Executive Business

Orders of the day


* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

*5 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** (Minister for Planning and Land Management): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 30 November 2017—Ms Lawder).

6 **LAKES AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** (Minister for the Environment and Heritage): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 31 October 2017—Ms Lee).

*7 **CRIMES (FORTIFICATION REMOVAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** (Attorney-General): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 30 November 2017—Mr Hanson).

*8 **WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** (Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 30 November 2017—Mr Wall).

9 **EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** (Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 26 October 2017—Mr Wall).

10 **ACT HEALTH REPORTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2017—Mr Wall) on the motion of Ms Fitzharris—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

11 **ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIRST YEAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

12 **FEMALE DETAINEE ACCOMMODATION AT THE ALEXANDER MACONOCHIE CENTRE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

**Notices**

*1 **MR COE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1994*. (Notice given 12 February 2018).
MS LE COUTEUR: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

(a) much of Canberra was built between the 1950s and the mid-1980s and Canberra’s older Town Centres – Woden, Belconnen and Tuggeranong – are recognised as needing urban renewal;

(b) urban renewal is more than selling vacant sites and approving very tall buildings – it needs more comprehensive strategic planning and delivery approaches that bring together delivery of community facilities, affordable housing, street life, parks, transport upgrades and planning rules;

(c) urban renewal that is not done well can result in conflict between developers and the community, dormitory centres with low quality of life and missed opportunities on sustainability, affordable housing and active transport;

(d) while the city and inner areas are booming, Woden, Tuggeranong and Belconnen Town Centres are suffering from a lack of focus;

(e) the Government established the City Renewal Authority to bring better urban renewal to the city and Northbound Avenue corridor;

(f) Woden, Tuggeranong and Belconnen Town Centres and the Kingston Arts Precinct, are currently managed by the Suburban Land Agency, which is set up to build new suburbs and is not designed to deliver broader urban renewal; and

(g) Light Rail Stage 2 will have broader impacts on the Woden Town Centre and surrounds; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to declare the following areas to be Urban Renewal Precincts for the purposes of section 35 of the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act by the end of June 2018:

(a) Woden Town Centre and surrounds;

(b) Belconnen Town Centre and surrounds;

(c) Tuggeranong Town Centre and surrounds; and

(d) Kingston Arts Precinct. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

MRS JONES: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) ACT Ambulance Service has a minimum crewing level of 10 emergency ambulances for each and every shift plus two demand crews each 24 hour period;

(b) of the 730 shifts in 2016-17, only 427 shifts met this minimum level, while 303 shifts were below the minimum; and
(c) 41.5 percent of ACT Emergent Ambulance shifts in 2016-17 were below minimum crewing; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

(a) explain to the Assembly why ACT Ambulance Service is grossly under resourced; and

(b) advise the Assembly by the last sitting day in April 2018 of the dates and shift types of each emergency ambulance shift which fell below minimum crewing in 2016-17. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

*4 MS CHEYNE: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes the ACT Government’s commitment to meeting the health and wellbeing needs for Canberrans now, as well as into the future, including through the following initiatives:

(a) the 2017-18 ACT Budget investment of $1.6 billion for health care and wellbeing;

(b) improving timeliness and access to emergency health care through the $23 million Emergency Department expansions;

(c) $6.3 million for elective surgery procedures to help patients access treatment within recommended timeframes;

(d) for the sixth year in a row, ACT Ambulance Service response times are the best in the country and will be boosted by recruitment of 24 additional paramedics, as well as two new ambulances, in addition to the recruitment of 11 paramedics currently underway;

(e) $12.4 million to build a new primary health care centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans in the inner south for which planning is already underway;

(f) $1.5 million for new grants to incentivise more bulk-billing services in Canberra’s south, complementing local primary care health services;

(g) $3.4 million for two additional mobile dental vans to provide for better dental care;

(h) $4 million in new resources specifically for preventative health initiatives in addition to establishing Year 7 health checks for students and new school based immunisation programs;

(i) establishment of a three year homebirth trial recognising the role of individual choice in safe birthing options;

(j) establishing a clinical genomics service in collaboration with Australian National University;

(k) $436 000 over three years for participating in Molecular Screening and Therapeutics (MoST) Trial, a rare cancer treatment trial;
(l) participation in the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis HIV prevention trial;
(m) upgrades to the helipad at The Canberra Hospital (TCH) in 2017;
(n) improving inpatient access to medical imaging and wait times;
(o) investment to increase and develop the ACT Health workforce including $36 million for more nurses and a targeted approach to attracting specialists;
(p) operational efficiency improvements within the ACT Health Directorate to increase capacity to deliver health services and minimise patient wait times; and
(q) the dedication of the ACT Health workforce to strive to deliver excellent health outcomes for Canberrans through the efficient delivery of services across our health settings;

(2) further notes the ACT Government focus on investing in evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention services, with $23.8 million provided for mental health initiatives in the 2017-18 ACT Budget, including:
(a) $2.9 million to establish a new Office for Mental Health to coordinate the delivery of mental health services;
(b) $13.8 million to deliver new rehabilitation beds at the Dhulwa Mental Health Unit; $5.3 million to invest in a range of targeted programs and services to improve the mental health of Canberrans in the community, including Headspace and the Detention Exit Outreach Program; $1.8 million to reduce the incidences of suicide in our community through funding for the Black Dog Institute’s Life Span Suicide Prevention Program; and
(c) expansion of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Consultation and Liaison Service at TCH to provide services seven days per week;

(3) further notes the activity underway through the Territory-wide Health Services Framework to plan for the delivery of health services to:
(a) meet current demand and future population growth;
(b) deliver better coordinated, integrated care which is patient-centred;
(c) create specialty service centres to coordinate across the continuum of care;
(d) leverage the expertise of health stakeholders and the community; and
(e) develop a framework for patient care navigators who assist patients with chronic and complex health conditions; and

(4) calls on the ACT Government to continue its significant infrastructure investment and planning taking place to ensure we have the right services to meet demand and population growth now and into the future, including through:
(a) $95.3 million for infrastructure improvements and maintenance through the Upgrading and Maintaining ACT Health Assets project;

(b) opening of Canberra’s first dedicated rehabilitation hospital in 2018 with $16.1 million in the 2017-18 Budget to ensure it is open and ready to care for patients from 2018;

(c) establishing the new $500 million Surgical Procedures and Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre at TCH;

(d) $3.3 million to undertake a scoping study into the health service and infrastructure requirements for outpatient and hospital-based care on the north side;

(e) opening the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by drug and alcohol;

(f) $70 million expansion of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children;

(g) $14 million for new nurse-led walk-in Centres in Gungahlin and the Weston Creek region, as well as a health centre in the inner north;

(h) upgrades to the Dickson Health Centre through the 2016-17 Budget; and

(i) $17.3 million for significant upgrades to acute aged care and cancer facilities at TCH. *(Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).*

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

(1) notes that:

(a) a number of bus routes throughout Canberra have been altered or cancelled from 9 October 2017;

(b) this change was done without any proper consultation with regular commuters or residents in the area that rely on these bus services;

(c) a significant number of commuters who rely on these services are older and mobility impaired Canberrans who are no longer able to, or cannot, drive; and

(d) the new routes service fewer areas and leave many commuters forced to:

(i) walk longer distances to a bus stop; or

(ii) travel on a service that is less frequent; or

(iii) travel on a service that is slower; or

(iv) change buses and take two or more bus routes to get to major town centres and hubs like Civic, Woden, Tuggeranong, Gungahlin and Barton; and
calls on the ACT Government to:

(a) apologise to Canberra residents for failing to consult with them about what changes should and were being made;

(b) review the effectiveness of the new timetable to assess its patronage and efficiency and report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in March 2018; and

(c) restore bus routes altered in the October 2017 changes subject to the findings of the review of the new routes. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

MRS DUNNE: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) the Labor/Greens Parliamentary Agreement for the 9th Assembly provides for the establishment of an Office for Mental Health;

(b) delivery on this initiative has been delayed;

(c) the shortage of mental health professionals, particularly in the field of child and adolescent mental health; and

(d) the difficulties ACT residents experience in navigating the current system; and

(2) calls on the Minister for Mental Health to:

(a) explain to the people of Canberra:

(i) the delay in the establishment of the Office for Mental Health; and

(ii) what the Government is doing in practical terms to provide the services that patients need now, in advance of the establishment of the Office for Mental Health; and

(b) report to the Assembly by the first sitting day in March 2018 as to the:

(i) construct and terms of reference for the Office for Mental Health;

(ii) Government’s strategies to simplify navigation of the mental health services system; and

(iii) Government’s strategies to attract and retain more mental health professionals in Canberra, particularly in the field of child and adolescent mental health. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).
MR PETTERSSON: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes the recent economic data highlighting the strong performance of the ACT economy, including:

(a) over 10 000 new jobs being created in 2017, with 80 percent of these new jobs being full-time;

(b) trend unemployment for the ACT falling to 3.7 percent in December 2017 – the lowest of any State or Territory;

(c) the Territory’s population expanding by almost 7 000 people over the past 12 months, on top of the fastest population growth in the country between the 2011 and 2016 census counts;

(d) strong increases in dwelling unit commencements and dwellings financed, with commencements rising 101.2 percent in the year to September 2017 and dwellings financed by owner-occupiers increasing by 26.9 percent in the year to November 2017; and

(e) first home buyers representing 21 percent of total housing loans taken out in November 2017, which is seven percentage points higher than its proportion a year earlier;

(2) further notes the economic data indicating the increased diversification of the ACT economy, including:

(a) strong private sector job growth, as indicated by the 24 percent annual increase in private sector job vacancies as of November 2017, well above the national-average of 17.2 percent;

(b) ACT’s service exports increasing to $1.9 billion for the financial year 2016-17, with education seeing the highest growth of 24.4 percent, the strongest growth rate of any State or Territory; and

(c) the significant increases in tourism activity, with international visitor expenditure growing by 27 percent to $547 million and domestic visitor expenditure increasing to $1.9 billion; and

(3) calls on this Assembly to support Canberra’s diverse growth industries. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

MR WALL: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes the:

(a) ACT Government’s trial of green bins in Weston Creek and Kambah;

(b) ACT Government’s intent to deliver a green waste collection program across the ACT;

(c) next phase of the rollout of this service to Tuggeranong and Belconnen;

(d) successful green waste collection industry that exists in the ACT;
(e) majority of green waste collection businesses in the ACT are owner operated;
(f) significant impact the Government’s trial has had on these businesses operating in the trial area; and
(g) impact that a full rollout of a Government green waste collection service will have on operators across the ACT; and
(2) calls on the ACT Government to:
(a) outline why existing operators in the green waste collection industry are not suitable for operating a collection service on behalf of the ACT Government;
(b) develop an industry assistance package that includes, but is not limited to:
   (i) financial compensation for loss of goodwill;
   (ii) training and re-skilling options for employers and employees;
   (iii) counselling; and
   (iv) investment grants to diversify businesses; and
(c) report back to the Assembly by the end of the February 2018 sitting period on the rollout of the assistance package noted in part (2).
(Notice given 27 November 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

MRS DUNNE: To move—That this Assembly:
(1) notes the historical problems of the ACT Government in managing health data and health infrastructure and notes:
   (a) the failure of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to ensure she is properly briefed on issues such as health data, hospital maintenance, and cladding on the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children;
   (b) the belated response of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to the problems in Canberra’s hospitals caused by the severity of the flu season;
   (c) the tardy response of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to the management of Indigenous health issues such as the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm;
   (d) the slow response of ACT Health regarding opioid treatment guidelines; and
   (e) the underperformance of Canberra’s hospitals as compared to targets and their peer hospitals; and
(2) calls on the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, in addition to an update on the health data review, to report to the Legislative Assembly within five sitting days on:
(a) an update on the flu season and planning in place for the 2018 flu season;

(b) progress on the rectification of cladding on the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children;

(c) progress on the operation of the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm; and

(d) progress on the implementation of new opioid treatment guidelines. (Notice given 23 October 2017. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on this sitting week—standing order 125A).

Orders of the day

1 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TERRITORY PLAN VARIATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2017: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 10 May 2017—Ms Lawder).

2 CRIMES (INVASION OF PRIVACY) AMENDMENT BILL 2017: (Ms Le Couteur) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 August 2017—Mr Ramsay).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

*1 MR WALL: To move—That:

(1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2018-2019 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2018-2019, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2018-2019 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2018-2019 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;

(2) the Committee be composed of:

(a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
(b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
(c) one Member to be nominated by the Greens; and
to be notified in writing to the Speaker by 12.15 pm today;

(3) an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of the 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 of the Committee;

(5) the Committee is to report by Tuesday, 31 July 2018;

(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; and

(7) 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. (Notice given 12 February 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A).

Orders of the day

Last sitting day in March 2018

1 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the 2016 annual report for the Canberra Institute of Technology, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 16 February 2017, as amended 9 May 2017 and 8 June 2017.

*2 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on Continuing Resolution 9—Procedures for the election of a Senator for the Australian Capital Territory, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

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*3 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on whether the ACT should have a mammal emblem and a recommendation on what that should be, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.
Last sitting day in 2018

*4 END-OF-LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on end-of-life choices in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

There are no notices or orders of the day

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/in-the-assembly/questions-paper.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Member indicated have been redirected to the Minister indicated and answers have been received:

837 Minister for Health and Wellbeing (Ms Lawder).
838 Minister for Regulator Services (Ms Lawder).
840 Minister for Housing and Suburban Development (Ms Le Couteur).
841 Minister for Housing and Suburban Development (Ms Le Couteur).
845 Treasurer (Ms Le Couteur).
860 Minister for Regulatory Services (Mr Coe).
872 Minister for Transport and City Services (Mrs Kikkert).
875 Minister for Sport and Recreation (Mr Milligan).
Unanswered question

(Redirected question—30 days expired 31 December 2017)

827 MS LAWDER: To ask the Chief Minister—

(1) What activation events were undertaken by the Minister’s directorate as part of the urban renewal of the city program in 2016-17.

(2) How much did each activity cost.

(3) How many people participated in each activity.

(4) Were any of these activities run by In The City Canberra.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

24 January 2018

ACTION bus services between Deakin, Kingston and Manuka—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lee—(Pet 22-17).

25 January 2018

Gordon—Hooning, antisocial and dangerous driving—Minister for Police and Emergency Services—Petition lodged by Mr Wall—(Pet 23-17).

27 February 2018

Rerouting of buses—Anketell Street to Cowlishaw Street, Tuggeranong—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petitions lodged by Mr Parton—(Pet 19-17 and 26-17).

Mount Taylor—Improved access—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petitions lodged by Mr Steel—(Pet 18-17 and 27-17).

Dangerous dogs legislation—Attorney-General—Petition lodged by Mr Doszpot—(Pet 24-17).

1 March 2018

Red Hill natural environment and surrounding existing green space—Integrated planning—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petitions lodged by Ms Le Couteur—(Pet 28-17 and 29-17).
Lake Burley Griffin and surrounds—Heritage values—Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (Pet 30-17).

Torrens shops—Upgrade of playground—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Jones (Pet 31-17).

Draft variation 344—Request for delay—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mr Steel (Pet 32-17).

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COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth 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 31 October 2016): The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton, Mr Pettersson.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Mr Steel, Mr Wall.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Ms Orr (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Parton.

HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mr Steel (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mrs Jones (Chair), Ms Cody, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.

PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE: (Formed 13 December 2016): Ms Le Couteur (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder, Mr Milligan, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (Formed 13 December 2016): Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mr Pettersson.
Select

END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 30 November 2017): Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur.

Dissolved

2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 15 December 2016): Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall. (Presented 30 November 2017)

ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 16 February 2017): Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson. (Presented 1 August 2017)

INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: (Formed 15 December 2016): Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel. (Presented 31 October 2017)