



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2012–2013

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2013

1 The Assembly met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mrs Dunne) 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 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (MINISTERS) BILL 2013

Mr Hanson (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the number of Ministers for the Territory.

Paper: Mr Hanson presented an explanatory statement to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Hanson moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Ms Gallagher—Chief Minister) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 FEDERAL BUDGET—IMPACT ON A.C.T. BUDGET

Mr Smyth, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) that the Federal Labor Government has broken countless election and previous budget promises, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) not to introduce a Carbon Tax;
 - (ii) to introduce tax cuts to offset the Carbon Tax, once it was introduced;
 - (iii) to increase Family Payments packages;
 - (iv) not increasing tax on superannuation;



- (v) not to cut public servant numbers;
 - (vi) not to means test the Private Health Insurance rebate;
 - (vii) not to increase the Medicare Levy;
 - (viii) the pledge to have a budget surplus; and
 - (ix) not to re-introduce a Higher Education Amenities Fee;
 - (b) the significant waste which has occurred as a result of the financially reckless Federal Labor Government, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) an immigration budget blowout of \$6.6 billion in the last four years;
 - (ii) the National Broadband Network being over budget by at least \$8.7 billion and \$20 million spent on solely advertising the network;
 - (iii) over \$69 million being spent on advertising the Carbon Tax and \$1 million spent on researching the effectiveness of this advertising;
 - (iv) \$150 million being spent on spin doctors to sell Labor's policies; and
 - (v) an average of \$6.1 million a month on chartering flights to move asylum seekers between overcrowded detention centres; and
 - (c) that the ACT Government put back delivering the ACT Budget from May to June to ensure the effects of the Federal Budget can be incorporated into the ACT Budget; and
- (2) calls on the Government to detail in the 2013-2014 Budget the full impact of the sixth Federal Labor budget on the ACT.

Debate ensued.

Mr Rattenbury, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

- (1) Omit subparagraphs (1)(a) and (b).
- (2) In paragraph (2), before “impact”, insert “financial”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 9		NOES, 8	
Mr Barr	Ms Gallagher	Mr Coe	Mr Seselja
Ms Berry	Mr Gentleman	Mr Doszpot	Mr Smyth
Dr Bourke	Ms Porter	Mrs Dunne	Mr Wall
Ms Burch	Mr Rattenbury	Mr Hanson	
Mr Corbell		Mrs Jones	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that the ACT Government put back delivering the ACT Budget from May to June to ensure the effects of the Federal Budget can be incorporated into the ACT Budget; and
- (2) calls on the Government to detail in the 2013-2014 Budget the full financial impact of the sixth Federal Labor budget on the ACT.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

4 WORKPLACE SAFETY

Mr Gentleman, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) reaffirms the importance of workplace safety across the ACT and the growing levels of injury reported in recent years;
- (2) endorses the outcomes from the “Getting Them Home Safely” report and its recommendations;
- (3) congratulates the Government on its timely response to the report; and
- (4) reaffirms the importance of:
 - (a) ensuring workplace safety is paramount when procuring capital works across the Territory;
 - (b) that the recommendations from the “Getting Them Home Safely” report are encapsulated in the procurement process;
 - (c) working with industry peak bodies and unions to ensure positive and inclusive safety cultures in all workplaces across the Territory; and
 - (d) reviewing its actions from the report relating to OH&S and workplace safety annually.

Debate ensued.

Mr Rattenbury, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

- (1) Omit paragraph (2), substitute:

“(2) endorses the recommendations from the *Getting Home Safely* report;”.
- (2) Omit paragraphs (3) and (4), substitute:

“(3) calls on the ACT Government to:

 - (a) ensure a timely implementation of the recommendations in the report;
 - (b) ensure workplace safety is a key consideration when procuring capital works across the Territory;
 - (c) ensure the relevant recommendations from the *Getting Home Safely* report are incorporated into the ACT Government’s procurement process;
 - (d) work with industry peak bodies and unions to ensure positive and inclusive safety cultures in all workplaces across the Territory; and
 - (e) six monthly review and report on actions taken and progress made in relation to the *Getting Home Safely* report.”.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Ms Porter addressing the Assembly—

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.

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

6 WORKPLACE SAFETY

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Gentleman, as amended (*see entry 4*)—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) reaffirms the importance of workplace safety across the ACT and the growing levels of injury reported in recent years;
- (2) endorses the recommendations from the *Getting Home Safely* report; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) ensure a timely implementation of the recommendations in the report;
 - (b) ensure workplace safety is a key consideration when procuring capital works across the Territory;
 - (c) ensure the relevant recommendations from the *Getting Home Safely* report are incorporated into the ACT Government’s procurement process;
 - (d) work with industry peak bodies and unions to ensure positive and inclusive safety cultures in all workplaces across the Territory; and
 - (e) six monthly review and report on actions taken and progress made in relation to the *Getting Home Safely* report.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

7 DISUSED SERVICE STATION SITES

Mrs Jones, by, leave, having amended her notice, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that Canberra has numerous disused service station sites across the city;
 - (b) that the community is concerned about the non-utilisation and the derelict nature of these sites; and
 - (c) that there is ongoing feedback from the community about the desire to see these sites redeveloped; and
- (2) calls on the Government to publish by 30 May 2013:

- (a) any plans to deal with the large number of vacant service stations across Canberra;
- (b) any measures the Government is taking to ensure a collaborative process to seeing these sites utilised; and
- (c) the list of sites and status of their remediation.

Mr Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

“notes:

- (a) that there are currently 13 disused service station sites across the city;
- (b) that the remediation and redevelopment of service station sites across the Territory poses particular challenges and is governed by stringent environmental protection processes;
- (c) that all of these sites are at various stages of lease variation, remediation and development approval processes;
- (d) that four of these sites have completed the required remediation and received final environmental clearances;
- (e) that seven of these sites have problems with ground water contamination and other related complexities which makes the sites very difficult, costly and time consuming to remediate; and
- (f) that the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate is monitoring the status of work on all sites and is working with each of the lessees who are not making reasonable progress on their sites.”.

Mr Corbell, by leave, was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly notes that:

- (1) there are currently 13 disused service station sites across the city;
- (2) the remediation and redevelopment of service station sites across the Territory poses particular challenges and is governed by stringent environmental protection processes;
- (3) all of these sites are at various stages of lease variation, remediation and development approval processes;
- (4) four of these sites have completed the required remediation and received final environmental clearances;
- (5) seven of these sites have problems with ground water contamination and other related complexities which makes the sites very difficult, costly and time consuming to remediate; and
- (6) the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate is monitoring the status of work on all sites and is working with each of the lessees who are not making reasonable progress on their sites.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

8 CALWELL GROUP CENTRE—MASTER PLAN

Mr Wall, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that master plans give the community the opportunity to provide input on how an area may be developed into the future;
 - (b) the ACT Planning Strategy states that “a master plan is a high level plan that sets out outcomes, actions and urban design principles to guide and manage”;
 - (c) the omission of the Calwell precinct in the short and long term strategies set out in the ACT Planning Strategy;
 - (d) that the ACT Government plans to relocate ACT Emergency Services to the Calwell precinct;
 - (e) that a number of groups are expressing interest in establishing community facilities such as child care centres in the Calwell precinct; and
 - (f) the Tuggeranong Homestead, located in the Calwell precinct, holds significant historical and environmental value; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to develop a master plan for the Calwell precinct including Tuggeranong Homestead as a priority and table it in the Assembly no later than 30 June 2014.

Mr Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development) moved the following amendment: Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

“notes:

- (a) the Government has in place an approved and funded master plan program currently covering Pialligo Rural Village, Weston Group Centre, Oaks Estate, WAM (Woden Town Centre, Mawson Group Centre, Athllon Drive) and Tharwa Rural Village, in addition to those already completed for Tuggeranong Town Centre, Erindale Group Centre, Kambah Village Group Centre, Kingston Group Centre and Dickson Group Centre;
- (b) consistent with the Government’s ACT Planning Strategy, master plans will be prepared for group centres, key transport corridors and town centre precincts;
- (c) as master plans are high level documents designed to set out objectives and strategies to manage development and change over time, it is appropriate to focus Government’s master planning on areas of significant change and growth; and
- (d) Calwell, and other group centres, will be considered for inclusion in the next round of master planning activity.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Rattenbury moved the following amendment to Mr Corbell’s proposed amendment: Omit subparagraph (d), substitute:

- “(d) that on 26 October 2011, a motion was passed in the Assembly which, amongst other things, called on the Government to:
- (i) prioritise a master plan for the Calwell Group Centre and surrounding community and commercial facilities zones in line with the need recognised in the ACT Draft Planning Strategy and the previously agreed master plan process; and
 - (ii) through the master planning process, identify:
 - (A) a site for a second childcare centre in Calwell;
 - (B) a site for a dental practice in Calwell; and
 - (C) an alternative site for the proposed pool development; and
- (2) calls on the Government to ensure that the Calwell Group Centre, and the surrounding community and commercial facilities zones, is added to the master plan program.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment to amendment agreed to.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Government has in place an approved and funded master plan program currently covering Pialligo Rural Village, Weston Group Centre, Oaks Estate, WAM (Woden Town Centre, Mawson Group Centre, Athlon Drive) and Tharwa Rural Village, in addition to those already completed for Tuggeranong Town Centre, Erindale Group Centre, Kambah Village Group Centre, Kingston Group Centre and Dickson Group Centre;
 - (b) consistent with the Government’s ACT Planning Strategy, master plans will be prepared for group centres, key transport corridors and town centre precincts;
 - (c) as master plans are high level documents designed to set out objectives and strategies to manage development and change over time, it is appropriate to focus Government’s master planning on areas of significant change and growth; and
 - (d) that on 26 October 2011, a motion was passed in the Assembly which, amongst other things, called on the Government to:
 - (i) prioritise a master plan for the Calwell Group Centre and surrounding community and commercial facilities zones in line with the need recognised in the ACT Draft Planning Strategy and the previously agreed master plan process; and
 - (ii) through the master planning process, identify:
 - (A) a site for a second childcare centre in Calwell;
 - (B) a site for a dental practice in Calwell; and
 - (C) an alternative site for the proposed pool development; and

- (2) calls on the Government to ensure that the Calwell Group Centre, and the surrounding community and commercial facilities zones, is added to the master plan program.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

9 VOLUNTEERING

Ms Porter, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) that 13 to 19 May is the National Volunteers Week;
 - (b) the important contribution that volunteers make to our community;
 - (c) that 2013 marks the 40th birthday of The Canberra Hospital and that the Hospital Kiosk under the auspices of the Woden Valley Auxiliary opened its doors for business on 6 August 1973;
 - (d) that the ACT community has one of the strongest volunteering workforce per head of the adult population of any of the capital cities;
 - (e) that the work of our volunteers enriches and strengthens our community through their many hours of selfless work and community spirit;
 - (f) that volunteers are active in all sectors of our community including sport and recreation, heritage, health, education, caring science and research and the environment; and
 - (g) that volunteers are represented by all age groups and genders; and
- (2) reaffirms the importance of:
- (a) encouraging members of the community of all ages to consider volunteering; and
 - (b) expresses its heartfelt thanks to every volunteer in our community and congratulates them for their tireless efforts to make our community stronger, healthier, happier and more environmentally sustainable.

Mr Hanson addressing the Assembly—

Adjournment negatived: It being 6 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Barr (Minister for Community Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Barr (Deputy Chief Minister) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6.47 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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

Tom Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly