

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY Ms Leanne Castley MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Johnathan Davis MLA

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW INQUIRY

INQUIRY INTO LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PORTABLE SCHEMES) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

The ACT Legislative Assembly's <u>Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality</u> (the Committee) has resolved to conduct an Inquiry into the Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Amendment Bill 2022, which was presented to the Assembly on 22 November 2022.

According to the resolution of the Assembly, the Committee must report within two months from the presentation of the Bill. Accordingly, the Committee will report on this inquiry by 23 January 2023.

In consideration of the difficulty stakeholders may have in preparing evidence for the inquiry over the holiday season, the Committee has resolved to hold the inquiry on the papers and to extend the deadline for submissions for as long as possible.

"The Committee decided to inquire into the Bill due to the significant impact it stands to have on employees and employers, especially in small businesses," said Ms Castley MLA, Chair of the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality. "The Committee will not be holding a public hearing during this particular inquiry process, and instead has chosen to accept submissions for an extended period in order to maximise public engagement."

Submissions will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 19 January 2023.

The Committee's terms of reference are available on the Legislative Assembly website.

Information about how to make a submission is available at on the Assembly website.

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