vacant;

- (d) the impact of intentionally vacant habitable dwellings on the land release program and development in greenfield areas;
 - (e) how we may reinvigorate local shopping centres by addressing long-term commercial vacancies at these sites using a vacancy tax; and
 - (f) options for changes to legislation or taxation of vacant habitable dwellings in the ACT and the impact of this on the cost of housing; and
- (5) requests the Committee to report back to the Assembly by 27 January 2023. *(Notice given 21 March 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

Orders of the day—continued

- *2 **ESTIMATES 2022-2023—SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT:**
Resumption of debate *(from 10 February 2022—Mr Rattenbury)* on the motion of Ms Lawder—That:
- (1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2022-2023, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2022-2023 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2022-2023 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;
 - (2) the Committee be composed of:
 - (a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
 - (b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
 - (c) one Member to be nominated by the Greens; and
 to be notified in writing to the Speaker within two hours of this motion passing;
 - (3) an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of the Committee by the Committee;
 - (4) funds be provided by the Assembly to permit the engagement of external expertise to work with the Committee to facilitate the analysis of the Budget and the preparation of the report of the Committee;
 - (5) the Committee is to report by Friday 29 July 2022;
 - (6) if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee has completed its inquiry, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publishing and circulation; and
 - (7) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

*3 **LEGISLATION (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2022:**
(Speaker): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 February 2022—Ms Lawder)*.

4 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 113A:** Resumption of debate *(from 16 September 2021—Mr Rattenbury)* on the motion of Mr Hanson—That standing order 113A be amended by omitting “all non-Executive Members seeking to speak have asked at least one question” and substituting “nine original questions have been asked by any Opposition Member, and other non-Executive Members seeking to speak have asked at least one question”.

31 May 2022

5 **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Presentation of reports on calendar and financial year annual and financial reports for 2020-2021, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended 11 February, 30 March, 22 April and 16 September 2021.

30 September 2022

6 **EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the prevalence of and, mechanisms for, reporting of vilification and threats of physical violence on persons in the Territory, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 November 2021.

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/parliamentary-business/in-the-chamber/chamber-documents.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Member indicated have been redirected to the Minister indicated and answers have been received:

- 578 Minister for Business and Better Regulation *(Ms Lawder)*.
- 586 Treasurer *(Mrs Jones)*.
- 630 Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services *(Mrs Kikkert)*
- 660 Minister for Transport and City Services *(Ms Castley)*.

Unanswered questions

(Redirected questions—30 days expired 13 March 2022)

647 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all staff currently engaged at Dhulwa Mental Health Unit (Dhulwa), including number of staff, job title, work classification, employment type and workload.
- (2) How many patients are currently being treated at Dhulwa.
- (3) How many incidents of assault on a staff member by a patient/s have been reported in each year for the past three years.
- (4) How many staff have taken personal or medical leave due to an incident of assault by a patient, and what has been the total period of leave taken for this reason in each year for the past three years.
- (5) How many staff have left their employment at Dhulwa in each year for the past three years.
- (6) How many staff have left their employment due to have experienced assault or stress from dealing with aggressive patients.
- (7) How are patients managed where there is not enough staff available to keep regular care standards at each of the following units, ie patient lockdown.
- (8) What kind of training is provided to staff so that they can safely and effectively manage aggressive behaviour in patients.
- (9) Which staff receive this training, ie nurses, wardsmen etc.
- (10) Is ongoing and/or higher-level training provided to staff; if so, how often and what kind of training is provided to what staff.
- (11) How are patients who have committed acts of aggression and assault towards staff members managed, ie medicative, punitive, therapeutic, policy measures etc.
- (12) How many patients currently have work or school commitments that are accommodated by their treatment plan.

648 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all staff currently engaged at the Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU) at the Canberra Hospital, including number of staff, job title, work classification, employment type and workload.
- (2) How many patients are currently being treated at AMHU.
- (3) How many incidents of assault on a staff member by a patient/s have been reported in each year for the past three years.

- (4) How many staff have taken personal or medical leave due to an incident of assault by a patient, and what has been the total period of leave taken for this reason in each year for the past three years.
- (5) How many staff have left their employment at AHMU in each year for the past three years.
- (6) How many staff have left their employment due to have experienced assault or stress from dealing with aggressive patients.
- (7) How are patients managed where there is not enough staff available to keep regular care standards at each of the following units, ie patient lockdown.
- (8) What kind of training is provided to staff so that they can safely and effectively manage aggressive behaviour in patients.
- (9) Which staff receive this training, ie nurses, wardsmen etc.
- (10) Is ongoing and/or higher-level training provided to staff; if so, how often and what kind of training is provided to what staff.
- (11) How are patients who have committed acts of aggression and assault towards staff members managed, ie medicative, punitive, therapeutic, policy measures etc.
- (12) How many patients currently have work or school commitments that are accommodated by their treatment plan.

649 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence—

- (1) When did a trial of a screening tool, to assist staff in understanding and identifying domestic and family violence, at Calvary Maternity Unit commence and end.
- (2) How many staff at the maternity unit were trained to use the screening tool and participated in the trial.
- (3) How many patients participated in the trial.
- (4) Can the Minister detail the key indicators and statistics that determined the success of the trial.
- (5) Does the ACT Government have any plans to make the screening tool a permanent practice; if so, (a) when, (b) for whom and (c) in what settings.
- (6) What manner of feedback was sought by the ACT Government in regards to this trial, and what were the results.
- (7) Were the same screening questions trialled at the Calvary Maternity Unit also rolled out across the Canberra Hospital as part of the Strengthening Hospital Responses to Family Violence program; if so, when did this occur.
- (8) How many and which staff at the hospital have been trained to use the screening questions, and have subsequently put them into practice.

- (9) Can the Minister provide a copy of the Strengthening Hospital Responses to Family Violence program that is being utilised by the Canberra Hospital as part of the answer to this question on notice.
- (10) Given that according to the draft ACT Risk Assessment and Management Framework, a risk assessment should be undertaken whenever domestic and family violence has been disclosed or identified through the consideration of 13 key risk factors stated in the Framework, are there any screening mechanisms in practice at hospitals in the ACT to identify and understand domestic and family violence where there has been no disclosure or observable risk factors; if so, can the Minister provide further details.
- (11) When will the final publication of the ACT Risk Assessment and Management Framework be released.

651 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Climate Action—

- (1) In relation to Budget Outlook p 124, what is the funding allocation of 2021-22 in \$319,000, 2022-23 in \$261,000, 2023-24 in \$137,000 and 2024-25 in \$139,000, for and can the Minister provide a breakdown of specific activities and policies this money is being used for
- (2) How many staff in the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate work on the activities and policies funded by this budget item.

(30 days expired 7 November 2021)

(extended to 7 January 2022, pursuant to resolution of the Assembly of 16 September 2021, as amended 7 October 2021)

506 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—How many deaths in care (within the meaning of the section 3BB of the *Coroners Act 1997*), (a) occurred and (b) were referred to the coroner, (i) in 2018-19, (ii) in 2019-20, (iii) in 2020-21 and (iv) from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

(30 days expired 13 March 2022)

MRS JONES: To ask the following Ministers:

- 587 Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- 588 Minister for the Arts
- 589 Attorney-General
- 590 Minister for Business and Better Regulation
- 591 Minister for Climate Action
- 592 Minister for Consumer Affairs
- 593 Minister for Corrections

594	Minister for Disability
595	Minister for Early Childhood Development
596	Minister for Economic Development
597	Assistant Minister for Economic Development
598	Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
599	Minister for the Environment
600	Minister for Families and Community Services
601	Minister for Gaming
602	Minister for Health
603	Minister for Heritage
604	Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services
605	Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
606	Minister for Human Rights
607	Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety
608	Minister for Justice Health
609	Minister for Mental Health
610	Minister for Multicultural Affairs
611	Minister for Planning and Land Management
612	Minister for Police and Emergency Services
613	Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
614	Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services
615	Minister for Skills
616	Special Minister of State
617	Minister for Sport and Recreation
618	Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction
619	Minister for Tourism
620	Minister for Transport and City Services
621	Treasurer
622	Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction
623	Minister for Women—

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian

accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.

- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

625 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to Canberra Health Services, how many instances, since 1 July 2021, have there been of nurses being furloughed because they have been required to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19.
- (2) For each instance of quarantine or isolation referred to in part (1), did the nurse use (a) COVID-19 leave, (b) personal leave, (c) annual leave, (d) other leave (specify), (e) a combination of the leave types in (a)-(d) (specify) or (f) was the nurse not entitled to leave.
- (3) How many days of (a) COVID-19 leave, (b) personal leave, (c) annual leave and (d) other leave, have been accessed by nurses in each month since 1 July 2021.

633 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Through what avenues did the ACT Government distribute information about storm recovery and assistance to affected residents within the seven days immediately after the 3 January 2022 storm.
- (2) If hardcopy letters were sent out, how many were sent out and to whom.
- (3) If telephone calls were made to residents (ie, the Government made the calls rather than received the calls from residents), how many calls were made and to whom.
- (4) If ACT Government employees knocked on the doors of affected residents, how many doors were knocked and how were these selected.
- (5) If ACT Government employees were stationed at areas of high traffic such as shopping centres to distribute information, how many employees were stationed for this purpose.
- (6) Which specific areas were targeted.
- (7) What information was provided.

634 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Did the ACT Government bring on any additional workers to assist with clean-up after the 3 January 2022 storm, such as tree removal; if so, how many workers were used.
- (2) How many of these were sourced from ACT-based organisations, and how many were sourced from interstate organisations.
- (3) Did any other jurisdictions offer workers to assist with storm clean-up; if so, who and was the offer accepted.
- (4) Do we have any interstate workers assisting with the storm recovery, as of 10 February 2022; if so, how much longer will they be here; if not, when did each organisation cease their work in the ACT.
- (5) How much did the ACT Government spend on interstate workers who were hired for storm recovery.

662 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—

- (1) When were Chromebooks introduced into government schools, in terms of every student receiving one.
- (2) Why were Chromebooks introduced and what was the information technology (IT) system that existed before Chromebooks, for example, was there a set number of computers per classroom for students to use.
- (3) Which students receive Chromebooks, ie, in what year levels.
- (4) How much does each Chromebook cost the ACT Government.
- (5) How many Chromebooks are there and how many have been given to ACT students.

- (6) Does the Education Directorate (the Directorate) offer parents insurance for Chromebooks; if so, how does this system work.
- (7) What is the Directorate's policy for lost, damaged or stolen Chromebooks.
- (8) If a Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged, are parents liable to pay for it and how much must they pay.
- (9) What is the policy for parents who cannot afford to pay for a lost, damaged or stolen Chromebooks.
- (10) How long must a student wait on average to receive a new or repaired Chromebook if it is lost, stolen or damaged.
- (11) What are the Directorate's costs to repair and replace Chromebooks.
- (12) How do government schools repair and service Chromebooks.
- (13) Do schools employ IT support; if so, can the Minister provide the details for each school.
- (14) Have schools had to employ extra IT resources since Chromebooks were introduced; if so, can the Minister provide a breakdown for each school.
- (15) Are schools required to report all repairs as well as lost/damaged Chromebooks to the Directorate; if so, how many repairs have there been since Chromebooks were introduced into schools.
- (16) How many Chromebooks have been (a) lost and (b) damaged, since Chromebooks were introduced
- (17) What is the cost of the lost and damaged Chromebooks referred to in part (16) and can the Minister provide a breakdown for each school.
- (18) How many staff are employed by the Directorate to work on the Chromebook program.

T Duncan

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

10 February 2022

Coombs convenience store—Crime prevention—Minister for Police and Emergency Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 45-21).

1 March 2022

Eating disorder services in the ACT—Minister for Mental Health—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (Pet 34-21). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing on 30 November 2021.)*

Multipurpose sports stadium for Woden—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Ms Davidson (Pet 23-21). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 30 November 2021.)*

Phillip pool—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petitions lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 42-21 and Pet 47-21). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 1 December 2021.)*

2 March 2022

Multipurpose sports stadium for Woden—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Ms Davidson (Pet 48-21). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 1 December 2021.)*

3 March 2022

Fencing of playgrounds—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 30-21).

Cricket infrastructure in eastern Belconnen—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Ms Clay (Pet 46-21).

10 May 2022

Proposed installation of speed limit signs on Bateman Street, Kambah—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Davis (Pet 1-22).

Proposed inquiry into use of Auslan—Minister for Disability—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 33-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion on 8 February 2022.)*

12 May 2022

Moncrieff drying pit removal—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (Pet 49-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 10 February 2022.)*

Gungahlin skate park—Refurbishment—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (Pet 51-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 10 February 2022.)*

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Tenth 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 3 November 2020)*: The Speaker (Chair), Mr Braddock, Ms Lawder, Ms Orr.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Ms Lawder (Chair), Mr Davis, Ms Orr.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Pettersson (Chair), Ms Lawder, Mr Davis.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Dr Paterson (Chair), Ms Castley, Ms Clay.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Davis (Chair), Mr Milligan, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Braddock, Dr Paterson.

PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Ms Clay (Chair), Mr Parton, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mrs Kikkert (Chair), Mr Braddock, Mr Pettersson.

Dissolved

COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE: *(Formed 16 September 2021)*: Ms Lee (Chair), Ms Clay, Ms Orr. *(Presented 2 December 2021)*

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021: *(Formed 11 February 2021)*: Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Davis, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 30 November 2021)*
