



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021

Notice Paper

No 31

Wednesday, 24 November 2021

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2021-2022:** *(Treasurer):* Further consideration at detail stage—Schedule 1—Part 1.6, Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate *(from 23 November 2021—Mr Gentleman).*
- 2 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2021-2022:** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 8 October 2021—Mr Gentleman).*
- 3 **PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Minister for Health):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 November 2021—Mrs Jones).*
- 4 **EMERGENCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Minister for Police and Emergency Services):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 9 November 2021—Mr Milligan).*
- 5 **CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 9 November 2021—Mr Cain).*
- 6 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 11 November 2021—Mr Hanson).*

- 7 **COAG LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 4 August 2021—Ms Lee*).
- 8 **ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Minister for Transport and City Services*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 5 August 2021—Mr Parton*). (*Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services for report by 30 November 2021*).
- 9 **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Special Minister of State and Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 10 November 2021—Mr Cain*).
- 10 **UPDATE ON THE ACT GOVERNMENT'S WORK TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE CANBERRA JOBS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 August 2021—Ms Orr*) on the motion of Mr Barr—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 11 **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) recognises that:
 - (a) on 8 October 2021 the Assembly passed a motion with tri-partisan support recognising 15 October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and
 - (b) losing a child is not an illness, it is a loss that should be appropriately recognised;
 - (2) notes that:
 - (a) approximately one in four pregnancies result in miscarriage – 103,000 every year, 282 each day;
 - (b) on 10 September 2021 the Commonwealth Government amended the *Fair Work Act 2009* to provide specific leave entitlements for miscarriage; and
 - (c) the New South Wales Government became the first Australian jurisdiction to introduce paid leave for public sector employees after the miscarriage of a child; and

- (3) calls on the ACT Government to introduce a paid leave scheme for public sector employees – in full-time or part-time, permanent or temporary work – of five days leave if an employee or the spouse of an employee who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. (*Notice given 22 November 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

2 **MRS KIKKERT:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) early diagnosis and early interventions are more effective in improving long-term outcomes for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD);
 - (b) delayed diagnosis has been linked to poor mental health in young people and can result in huge costs to children and young people, their families, and the systems that serve them; and
 - (c) several factors may influence delayed diagnosis, including:
 - (i) statistically significant misdiagnosis in females and children from culturally and linguistically diverse background;
 - (ii) the presence of comorbid disorders;
 - (iii) failure of detection in the school system;
 - (iv) failure of detection by health professionals;
 - (v) lack of awareness by parents; and
 - (vi) late manifestation of symptoms in “high-functioning” or “mild” cases;
- (2) also notes that:
 - (a) the ACT Government provides free access to ASD screening through the Child Development Service, but only to children who have been referred before age 12;
 - (b) Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, and the Northern Territory provide free or subsidised assessments for young people up to age 16, age 18, or even older;
 - (c) stakeholders report a large increase in low-income Canberra families seeking autism assessments for young people age 12 and above; and
 - (d) the high cost of private assessments may further delay, or even prevent, diagnosis and interventions for some families; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) increase the likelihood of early diagnosis of ASD by taking steps to increase awareness amongst both parents and professionals; and
 - (b) extend access for public autism assessments to young people under the age of 18. (*Notice given 22 November 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

3 **MRS KIKKERT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. (Notice given 22 November 2021).

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

(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT Government is committed to prioritising the use of public transport and active modes of travel to meet a range of policies, ambitions and commitments related to action on climate change by reducing transport emissions, improving the liveability of our city and promoting mental and physical health and wellbeing;
- (b) construction works for Light Rail Stage 2 have commenced, and will bring significant traffic congestion and disruption for years to come, particularly for southside residents;
- (c) a Disruption Taskforce has been established by the ACT Government to help address this and provide solutions to relieve commuter stress;
- (d) the 2021-22 ACT Budget provided significant investments in active travel infrastructure across the ACT;
- (e) on 20 October this year, the Federal Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, launched Australia's first Cycling Economy Report and noted the importance of cycling as a mode of travel and for the Australian economy;
- (f) Australia's cycling industry sustains more than 34,000 jobs and contributed \$6.3 billion to the economy in 2020;
- (g) research shows that women are around two-thirds less likely to ride a bike than men and have different travel patterns and needs;
- (h) there has never been a more important time to ensure greater uptake of public transport and active travel:
 - (i) we need to take action on climate change;
 - (ii) lack of physical activity is contributing to increased health costs;
 - (iii) petrol prices are rising; and
 - (iv) the COVID-19 lockdown has changed the way many people work, commute and live in their communities:
 - (A) There is an increased awareness of the need for social cohesion, community connectedness and safe, attractive suburbs and neighbourhoods, as well as support for local business; and
 - (B) our daily transport routes and modes is an important consideration as we establish new routines coming out of lockdown. The ACT Government's 2021-22 Budget investment in flexi-hub workplaces is one example of this;

- (i) Dr Paterson launched a discussion paper on 9 August 2021, calling on women in her electorate to comment on whether they would consider making greater use of public transport and active travel, and to outline barriers and constraints;
 - (j) over 100 people responded via online survey, email and social media commentary. Some of the key findings are many women want to change their travel behaviour but key considerations and barriers are:
 - (i) time;
 - (ii) safety;
 - (iii) distance;
 - (iv) trip-chaining and household logistics; and
 - (v) quality of life; and
 - (k) Dr Paterson's *'Her Way' Recommendation Report*, dated 22 November 2021, responds directly to the comments received with the report outlining a number of initiatives to help reduce reliance on private vehicle use, particularly for southside women who want to switch away from private vehicles to public transport and active travel;
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) note the *'Her Way' Recommendation Report* authored by Dr Paterson, and dated 22 November 2021, including community comments and input; and
 - (b) seek to incorporate the recommendations, where considered appropriate by the ACT Government, in existing and future programs of work, including:
 - (i) initiatives of the Light Rail Stage 2 Disruption Taskforce;
 - (ii) active travel infrastructure, initiatives and behaviour change programs;
 - (iii) public transport design and delivery;
 - (iv) urban planning design and delivery; and
 - (v) incorporating a range of user perspectives in the above; and
- (3) further notes that Dr Paterson welcomes the opportunity to remain involved in considerations by the ACT Government which relate to the purpose, objective and recommendations in the *'Her Way' Recommendation Report*. (*Notice given 22 November 2021. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

5 **MS LAWDER:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Bureau of Meteorology predicted a La Nina alert for this summer;
 - (b) Canberra experienced its wettest winter in five years with more than 215 millimetres of rain being recorded at the Canberra Airport;
 - (c) the recent ACT lockdown period delayed the scheduled commencement of the annual mowing program;
 - (d) overgrown grass poses a significant fire hazard, can reduce driver visibility and increases the risk of snake encounters, particularly as Canberra experiences warmer weather;
 - (e) Canberra residents want to take pride in their suburbs and be able to enjoy their neighbourhood parks and grasslands;
 - (f) in the 2019-20 financial year, there were 8,177 Fix My Street requests relating to “grass, trees and shrubs” lodged by residents;
 - (g) the ACT Government has told residents for years to be patient and understanding regarding overgrown grass rather than adequately investing in mowing resources; and
 - (h) the City Services crew does a great job, but they need to be better supported by this government and require an increased mowing fleet; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) provide additional funding this financial year to ensure mowing can be completed in a timely and efficient manner;
 - (b) investigate how to improve the current mowing program so that residents aren’t concerned about overgrown grass in their neighbourhoods each year; and
 - (c) investigate how to better prevent grass clippings from mowing entering stormwater drains and waterways. (*Notice given 22 November 2021. 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). (Referred to Select Committee on Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 on 11 February 2021 for report by 30 November 2021.)

- 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). (Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services for report by 30 November 2021).*
- 3 **CARERS RECOGNITION BILL 2021:** *(Ms Orr): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 23 June 2021—Ms Davidson).*
- 4 **CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Mr Cain): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 9 November 2021—Mr Gentleman).*

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Speaker): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 11 November 2021—Mr Hanson).*

Notice

- 1 **MR HANSON:** To move—That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes:
 - (a) the 2022 sitting calendar for the Assembly is at an historic low for sitting days at twelve weeks of three days each;
 - (b) this sitting pattern is low compared to previous Assemblies of the ACT, which have met for up to 15 weeks per year, plus additional budget estimates and annual reports hearings;
 - (c) this sitting pattern is low compared to other parliaments, such as New South Wales or Tasmania, which also met for up to 15 weeks per year, plus additional budget estimates and annual reports hearings; and
 - (d) other parliaments have local councils that deal with many matters that in the ACT must be dealt with by the Assembly; and
 - (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) increase the number of sittings for 2022 to include the following dates:
 - 11 February
 - 25 March
 - 8 April
 - 6 May
 - 3 June
 - 10 June

5 August
 23 September
 14 October
 21 October
 25 November
 2 December; and

- (b) that the additional sitting days place emphasis on matters related to local issues such as those raised by Community Councils and Residents Associations as a matter of priority. (*Notice given 22 November 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 2021-2022—SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT:**
 Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2021—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Mr Hanson—That, notwithstanding the provisions of the resolution of the Assembly on 2 December 2020, as amended 30 March 2021, establishing the general purpose standing committees, that:
- (1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2021-2022 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2021-2022, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2021-2022 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2021-2022 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;
 - (2) the Committee be composed of:
 - (a) one Member to be nominated by the Government;
 - (b) one Member to be nominated by the Opposition; and
 - (c) one Member to be nominated by the ACT Greens;
 - (3) members of the Committee are to be notified in writing to the Speaker within two hours of this motion passing; an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of 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 by the Committee;
 - (5) the Committee is to report by Tuesday, 7 October 2021;
 - (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;
 - (7) for the purpose of taking evidence the following will constitute a quorum:
 - (a) two members of the Committee; or
 - (b) one member of the Committee and any other non-executive Member of the Assembly;

- (8) 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; and
 - (9) with the establishment of the Select Committee on Estimates 2021-2022, the general purpose standing committees will not now inquire into expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2021-2022.
- 3 **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”.

By 30 November 2021

- 4 **PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2) and the Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2021, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended 11 February, 30 March and 22 April 2021 and order of 16 September 2021.
- 5 **DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021 and any other related matters, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2021, as amended 16 September 2021.

Last sitting day in 2021

- 6 **COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on any matter relating to the ACT Government’s health and financial response and any other matter relating to the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 September 2021.

31 May 2022

- 7 **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

- 8 **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.
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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 Questions

418, 421, 423, 426, 428, 429, 431, 433, 436-439, 441, 449, 467, 469, 473, 474, 478, 482-485, 487-489, 491, 499, 500, 506, 509-530, 532-541.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

3 November 2021 *(extended to 2 January 2022, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 September, as amended 7 October 2021)*

Red Hill Integrated Plan—Proposed amendment—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 24-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 3 August 2021.)*

4 November 2021 *(extended to 2 January 2022, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 September, as amended 7 October 2021)*

Red Hill Integrated Plan—Proposed amendment—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 29-21).

16 December 2021

Maintenance of public housing dwellings—Minister for Housing and Suburban Development—Petition lodged by Mr Parton (Pet 37-21).

Civic 40 kph speed limit zones—Proposed waiving of fines and penalties—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petitions lodged by Mr Parton (Pet 31-21 and Pet 38-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 16 September 2021.)*

Domestic Animal Services—Improved operations—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 9-21).

Drake-Brockman Drive—Bicycle lanes—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 25-21).

Residents living on Federal income support—Treasurer—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (Pet 36-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality on 16 September 2021.)*

5 January 2022

Campbell—Proposed implementation of a parking and traffic management plan—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petitions lodged by Ms Lee (Pet 21-21 and Pet 40-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 6 October 2021.)*

7 January 2022

Lyons shops—Proposed upgrade of facilities—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 41-21).

8 February 2022

Hackett shops—Proposed public toilet facility—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Vassarotti (Pet 12-21).

Melba—Proposed upgrade to recreational space next to Melba High School—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Clay (Pet 15-21).

Waramanga Playing Fields—Proposed installation of lighting—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petitions lodged by Dr Paterson (Pet 26-21 and Pet 43-21). *(Referred to Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 9 November 2021.)*

Fadden Hills Pond Playground—Proposed improvement—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 27-21).

9 February 2022

Antisocial tenants in Gordon—Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 44-21).

10 February 2022

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

22 February 2022

ACT Human Rights Act—Complaints handling—Minister for Human Rights—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (Pet 32-21). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on 23 November 2021.)*

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, Mr Hanson, 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), Mr Cain, Mr Davis.

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

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

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Clay, 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.

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

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