

1995

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****No. 31****THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 1995**

1 The Assembly met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Cornwell) took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 **LAW REFORM (ABOLITIONS AND REPEALS) BILL 1995**

Mrs Carnell (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to reform the law of the Territory by abolishing an estate, a right and certain common law misdemeanours and by repealing certain laws.

Paper: Mrs Carnell presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Mrs Carnell moved - That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995**

Mr Humphries (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Weapons Act 1991*.

Paper: Mr Humphries presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Humphries moved - That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 1995**

Mr Humphries (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Legal Practitioners Act 1970*.

Paper: Mr Humphries presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Humphries moved - That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM STANDING COMMITTEE - REFERENCE - FAUNAL EMBLEMS

Mrs Carnell (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved - That the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism inquire into and report on the available options for faunal emblems to represent the Australian Capital Territory and in particular to consider a suitable animal and/or bird emblem.

Question - put and passed.

6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - STANDING COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 4 – REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NUMBER 9, 1994 – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORTING - REPORT NOTED

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Follett (Chair) - That the report be noted (*presented 1 June 1995*) -

Debate resumed.

Paper: Mrs Carnell (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts - Standing Committee - Report No. 4 - Review of the Auditor-General's Report Number 9, 1994 - Performance Indicators Reporting - Government response.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

7 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT - STANDING COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 2 - WATSON, SECTION 61, BLOCK 8 (FORMER STARLIGHT DRIVE-IN SITE) - REPORT NOTED

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Moore (Chair) - That the report be noted (*presented 20 June 1995*) -

Debate resumed.

Mr Humphries (Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning), who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed the Assembly.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

8 PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE - STANDING COMMITTEE (SECOND ASSEMBLY) - REPORT NO. 35 - INQUIRY INTO POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PLANNING LEGISLATION IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE - PAPER NOTED

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Humphries (Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning) - That the Assembly takes note of the paper (*presented 19 September 1995*) -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - STANDING COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 9 - REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NUMBER 1, 1995 - GOVERNMENT PASSENGER CARS - MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED

Ms Follett (Chair) presented the following report:

Public Accounts - Standing Committee - Report No. 9 - Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 1, 1995 - Government Passenger Cars, dated December 1995 -

and moved - That the report be noted.

Debate adjourned (Mr Moore) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - STANDING COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 10 - REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NUMBER 5, 1995 - ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1995

Ms Follett (Chair) presented the following report:

Public Accounts - Standing Committee - Report No. 10 - Review of Auditor-General's Report Number 5, 1995 - Annual Management Report for the Year ended 30 June 1995, dated December 1995.

11 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT - STANDING COMMITTEE - STRATEGIC PLAN INQUIRY - STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Mr Moore (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, made a statement to the Assembly concerning the strategic plan inquiry.

12 SOCIAL POLICY - STANDING COMMITTEE - INQUIRY - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Ms Tucker (Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that on 1 December 1995 the Committee resolved to inquire into and report on the adequacy of mental health services with particular reference to:

- (1) coordination of service provision and issues surrounding continuity of care;
- (2) the interface between mental health services and other services (especially police and housing); and
- (3) any other related matter.

13 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That this Bill be agreed to in principle -

Debate resumed.

Papers: Ms Follett (Leader of the Opposition) presented the following papers:

Public Accounts - Standing Committee - Report No. 8 - Public Sector Management (Amendment) Bill 1995 - Government response - Letter from Kate Carnell, MLA, Chief Minister to Ms Rosemary Follett, MLA, Leader of the Opposition, dated 4 December 1995, together with a copy of the response.

Debate continued.

Debate interrupted in accordance with standing order 74 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked –

Paper: Mr Connolly, by leave, presented the following paper:

Mammography services - Draft working party recommendation (Medical Imaging), dated 22 November 1995 (Modified 29 November 1995).

Questions continued.

15 PAPER

Mr Connolly, by leave, presented the following paper:

Mammography services - Draft working party recommendation (Medical Imaging), dated 22 November 1995 (Modified 29 November 1995) - Page 2 of document.

16 PAPER

Mr Humphries (Minister for Arts and Heritage) having added to an answer, presented the following paper:

John Overall Offices - Copy of minute from J.V. Townsend, Chief Executive, Department of Business, the Arts, Sport and Tourism to the Minister for the Arts and Heritage, dated 17 October 1995.

17 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle -

Debate resumed.

Mrs Carnell (Chief Minister), by leave, was granted an extension of time.

Question - That this Bill be agreed to in principle - put.

The Assembly voted -

Ayes, 8		Noes, 7	
Mrs Carnell	Mr Kaine	Mr Berry	Ms Tucker
Mr Cornwell	Mr Moore	Mr Connolly	Mr Wood
Mr De Domenico	Mr Osborne	Ms Follett	
Mr Hird		Ms Horodny	
Mr Humphries		Ms McRae	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Detail stage

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together –

Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 3) 1995

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle -

Debate resumed.

Question - That this Bill be agreed to in principle - put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question - That this Bill be agreed to - put and passed.

19 PAPER

Mr Humphries (Attorney-General), presented the following paper:

Female Genital Mutilation - Copy of background note from Deidre Grover, Justice Section, dated 7 December 1995.

20 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Humphries (Manager of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 4.22 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12 December 1995 at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

M.J.McRAE
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly