



Matters of public importance

A summary of proceedings in the ACT Legislative Assembly during the sitting week 6 to 8 May 2025

Government business



Bills presented: 1

- [Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) presented by the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water *(on 7 May)*
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services



Bills debated: 2

- [Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) *(debated, amended and passed on 8 May)*
- [Short-Term Rental Accommodation Levy Bill 2025](#) *(debated and passed on 7 May)*

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

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: 10

- [Clubs inquiry](#) made by the Minister for Gaming Reform *(on 7 May)*
- [Federal election 2025](#) made by the Chief Minister *(on 6 May)*
- [Heritage Festival 2025](#) made by the Minister for Heritage *(on 6 May)*
- [Implementation progress of bail reforms](#) in response to a resolution of the Assembly of 19 March, made by the Attorney-General *(on 6 May)*
- [Inclusive education in ACT public schools](#) made by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood *(on 6 May)*
- [Modern methods of construction](#) made by the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs *(on 7 May)*
- [National Quality Framework Reform](#) made by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood *(on 8 May)*
- [Preventing the extinction of the Canberra Grassland Earless Dragon](#) made by the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water *(on 8 May)*
- [Voluntary Assisted Dying—Access for those who have lost decision-making capacity](#) made by the Minister for Health *(on 7 May)*
- [Worksafe ACT Industry Engagement](#) made by the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations *(on 8 May)*

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Private members' business



Bills presented: 1

- **Residential Tenancies (Posting Termination) Amendment Bill 2025** presented by Mr Cain (*on 6 May*)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

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Motions debated: 6



On Tuesday

- **Oaks Estate Strategic Plan** moved by Ms Lee, Mr Emerson, Mr Rattenbury (*debated and agreed to*)
- **Alternatives and transition from artificial grasses** moved by Mr Braddock (*debated, amended and agreed to*)



On Wednesday

- **Aboriginal detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre—Board of Inquiry** moved by Mr Emerson (*debated, amended and agreed to*)
- **Proposed improvement to community sector funding** moved by Ms Barry (*debated and agreed to*)



On Thursday

- **Continuation of service at Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre** moved by Ms Castley (*debated, amended and agreed to*)
- **Proposed improvement to Digital Health Record** moved by Mr Rattenbury (*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: 2

- Provision of documents relating to post-implementation review summary reports for Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects moved by Ms Castley (*debated, amended and agreed to on 6 May*)
- Proposed amendments to the Urban Forest (Approval Criteria) Determination 2025 (No 1) moved by Mr Braddock (*debated and negated on 8 May*)

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Statements by the Speaker



Statements made: 2

- Death of Don Piper PSM – First Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT (*made on 6 May*)
- Parliamentary Privilege claims – Appointment of Independent Legal Arbiter (*made on 6 May*)

Members' 90 second statements made



On Tuesday: 4

- Macquarie swimming pool (Mr Cain)
- Transport Canberra bus services (Mr Werner-Gibbings)
- Dunlop community micro-forest (Ms Clay)
- Flu vaccinations (Ms Tough)



On Wednesday: 4

- Heart Health Awareness Week (Mr Rattenbury)
- National Youth Homelessness Matters event (Mr Cain)
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day (Ms Tough)
- Lesbian Visibility Week (Ms Nuttall)



On Thursday: 3

- Genius Childcare centres (Ms Tough)
- Election day events in the Ginninderra electorate (Mr Cain)
- Building works in Woden (Mr Cocks)

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 response presented



Petitions presented: 6

- **Ainslie Football and Social Club's DPA-2 rezoning proposal** proposed referral to Standing committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services for inquiry lodged by Mr Rattenbury (6 May and 7 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services on 7 May
- **Consideration of free public transport** lodged by Mr Emerson (6 May)
- **Construction of a new gymnasium at Lyneham High School** and refurbish old gymnasium to create new classrooms lodged by Mr Rattenbury (6 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy
- **Harry Hopman Circuit traffic during the Christmas season** lodged by Mr Parton (6 May)
- **Retain and upgrade the Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre** lodged by Ms Carrick (6 May)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services



Petition responses from ministers presented: 1

- **Hawker Village shops redevelopment** from the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development (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, Clerk and/or ministers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, including the following papers of interest:

Documents relating to briefings to incoming ministers during the 2024 Caretaker period, pursuant to standing order 213A and the resolution of the Assembly of 10 April (*presented on 6 May*)

Documents relating to Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre, pursuant to standing order 213A and the resolution of the Assembly of 10 April (*presented on 6 May*)

Documents relation to health expenditures and the 2024 Caretaker period, pursuant to standing order 213A and resolutions of the Assembly of 4 March and 6 May (*presented 7 May*)

Documents relating to reviews of health services and policies, pursuant to standing order 213A and the resolution of the Assembly of 20 March (*presented on 6 May*)

Documents relating to light rail, pursuant to standing order 213A and the resolution of the Assembly of 19 March (*presented on 6 May*)

Instrument of Appointment of Independent Legal Arbitrator (*presented on 6 May*)

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: 5

- Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services—Standing Committee

[Report 1—Inquiry into the Planning \(Territory Priority Project\) Amendment Bill 2025](#)
(*presented on 6 May*)

- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

[Scrutiny Report 5](#) (*presented on 6 May*)

- Legal Affairs—Standing Committee

[Report 1—Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24](#) (*presented 7 May*)

- Public Accounts and Administration—Standing Committee

[Report 2—Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24](#) (*presented 7 May*)

- Social Policy—Standing Committee

[Report 1—Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24](#) (*presented 6 May 2025*)



Statements made: 2

- Economics, Industry and Recreation—Standing Committee

[Inquiry into barriers and opportunities for participation in community sports in the ACT](#)
(*made on 6 May*)

- Social Policy—Standing Committee

[Inquiry into male suicide rates](#) (*made 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, 13 May 2025

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