Legislative Assembly for the
Australian Capital Territory

2024-2025-2026

Notice Paper

No 65

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

*1 **LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)**: Presentation of report entitled *Scrutiny Report 21*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*2 **ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Report on the conduct of Ms Barry MLA*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*3 **ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Inquiry into barriers and opportunities for participation in community sports in the ACT*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*4 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Report of the Inquiry into the Planning (Missing Middle Housing) Amendment Bill 2026,* pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*5 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Report of the Inquiry into DPA-07: Former Braddon Bowls Club*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*6 **LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Inquiry into the Bail Amendment Bill 2026* pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*7 **LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Inquiry into the Crimes (Coercive Control) Bill 2026*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*8 **SOCIAL POLICY—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report entitled *Inquiry into E-Petition 077-25 Access to 11-12 ATAR language courses in 2026*, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*9 **ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Deputy Chair to make a statement relating to a new inquiry into CIT governance arrangements, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*10 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Chair to make a statement relating to responses to petitions and a new inquiry into controlled activity orders, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*11 **INTEGRITY COMMISSION AND STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Chair to make a statement relating to a new inquiry into electoral representation in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

*12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Chair to make a statement relating to a new inquiry into the Secure Local Jobs Code, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 September 2026.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

1 **DR PATERSON**: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999* and the *Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002*, and for other purposes. *(Notice given 14 September 2026.)*

*2 **MR STEEL**: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Competition Policy Reform Act 1996* and the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act 1997*. *(Notice given 15 September 2026.)*

*3 **MS CHEYNE**: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about housing and consumer affairs. *(Notice given 15 September 2026.)*

Orders of the day

1 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2026-2027**: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

2 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2026-2027**: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

*3 **ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (VALIDATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 15 September 2026—Ms Lee)*.

4 **BETTER REGULATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 May 2026—Ms Barry)*.

5 **LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 2025:** *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 21 October 2025—Mr Hanson)*.

6 **MAGISTRATES COURT (INDICATIVE SENTENCING) AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 30 October 2025—Mr Hanson)*.

7 **FAMILY, PERSONAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 3 December 2025—Ms Castley)*.

8 **FIREARMS (PUBLIC SAFETY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: (*Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 February 2026—Ms Castley)*.

9 **FIREARMS (FIREARMS PROHIBITION ORDERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 24 February 2026—Ms Barry)*.

10 **PLANNING (MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 24 March 2026—Ms Lee)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 24 March 2026.)*

11 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 May 2026—Mr Cocks)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 6 May 2026.)*

12 **CRIMES (COERCIVE CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 28 May 2026—Ms Castley)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 28 May 2026.)*

13 **EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Lee)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 11 June 2026.)*

14 **URBAN FOREST AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Minister for City and Government Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Mr Cocks)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026.)*

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 **MR EMERSON**: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) the proportion of public housing in the ACT has declined from 12.2 percent in 1989 to 5.5 percent in 2026;

(b) there were 3,652 approved applicants on the ACT's public housing waitlist on 30 June 2026;

(c) there were 588 vacant public housing dwellings in the ACT in August 2026, of which 285 required maintenance or upgrades to be tenantable;

(d) properties awaiting maintenance or upgrades remained vacant for an average of 284 days as of June 2026;

(e) the Productivity Commission's *Report on Government Services 2026* shows the proportion of ACT public housing in acceptable condition has decreased from 76 percent in 2023 to 71 percent in 2025, the second worst rate in the country;

(f) Housing ACT's accountability indicator sets a public housing occupancy target of 96 percent, which was not on track to be met in 2025-2026; and

(g) despite Programmed being contracted to deliver Housing ACT maintenance, the Government piloted the insourcing of this maintenance for one year from July 2024;

(2) further notes that:

(a) this Assembly unanimously agreed that housing is a human right in 2025;

(b) Mr Jonny Warren's "20 Homes By Christmas" campaign offers a rapid pathway to enable 20 of the ACT's vacant public housing properties to be occupied by Christmas;

(c) this would be achieved through pro bono industry-supplied labour and materials to renovate properties selected by the Government;

(d) the donated labour and supplies would satisfy all mandated minimum qualification, insurance, quality and industry standards;

(e) ACT Shelter, Housing All Australians and over 200 local tradespeople have indicated their support for the project and volunteered to help;

(f) 2024 ACT Australian of the Year and ACT Chair of Housing All Australians, Ms Jo Farrell, has obtained a Secure Local Jobs Code certificate as requested by the Government and will provide project managers for the initiative;

(g) Mr Warren hopes the campaign can be piloted and ultimately scaled up to 100 homes next year; and

(h) the outpouring of support for this proposal shows there is significant community concern regarding the shortage of public housing available for vulnerable Canberrans and the rise in homelessness across the ACT; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) allocate 20 suitable properties for this initiative to commence by the end of September 2026;

(b) work with Mr Warren and his team to ensure approvals are processed expeditiously to enable the maintenance and upgrade works to be carried out in time for the properties to be tenanted by 25 December 2026;

(c) evaluate the success of the initiative by the end of March 2027 and report back to the Assembly on outcomes from the evaluation by the end of May 2027;

(d) commit to reducing the average vacancy time for properties requiring maintenance or upgrades to no greater than 90 days; and

(e) revise Housing ACT's accountability indicator for public housing occupancy to at least 98 percent. (*Notice given 14 September 2026. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A.*)

2 **MR MILLIGAN; MRS MORRIS**: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) residents of Tuggeranong have been promised significant sporting infrastructure by the Government over successive elections;

(b) the Government first promised a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong at the 2016 election and repeated that commitment at the 2020 and 2024 elections;

(c) in November 2022, the Government signed a non-binding agreement for the proposed facility and committed $16.265 million towards its construction;

(d) the Government announced in September 2026 that the Tuggeranong facility would not proceed;

(e) at the 2024 election, the Government made further commitments to sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong, including:

(i) increasing parking at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(ii) improving female-friendly facilities at Wanniassa Playing Fields;

(iii) upgrading Tuggeranong Skate Park;

(iv) working with the Pines Tennis Club in Chisholm on its expansion plans;

(v) upgrading sporting facilities at Caroline Chisholm Senior School;

(vi) upgrading the Gowrie cricket nets;

(vii) improving female-friendly changerooms and facilities at Calwell Playing Fields;

(viii) providing a portable grandstand at Gordon Playing Fields;

(ix) upgrading facilities at Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre; and

(x) upgrading facilities at Erindale Active Leisure Centre;

(f) a number of these commitments remain undelivered; and

(g) following the cancellation of the ice sports facility, the Government promised to retain the full $16.265 million for sporting and recreational infrastructure in Tuggeranong;

(2) condemns the Government for breaking its repeated promise to deliver a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) by the final sitting day of October 2026, table a statement showing which of the 2024 election commitments for sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong have been funded, the amount of funding and the anticipated timeline of delivery;

(b) by the final sitting day of October 2026, table a separate investment plan for the $16.265 million, specifying:

(i) each project to be funded;

(ii) the location and scope of each project;

(iii) the funding allocated to each project;

(iv) the expected commencement and completion dates; and

(v) if any of the $16.265 million will be used to rebadge, replace or offset funding for an existing or previously announced commitment; and

(c) ensure that the projects funded through the $16.265 million are fully appropriated with clear delivery schedules in place in the 2027 ACT Budget update. (*Notice given 14 September 2026. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A.*)

3 **MR PARTON**: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Australian Government has introduced the Private Health Insurance Amendment (Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate) Bill 2026, which would remove the higher private health insurance rebate currently available to Australians aged 65 and over, with the proposed changes to commence on 1 April 2027;

(b) the Australian Government estimates the measure will affect approximately 3.2 million Australians aged 65 and over and result in approximately 44,000 fewer older Australians holding private health insurance by 2028-2029;

(c) recent polling indicates that almost 40 percent of seniors surveyed in outer-suburban and regional electorates are more likely to drop their private health insurance as a result of the proposed changes; and

(d) the ACT has one of the highest rates of private hospital insurance coverage in Australia, with 54.2 percent of the population holding hospital treatment cover as at December 2025, compared with 45.6 percent nationally;

(2) recognises that:

(a) private health insurance makes an important contribution to healthcare capacity in the ACT by supporting access to private hospital and specialist services and helping to reduce demand on the public hospital system; and

(b) the ACT public health system is already under significant strain, including workplace culture and morale challenges, the threat of occupational violence on the workforce, prolonged elective surgery waiting times and pressure on emergency departments, hospital beds and specialist services;

(3) further notes with concern the warnings from the New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmanian health ministers that removing the higher rebate for older Australians risks increasing demand for public hospitals and shifting additional costs and demand from the Commonwealth to state and territory health systems;

(4) considers that increasing the cost of private health insurance for older Australians risks encouraging some people to downgrade or abandon their private cover, placing additional pressure on the ACT's public hospitals and potentially increasing demand for public hospital services; and

(5) calls on the Government to:

(a) make representations to the Australian Government urging it to abandon the proposed removal of the higher private health insurance rebate for Australians aged 65 and over;

(b) write to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, outlining the ACT Government's opposition to the proposed changes and the potential impact on the ACT public health system; and

(c) provide a copy of that correspondence to the Assembly within 30 days of this motion passing. (*Notice given 14 September 2026. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A.*)

Orders of the day

1 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL 2025**: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 December 2025—Mr Barr)*.

2 **LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PORTABLE SCHEMES) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Cocks)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 5 May 2026—Mr Pettersson)*.

3 **ELECTORAL (GAMBLING INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Emerson)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders on 11 June 2026.)*

4 **ROAD TRANSPORT (ALCOHOL AND DRUGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026**: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*. *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026.)*

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

Order of the day

First sitting day of February 2027

13 **SOCIAL POLICY—STANDING COMMITTEE**: Presentation of report on endometriosis and other pelvic pain conditions, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 4 December 2025.

INQUIRIES INTO BILLS BY COMMITTEES

(pursuant to standing order 174)

23 June 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 24 March 2026

PLANNING (MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING) AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 24 March 2026—Ms Lee)*.

26 August 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 6 May 2026

BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 6 May 2026—Mr Cocks)*.

11 September 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 28 May 2026

CRIMES (COERCIVE CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 28 May 2026—Ms Castley)*.

16 October 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 12 June 2026

ROAD TRANSPORT (ALCOHOL AND DRUGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Mr Braddock)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*.

21 October 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 11 June 2026

EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Lee)*.

28 October 2026

Referred to Standing Committee on the Integrity Commission and Statutory Office Holders on 11 June 2026

ELECTORAL (GAMBLING INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 2026: *(Mr Emerson)*: Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 June 2026—Ms Cheyne)*.

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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.

Unanswered question

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H Finlay
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(*in accordance with standing order 100*)

4 August 2026

Support for the Women's Shed Canberra—Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations—Petition lodged by Ms Tough (e-Pet 033-26 and Pet 040-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 5 May 2026*.)

10 September 2026

Inclusion of the Woden Valley Soccer Club in the National Premier League Girls competition in 2027—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Mr Steel (e-Pet 047-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 11 June 2026*.)

14 December 2026

Parking at Kaleen sports fields—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Castley (e-Pet 067-26).

Establishment of a Paediatric Oncology and Haematology Unit in Canberra—Minister for Health—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 039-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 15 September 2026*.)

Pump track on Alfred Hill Drive, Melba—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Barry (e-Pet 068-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 15 September 2026*.)

Molonglo District Playing Fields—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Ms Carrick (e-Pet 022-26 and Pet 082-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation on 15 September 2026*.)

Road safety on Theodore Street, Curtin—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Mr Steel (e-Pet 046-26).

Opposition to Light Rail Stage 2B—Minister for Transport—Petition lodged by Mr Parton (e-Pet 025-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services on 15 September 2026*.)

Protecting the rights and dignity of older people—Minister for Health—Petition lodged by Ms Barry (e-Pet 080-26).

Rental Ombudsman for the ACT—Attorney-General—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (e-Pet 014-26 and Pet 084-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 15 September 2026*.)

Shade for ACT playgrounds—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Mr Emerson (e-Pet 064-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

Footpath in Page—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Ms Clay (e-Pet 072-26).

Facilities at Lyons Shops—Minister for City and Government Services—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 027-26 and Pet 083-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

Changes to the Unit Titles (Management) Act—Attorney-General—Petition lodged by Mr Emerson (e-Pet 074-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 15 September 2026*.)

North Canberra green waste facility - Draft Planning amendment DPA14—Minister for Planning—Petition lodged by Mr Cain (e-Pet 071-26 and Pet 085-26). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning on 15 September 2026*.)

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Eleventh 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 6 November 2024)*: The Speaker *(Chair)*, Mr Cocks, Miss Nuttall, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMICS, INDUSTRY AND RECREATION: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Werner-Gibbings *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Emerson, Ms Lee, Ms Vassarotti.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Clay *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Mr Cain, Ms Carrick.

INTEGRITY COMMISSION AND STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDERS: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Lee *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Ms Barry *(Chair)*, Ms Vassarotti, Mr Werner-Gibbings.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATION: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Milligan *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Ms Carrick, Ms Clay.

SOCIAL POLICY: *(Formed 3 December 2024)*: Mr Emerson *(Chair)*, Ms Barry, Ms Berry, Miss Nuttall.

TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVCES: *(Formed 26 June 2025)*: Mr Cain *(Chair)*, Ms Berry, Mr Braddock, Ms Castley.

Dissolved

CARETAKER CONVENTIONS: *(Formed 5 March 2025)*: Mr Rattenbury *(Chair)*, Ms Castley, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 26 February 2026)*

ESTIMATES 2025-2026: *(Formed 15 May 2025)*: Mr Cocks *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Rattenbury, Ms Tough. *(Presented 29 August 2025)*

ESTIMATES 2026-2027: *(Formed 24 February 2026)*: Ms Barry *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Emerson, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 28 August 2026)*

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE: *(Formed 26 February 2026)*: Ms Carrick *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Ms Morris, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 10 June 2026)*

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ACT: *(Formed 4 December 2025)*: Ms Clay *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Cocks, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 26 August 2026)*

PRIVILEGES 2026: *(Formed 6 May 2026)*: Ms Lee *(Chair)*, Mr Braddock, Mr Werner-Gibbings. *(Presented 6 August 2026)*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2025-2026: *(Formed 3 September 2025)*: Mr Cocks *(Chair)*, Ms Carrick, Mr Rattenbury, Ms Tough. *(Presented 15 September 2025)*

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