



Matters of public importance

A summary of proceedings in the ACT Legislative Assembly during the sitting week 5 to 7 May 2026



Valedictory

- **Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA** made a statement regarding his retirement from the Assembly *(on 7 May)*

The full text of statements can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)

Government business



Bills presented: 4

- **Bail Amendment Bill 2026** presented by the Attorney-General *(on 6 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs
- **Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** presented by the Minister for City and Government Services *(on 6 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning
- **Fuel Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** presented by the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water *(on 5 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning
- **Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** presented by the Attorney-General *(on 7 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

All bills presented to the Assembly can be accessed at www.legislation.act.gov.au and a brief summary of each bill can be found in the [Summary of Bills](#) on the Assembly website once finalised



Bills debated: 3

- **Civil Law (Wrongs) Amendment Bill 2026** *(debated and passed on 6 May)*
- **Fuel Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** *(debated and passed on 7 May)*
- **Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2026** *(debated, amended and passed on 6 May)*

The full text of debate on bills can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)



Ministerial statements made: 12

- **ACT air quality** made by the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water *(on 6 May)*
- **End of the 2025-26 bushfire and storm seasons** made by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services *(on 6 May)*
- **Federal Gaming Reforms** made by the Minister for Gaming Reform *(on 7 May)*
- **Incident at the Behavioural Assessment Unit at Canberra Hospital** made by the Minister for Health *(on 5 May)*
- **National Palliative Care Week 2026** made by the Minister for Health *(on 7 May)*

-
- **Next Steps in economic development, cost-of-living relief and economic resilience** made by the Chief Minister (*on 7 May*)
 - **Operation Tempest** made by the Minister for City and Government Services (*on 5 May*)
 - **Population growth** made by the Chief Minister (*on 5 May*)
 - **Responding to NDIS changes** made by the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services (*on 5 May*)
 - **Thirteenth report to the ACT Government of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body** made by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (*on 6 May*)
 - **Update on Light Rail Stage 2B** made by the Minister for Transport (*on 5 May*)
 - **Youth Homelessness Matters Day** made by the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs (*on 7 May*)

The full text of statements can be found on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised or viewed from [Assembly on Demand](#)

Private members' business



Bills introduced: 1

- **Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Amendment Bill 2026** presented by Mr Cocks (*on 5 May*)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation



Bills debated: 1

- **Juries (Peremptory Challenges) Amendment Bill 2025** (*debated, amended and passed on 6 May*)

Motions debated: 5



On Tuesday

- **Knife detection** moved by Mrs Morris (*debated and negatived*)
- **Increasing the use of electrified transport** moved by Mr Braddock (*debated and agreed to*)



On Wednesday

- **Adoption of the National Construction Code** moved by Mrs Morris (*debated and negatived*)



On Thursday

- **Youth homelessness strategy** moved by Miss Nuttall (*debated and agreed to*)
- **Belconnen Town Centre Master Plan** moved by Mr Cain and Ms Barry (*debated, amended and agreed to*)

The full text of debate on these items is available on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised and can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site. The terms of the motions, and any amendments moved to those motions, can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#)

Assembly business



Motions debated: 1

- **Bill nomenclature**—Referral to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure moved by Ms Barry (*debated, amended and agreed to on 6 May*)
- **Establishment of Select Committee on Privileges 2026**—moved by Mr Parton (*debated and agreed to on 6 May*)

The full text of debate on these items is available on the [Hansard](#) site once finalised and can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site. The terms of the motions, and any amendments moved to those motions, can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#)

Members' 90 second statements made



On Tuesday: 3

- CIT Chief Executive Officer (Mr Parton)
- Embassy of Afghanistan (Mr Cain)
- National Volunteer Week (Mr Braddock)



On Wednesday: 7

- Big Splash (Mr Cain)
- *Handbook of Innovation Ecosystems* book launch (Mr Barr)
- International Day of the Midwife (Mr Parton)
- National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day (Dr Paterson)
- Rhodanthe Lipsett Award – Ms Karel Williams (Ms Clay)
- Tharwa General Store closure (Ms Tough)
- Tree week (Mr Braddock)



On Thursday: 3

- Hospital staff uniforms (Mr Parton)
- Hospital staff uniforms (Ms Stephen-Smith)
- Street lighting in Holt (Mr Cain)

The full text of the statements can be read on the [Hansard](#) site, and the speeches can be viewed on our [broadcast](#) site

Petitions and petition responses presented



Petitions presented: 5

- **Career guidance for Years 7-10 students** lodged by Miss Nuttall (*5 May*)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 5 May
- **Consideration of Light Rail 2B extension to Mawson** lodged by Mr Braddock (*6 May*)

-
- **Pelvic pain treatments** lodged by Ms Tough (5 May)
 - **Support for the Women's Shed Canberra** lodged by Ms Tough (5 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 5 May
 - **Traffic lights corner Drakeford Drive and Noorooma Steet, Isabella Plains** lodged by Ms Tough (5 May)

Petition responses from ministers presented: 6

- **Access to health services for Aboriginal people in the north of Canberra** from the Minister for Health (5 May)
- **Access to Theatre Lane parking** from the Chief Minister (5 May)
- **Bike path adjacent to Waters Edge, Greenway** from the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs (5 May)
- **Hume Circle Precinct - Draft amendment 102** from the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development (5 May)
- **Margaret Timpson Park** from the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs (5 May)
- **Pedestrian crossing in Griffith** from the Minister for City and Government Services (6 May)

A copy of the terms of each petition can be found on the [Assembly website](#)

Papers presented



Papers were presented by the Speaker and Ministers on Tuesday and Thursday, including the following papers of interest:

Custodial Inspector Act, pursuant to section 30—Report of a Review of a Critical Incident by the ACT Inspector of Correctional Services—Detained person on detained person assaults: 3 May, 9 August and 8 September 2025, dated May 2025.

Environment and Planning—Standing Committee—

Report 4—Inquiry into Petition 002 -25: Hawker Village Shops Redevelopment—Government response, undated.

Report 5—Inquiry into DPA-B: Forrest Section 19 Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12—Government response, dated May 2026.

London Circuit Business Disruption Mitigation—Assembly resolution of 5 March 2025—Business Engagement Report—Light Rail Stage 2A—January to March 2026—Government update, dated May 2026.

Road Transport (General) Act—Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Lime Electric Scooter) Declaration 2026—Disallowable Instrument DI2026-24 (LR, 19 March 2026).

Details of papers presented can be found in the [Minutes of Proceedings](#) and the majority of papers are available from the [Assembly website](#) in due course

Committee business



Committee reports presented: 7

- Economics, Industry and Recreation—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25](#) (presented 5 May)
- Environment and Planning—Standing Committee
[Missing Middle Housing Reform - Inquiry into Draft Major Amendment to the Territory Plan 04](#) (presented 5 May)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into the Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) (presented 5 May)
[Inquiry into the management of strata properties](#) (presented 5 May)
- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)
[Scrutiny Report 18](#) (presented 5 May)
- Public Accounts and Administration—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process](#) (presented 5 May)
- Social Policy—Standing Committee
[Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25](#) (presented 5 May)



→ Committee membership

- Privileges 2026—Select Committee
Mr Braddock, Ms Lee and Mr Werner-Gibbings appointed on 6 May

Further information on committee business can be found on the [Assembly website](#)

Members

Electorate of Brindabella

- Ms Deborah Morris (Canberra Liberals)
- Miss Laura Nuttall (ACT Greens)
- Mr Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Caitlin Tough (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Ginninderra

- Ms Yvette Berry (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Peter Cain (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Tara Cheyne (Australian Labor Party)
- Ms Jo Clay (ACT Greens)
- Ms Chiaka Barry (Canberra Liberals)

Electorate of Kurrajong

- Mr Andrew Barr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Thomas Emerson (Independents for Canberra)
- Ms Elizabeth Lee (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr Shane Rattenbury (ACT Greens)
- Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Murrumbidgee

- Ms Fiona Carrick (Fiona Carrick Independents)
- Mr Ed Cocks (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC (Canberra Liberals)
- Dr Marisa Paterson (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Chris Steel (Australian Labor Party)

Electorate of Yerrabi

- Mr Andrew Braddock (ACT Greens)
- Ms Leanne Castley (Canberra Liberals)
- Mr James Milligan (Canberra Liberals)
- Ms Suzanne Orr (Australian Labor Party)
- Mr Michael Pettersson (Australian Labor Party)

The Assembly will meet again on Tuesday, 26 May 2026

The Matters of public importance newsletter is produced by the Office of the Legislative Assembly.