



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Brendan Smyth MLA (Chair), Mary Porter AM MLA (Deputy Chair), Nicole Lawder MLA, Meegan Fitzharris MLA, Shane Rattenbury MLA¹

¹ The Assembly motion of 26 March 2015 resolved that a member of the cross-bench be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the purpose of this investigation.

MEDIA RELEASE

PUBLIC HEARINGS PROGRAM – 17 TO 19 AUGUST 2015

INQUIRY INTO ELEMENTS IMPACTING ON THE FUTURE OF THE ACT CLUBS SECTOR

On Thursday 26 March 2015, the Legislative Assembly referred part (3) of a motion concerning the future of the ACT Clubs sector to the [Standing Committee on Public Accounts](#) (the Committee) for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of September 2015.

The Inquiry's terms of reference (T of R) are available at: http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing_committees/Public-Accounts/inquiry-into-elements-impacting-on-the-future-of-the-act/terms-of-reference?inquiry=710257.

The Committee has received and published 106 submissions to date, which also appear on the Inquiry website.

The Committee is to hold public hearings on the reference in Committee Room I, Legislative Assembly Building on –

Monday 17 August 2015, Tuesday 18 August and Wednesday 19 August 2015

The program for each day's hearing is **attached**.

Specifically, as part of the T of R—the Committee has been asked to consider the following elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs sector: (i) revenue and profitability; (ii) legislation and regulations; (iii) taxation and charges; (iv) land development and sales; (v) problem gambling; (vi) diversification and mergers; (vii) new business models; (viii) poker machines and gaming technologies; and (ix) water and resource management.

Further information on the Inquiry is available at: http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing_committees/Public-Accounts/inquiry-into-elements-impacting-on-the-future-of-the-act?inquiry=710257

STATEMENT ENDS—Friday, 14 August 2015

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17 August 2015

Time	Witness
1.30 pm to 2.15 pm	Australian National University (ANU) Centre for Gambling Research Professor Bryan Rodgers, Director Dr Tanya Davidson [Submission No. 60.]
2:15 to 3:00 pm	Relationships Australia Ms Juleen Schiefelbein - ACT Manager Ms Fiona Loane - Business Development Manager Ms Carmel Franklin - Director Care Financial Counseling Service and the Consumer Law Centre of the ACT Submission No. 80.]
3:00 pm to 3:45 pm	ACTCOSS Ms Susan Helyar, Director, ACTCOSS [Oral Submission]
3:45 pm to 4:30 pm	COTA – ACT Ewan Brown, Executive Director, COTA—ACT [Oral Submission]

18 August 2015

Time	Witness
2.00 pm to 2.30 pm	Independent ATM Industry Group Mr Andrew Wingrove Mr Phil Timms [Submission No 54]
2:30 to 3:00 pm	Old Narrabundah Community Council (To be confirmed) [Submission No. 73]

19 August 2015

Witness
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Mr Marcus Bleas General Manager, Marketing and Mr Mark Xuereb—Business Manager [Submission No 18]
Billiards and Snooker Association ACT Mr Robert Fraser—Secretary/Treasurer Mr John Hargreaves—Patron Mr Mark O'Neill—President [Submission No. 11]
Tuggeranong Valley Junior Rugby Union Club Mr Andrew Henderson, President Submission No. 49]
Belconnen Tennis Club Mr Rob Gill, Vice President [Submission No. 53]
Tuggeranong Vikings Women's Hockey Club Joe Henstock - President [Submission No. 36]
Canberra Musicians' Club Nigel McRae, Entertainment Coordinator [Submission No. 71]