



**Legislative Assembly for the
Australian Capital Territory**

Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative
Scrutiny Role)

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
SCRUTINY MEETING NO 14
TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025
Kiribati room**

Present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair)
Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbins MLA (Deputy Chair)
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

In attendance: Stephen Argument (Legal Adviser—Subordinate Legislation)
Jacinta Dharmananda (Legal Adviser—Bills) via Teams
Hamish Finlay (Committee Secretary)
Frieda Scott (Secretariat)
Melissa Trpkovski (Secretariat)

1. Commencement of meeting

1.1. Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

4. Draft Report 13

4.1. Bills:

The Committee was briefed on the following six bills:

- Government Procurement Amendment Bill 2025.
- Assisted Reproductive Technology Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2).
- Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2).
- Liquor Amendment Bill 2025.
- Magistrates Court (Indicative Sentencing) Amendment Bill 2025.
- Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2025.

4.2. Bills—Proposed amendments:

The Committee was briefed on three proposed amendments to the following two bills:

- Public Sector (Closing the Gap) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 from Mr Emerson MLA.
- Public Sector (Closing the Gap) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 from the Chief Minister.
- Planning (Territory Priority Project) Amendment Bill 2025 from the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development.

4.3. Bills—Responses:

The Committee was briefed on the following two responses to comments made the Committee:

- Government response to *Scrutiny Report 10's* comment on the Workplace Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 3).

- Mr Rattenbury's response to *Scrutiny Report 8's* comment on the Civil Law (Wrongs) (Organisational Child Abuse Liability) Amendment Bill 2025.

4.4. Subordinate Legislation:

The Committee was briefed on the following six pieces of subordinate legislation:

- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-270 being the Public Place Names (Macnamara) Determination 2025 (No 3).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-271 being the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Declaration 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-273 being the Major Events (Cricket Season 2025-26 Events) Notice 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-274 being the Workers Compensation (Requirements for Operation of DI Fund—Horse Racing Training and Attendance Activity) Determination 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-275 being the Workers Compensation (Prescribed Employers—Horse Racing Trainers and Attendance Activity) Fee Determination 2025 (No 1).
- Subordinate Law SL2025-20 being the Property Developers Regulation 2025.

4.5. Subordinate Legislation—Government response:

The Committee was briefed on the government response to *Scrutiny Report 11's* comment on Disallowable Instrument DI2025-246 being the Racing Appeals Tribunal Appointment 2025 (No 1).

4.6. The Committee deliberated on the draft report.

The Committee resolved—That, subject to amendments agreed during the meeting and typographical and formatting corrections to be made by the secretariat, the Committee's comments be adopted as Report 13, and that the report be circulated out-of-session.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

6.1. At 12.15 pm the Chair adjourned the meeting until 11 am Tuesday, 27 January 2026.

Certified correct



Hamish Finlay
Secretary

25 November 2025