



Petition consideration – Closure of SDN Bluebell daycare

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Policy relating to its consideration E-Petition 051-25 and Petition 075-25: Closure of SDN Bluebell daycare.

This petition was referred to the Committee on 28 October 2025. The Committee considered the petition at its private meeting on 4 November 2025 and resolved not to undertake an inquiry into the terms of the petition.

When making this decision, the Committee considered several ongoing activities both within the Assembly and at the Federal level, including:

- the Assembly's order of 24 June 2025, as varied on 18 September 2025, to produce documents relating to early childhood education and care incidents, due 25 December 2025;
- the Assembly's resolution of 24 September 2025 relating to SDN Bluebell daycare, and the second part of the ACT Government's response due in March 2026; and
- the ongoing Senate inquiry into the Quality and safety of Australia's early childhood education and care system, which is due to report in March 2026.

The Committee would like to advise the Assembly that it intends to consider the outcomes of these activities and a range of issues that may inform a future self-referred inquiry relating to early childhood education and care.