



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021-2022-2023

Notice Paper

No 103

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MR GENTLEMAN:** To move—That:
- (1) a Select Committee on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2023 be appointed to examine the Bill and any other related matters;
 - (2) the Committee be composed of:
 - (a) two Members to be nominated by ACT Labor;
 - (b) two Members to be nominated by the Canberra Liberals; and
 - (c) one Member to be nominated by the ACT Greens;
 to be notified in writing to the Speaker by 3pm today;
 - (3) the chair of the Committee shall be an ACT Labor Member;
 - (4) the Committee is to report by 29 February 2024; and
 - (5) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time
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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MS CHEYNE:** To present a Bill for an Act to regulate access to voluntary assisted dying, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 30 October 2023*)
- *2 **MS CHEYNE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parentage Act 2004*, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 30 October 2023*)

Orders of the day—continued

- 1 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 2 **ELECTORAL AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Special Minister of State*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2023—Mr Hanson*).
- 3 **MENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Mental Health*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 21 September 2023—Mr Cocks*).
- 4 **JUSTICE (AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2023—Mr Hanson*).
- 5 **BUILDING (SWIMMING POOL SAFETY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2023—Mr Parton*).
- 6 **REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 7 **SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 8 **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Families and Community Services*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 29 August 2023—Mrs Kikkert*).
- 9 **BIOSECURITY BILL 2023:** (*Minister for the Environment*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 10 **COAG LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 4 August 2021—Ms Lee*).
- 11 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2023—Mr Parton*).

- 12 **NATURE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for the Environment*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2023—Ms Lawder*).
- 13 **BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Human Rights*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 2023—Mr Cocks*).
- 14 **HUMAN RIGHTS (COMPLAINTS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Human Rights*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 15 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (NO 2):** (*Attorney-General; presented by Assistant Minister for Economic Development*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 21 September 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 16 **URBAN FOREST (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Transport and City Services*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 25 October 2023—Ms Lawder*).
- *17 **HUMAN RIGHTS (HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Human Rights*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 26 October 2023—Mr Cain*).
- *18 **EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Minister for Education and Youth Affairs*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 26 October 2023—Mr Hanson*).
- *19 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 26 October 2023—Mr Cain*).
- 20 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORKFORCE AND TIMETABLES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2023—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 21 **OFFICE OF WATER—UPDATE ON CATCHMENT PLANS AND YERRABI FLOATING WETLANDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 22 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—ACT HEALTH DIRECTORATE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 23 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—ACT LOCAL HOSPITAL NETWORK—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

- 24 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE—PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022—CANBERRA HEALTH SERVICES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 25 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—CANBERRA HEALTH SERVICES 2022-2023 BUDGET STATEMENT C—CORRIGENDUM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2023—Ms Lawder*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- 26 **WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK AND INTERNATIONAL WORKERS’ MEMORIAL DAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023—Ms Cheyne*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes the importance of World Day for Safety and Health at Work and International Workers’ Memorial Day commemorated internationally on 28 April of each year and that:
 - (a) it is a day of reflection to remember and honour those who have lost their lives at work or from work-related injuries or illness;
 - (b) an opportunity to focus on the importance of health and safety at work and the joint responsibility shared by all in keeping our workplaces safe and fostering a positive work safety culture;
 - (c) all workers have the right to return home safely from work;
 - (d) in 2023, the theme for World Day for Safety and Health at Work was “A safe and healthy working environment is a fundamental principle and right at work”, focusing on good work; work that is not only safe, but that is also good for us by contributing to our physical and psychological health and wellbeing; and
 - (e) in 2023, the theme for Workers’ Memorial Day was “remember the dead, fight for the living”; and
 - (2) express solidarity in reflecting on the importance of World Day for Safety and Health at Work and International Workers’ Memorial Day which occurred on 28 April 2023 by:
 - (a) formally recording a continuing and shared commitment to being a world-leading jurisdiction in work health and safety; and
 - (b) continuing to provide Territory workers with contemporary laws that recognise the complexity of modern workplaces and emerging hazards and keep pace with community expectations.
- 27 **URBAN OPEN SPACE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN—DRAFT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2023—Mr Braddock*) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the Assembly take note of the paper.
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

*1 **MS CLAY:** To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) recent ACT Government consultations on the District Strategies and Connecting Nature, Connecting People and the committee inquiry into environmental volunteerism prompted community discussion about the location and protection of green spaces in Canberra, especially places that contain threatened species or habitats, given our expanding population;
- (b) the Conservation Council ACT Region and Friends of Grasslands' paper *A Biodiversity Network for the ACT*, which identifies that 67 percent of the ACT's critically endangered Natural Temperate Grassland remnants, and 80 percent of critically endangered Box-Gum Woodland remnants, fall outside of the Canberra Nature Park reserve system;
- (c) these remnants are in a mix of tenures and locations and are managed inconsistently and exposed to threats like urban development, edge effects, invasive plants, pests, overgrazing, fire and climate change; and
- (d) the community have asked for Canberra Nature Park status or better protection, land management or zoning changes for many areas through petitions, representations to development applications and to local members for locations including:
 - (i) Bluetts Block-Piney Ridge;
 - (ii) blocks adjoining Callum Brae;
 - (iii) Ainslie Volcanics;
 - (iv) Lawson Grasslands;
 - (v) Flea Bog Flat;
 - (vi) Umbagog District Park;
 - (vii) Mount Rogers;
 - (viii) Emu Creek;
 - (ix) areas surrounding Tuggeranong Homestead;
 - (x) Dryandra Woodland;
 - (xi) Lyneham Ridge;
 - (xii) Lands End and Piney Creek woodlands;
 - (xiii) Woods Lane;
 - (xiv) Glenloch Grasslands;

- (xv) Curtin Park;
 - (xvi) Scrivener Hill;
 - (xvii) Isaacs Pines and Isaacs Ridge;
 - (xviii) land near Dhulwa on Mugga Lane; and
 - (xix) Kuringa Woodland;
- (2) further notes that:
- (a) we are experiencing climate and extinction crises, and environmental and invasive species management will become more resource intensive as a result;
 - (b) Government recently declined nature reserve protection for new areas when petitioned;
 - (c) there are 10 rangers to manage Canberra Nature Park North, Canberra Nature Park South and Mulligans Flat/Goorooyong, and funding for five volunteer coordinators for the ParkCare program;
 - (d) funding for rangers in urban reserves dropped from \$1.34 million in the 2018-19 budget to \$1.28 million in the 2022-23 budget;
 - (e) Landcare and ParkCare volunteer labour was estimated as worth over \$21.5 million per year by the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment; and
 - (f) out of a total ACT Government budget of \$7.5 billion, only \$5.2 million was allocated this year for environmental conservation activities; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) set criteria about when to add areas of high conservation value to our Canberra Nature Park reserve system, and when to better protect areas outside the reserve system;
 - (b) set these criteria with a view to maintaining and improving, not allowing ongoing degradation and loss;
 - (c) create a transparent process that communicates these criteria and changes to the community;
 - (d) undertake a strategic review of the Parks and Conservation workforce plans and resources, including ranger numbers, remuneration levels, turnover and contractor spending on land management, to implement the above policy; and
 - (e) report back to the Assembly on progress against these calls by the last sitting day of the 10th Assembly in 2024. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*2 **MS LEE:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that in 2012, the Chief Minister announced his tax reform agenda aimed at removing inefficient taxes and abolishing stamp duty;
 - (b) that, in announcing his tax reform agenda, the Chief Minister said “it’s not about raising the overall amount of tax the Government receives”;
 - (c) in the decade since Andrew Barr announced his tax reform agenda, revenue collected by his Labor-Greens Government from Canberran taxpayers has over doubled to over \$1.3 billion; and
 - (d) this massive increase in taxation revenue over the last decade is as a result of:
 - (i) household rates increasing on average eight percent per year;
 - (ii) vehicle registration costs increasing by nearly six percent per year;
 - (iii) utilities tax increasing by eight percent per year;
 - (iv) ambulance and emergency services levies increasing by over 10 percent per year; and
 - (v) annual revenue received from stamp duty, a tax that the Chief Minister promised to abolish, has nearly doubled to over \$440 million;
- (2) further notes that, despite collecting a record amount of taxes from Canberrans, basic maintenance of our suburbs has been steadily declining; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Labor-Greens Government to return more of ACT taxpayers’ own money back into improvements within their local neighbourhoods. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*3 **MR MILLIGAN:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that on 20 September 2023, the ACT Government claim reported in *The Canberra Times* that “... the ACT is more prepared in 2023 than in any time in our past”;
 - (b) that by the Minister’s own admission during question time on Thursday, 26 October, the reality on the ground would not support this ministerial claim, given the condition of the Namadgi National Park fire trail network today, that is post Orroral Valley Fire of 2020, and excessive rainfall of the past two years;

- (c) critical fire trails remain either closed, not fully accessible to Rural Fire Service appliances, such as large flow trucks, and certainly not built and therefore maintained to the required standards, that only a band aid approach to repairs and maintenance has been implemented nearly four years post 2020;
- (d) that according to the Minister's response, they would not be able to get large equipment up to the higher parts of Namadgi National Park; and
- (e) that Corin Dam is not accessible and so water supply to that area remains uncertain;
- (2) further notes:
 - (a) an "articulated float" or flow truck means having a road network built to such a standard which allows a small dozer to be floated (transported) on the back of a large truck, thus allowing rapid response access to remote fires to quickly commence building fire containment lines; and
 - (b) that such a "roading standard" was a key recommendation from the 2003 McLeod fire inquiry; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) fully commit to reinstating the Namadgi National Park fire trail network, returning the network to its pre-Orroral Valley Fire 2020 accessibility status, as per *ACT Bushfire Management Standards* July 2023, section A3.9.4, *Standards – Fire Trails* (pages 97 and 98), including articulated float roading classification to ensure rapid access to remote locations within the Bimberi Wilderness area of the Park;
 - (b) reports to the Assembly on a quarterly basis, progress on the implementation of these fire trail repair works as per *ACT Bushfire Management Standards* July 2023; and
 - (c) report back to the Assembly by the final sitting day of 2023, on the status of the repair of the critical fire trails network in Namadgi National Park. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

*4 **MR PARTON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) a petition calling for improved bus priority measures between Belconnen and Canberra City was tabled in the Assembly last sitting week, and all three parties voiced their support for such improvements;
 - (b) the population in the Belconnen Town Centre has doubled in the last 10 years with more major residential developments being planned or commencing construction;

- (c) there are significant patronage attractors on the corridor including the Australian National University (ANU), CSIRO, Northside Hospital Precinct, Canberra Institute of Technology Bruce, Radford College and the University of Canberra (UC) that would benefit from faster and more frequent bus services;
 - (d) Canberra Stadium game day matches, and extensive shuttle buses will benefit from bus priority and faster travel times to town centres using a busway;
 - (e) there are opportunities to encourage interchanging between local and rapid routes to provide connections to the City and Belconnen directly by providing interchange style facilities at the ANU, Northside Hospital, and the UC, inclusive of end of trip facilities and potential park and ride opportunities;
 - (f) Transport Canberra bus routes to and from Belconnen are among the busiest in the city and are getting busier;
 - (g) congestion at key intersections along the route is increasingly problematic and causing delays to buses;
 - (h) the bus corridor dog leg along College Street and Haydon Drive is currently not the most direct option and adds travel time to journeys from through routed buses in the outer suburbs operating to the City and further south;
 - (i) improvements to the Belconnen to Civic transitway have been mooted since 2005;
 - (j) national agencies identified the Belconnen to Civic busway as an infrastructure priority in 2016;
 - (k) the tram is unlikely to expand to Belconnen before at least 2040, after Commonwealth Park (2A) and Woden (2B); and
 - (l) a future proof solution is required to speed up journeys and make bus travel a more attractive option to commuting to the City by private car; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) investigate and deliver upgrades to the bus corridor between Belconnen and Civic before 2027, to deliver bus priority for the entire Belconnen to City corridor; and
 - (b) report back to the Assembly on the progress of these matters by the last sitting day of the 10th Assembly in 2024. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

Orders of the day

- 1 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2023—Mr Cain*).

Notices—continued

*5 **MR CAIN:** To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

- (a) the Indicative Land Release Program for 2023-24 commits to the release of only 1,883 total residential dwellings this financial year;
- (b) the ACT Budget has population growth of 2.25 percent in 2023-24 and two percent across the remainder of the forward estimates, which equates to over 9,000 people per year;
- (c) conservative modelling shows 1,883 residential dwellings will only be able to accommodate 4,500 of the forecasted new residents in the ACT;
- (d) effective city planning is shaped by the social, environmental, and cultural preferences of the community;
- (e) the most recent Housing Choices Community Survey released in 2015, known as the Winton Report, found that only two percent of ACT residents want to live in high density apartments;
- (f) the survey further found that more than 80 percent of Canberrans preferred to live in detached or semi-detached dwellings; and
- (g) the growth in stock of attached dwellings is inconsistent with community preferences, exacerbating the housing affordability crisis; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

- (a) auction unsold single blocks for sale by the Suburban Land Agency to find the market price so houses are built on these blocks as soon as possible;
- (b) commission a new Housing Choices Community Survey to determine the most up-to-date dwelling preferences of ACT residents;
- (c) as the monopoly provider of land, commit to investigating underutilised and undeveloped sites around Canberra for the development of detached housing; and
- (d) set ambitious and realistic targets for the release of land in the ACT. *(Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

Orders of the day—continued

2 **ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (NO 2):** *(Ms Clay):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 22 June 2021—Mr Steel).*

3 **CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Mrs Kikkert):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 25 November 2021—Mr Gentleman).*

- 4 **INTEGRITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (NO 2):** *(Ms Lee; presented by Mr Cain): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 20 October 2022—Mr Barr). (Referred to Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on 24 November 2022.)*
- 5 **MODERN SLAVERY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** *(Ms Clay): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 28 March 2023—Mr Steel).*
- 6 **GAMING MACHINE AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** *(Dr Paterson): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 31 August 2023—Mr Rattenbury). (Referred to Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on 14 September 2023.)*

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

Notices—continued

- *2 **MRS KIKKERT:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) in August 2023, Tian-Jarrah (TJ) Dennis died in the Silverwater Correctional Complex in New South Wales (NSW), with his death reported as a suicide;
 - (b) Mr Dennis was previously detained at the Alexander Maconochie Centre but was transferred to the NSW prison system in 2021 (whilst remaining subject to ACT Corrections);
 - (c) Mr Dennis’s medical team reportedly advised against his transfer because of mental health considerations (including prior suicide attempts); and
 - (d) it has also been reported that the ACT Government was asked to ensure Mr Dennis was placed in the forensic mental health hospital at Long Bay Correctional Complex in NSW, which did not happen;
 - (2) further notes that:
 - (a) whilst the NSW State Coroner must inquire into all deaths in custody, the report into Mr Dennis’s death may take years;
 - (b) although the inquest into the 2018 death of a different Canberra resident in a NSW prison briefly mentions his contact with the ACT’s youth justice, mental health, and corrections systems, the report notes that such engagement with ACT services was “beyond the scope of [the] inquiry”, and the findings and recommendations focus exclusively on what occurred in NSW; and

- (c) in the same manner, the NSW State Coroner’s inquest into Mr Dennis’s death will almost certainly focus on the cause and manner of his death in NSW and make recommendations pertinent to NSW but not consider in any depth his engagement with services in the ACT; and
- (3) refers this matter to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety for inquiry into the decision to transfer Mr Dennis to NSW, and into his engagement with ACT services prior to his transfer; and
- (4) requests the Committee to table a report and any recommendations in the Assembly by the last sitting day of April 2024. (*Notice given 30 October 2023. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

Orders of the day

Two months following when the Government review of the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* becomes available

- 1 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Integrity Commission Amendment Bill 2022 (No 2), pursuant to order of the Assembly of 24 November 2022.

1 December 2023

- 2 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the Gaming Machine Amendment Bill 2023, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 14 September 2023.

INQUIRIES INTO BILLS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

(pursuant to resolution of the Assembly of 2 December 2020, as amended)

1 December 2023

Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

GAMING MACHINE AMENDMENT BILL 2023: (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 2023—Mr Rattenbury*).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only redirected questions are included on the Notice Paper together with a list of all unanswered questions.

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Redirected question

(30 days expires 29 November 2023)

1452 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) What, if at all, is the noise decibel level threshold for residential buildings to be considered defective.
- (2) Are structural noise issues in buildings considered in the building certifier's assessment.
- (3) Do governing regulations exist for structural noise issues in buildings; if so, can the Minister provide the relevant details.
- (4) How many legal cases in the ACT have been brought by owners' corporations or unit-owners against builders, developers or certifiers related to structural noise issues in the past, including cases that went to the (a) Supreme Court and (b) ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- (5) Can the Minister provide examples of cases where a building was deemed defective due to unacceptable noise levels, and what were the outcomes of those cases.
- (6) Can the Minister provide an update on the recommendations made by the Inquiry into Building Quality in the ACT in 2020, and address whether structural building noise issues were considered as part of the scope of the adopted recommendations.

Unanswered questions

1334, 1336, 1379, 1397, 1400, 1404, 1420, 1444-1451, 1453-1489.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

29 November 2023

Indian (Common) Myna bird control—Minister for the Environment—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 017-23). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity on 29 August 2023.)*

Car parking on public green open spaces—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Ms Vassarotti (e-Pet 004-23). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 29 August 2023.)*

School bus for Lyons Early Childhood School—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Davidson (e-Pet 014-23). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 29 August 2023.)*

Woden Art Centre—Minister for the Arts—Petition lodged by Mr Cocks (e-Pet 005-23).

30 November 2023

Pedestrian safety at the Gribble and Hibberson Streets intersection in Gungahlin—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (e-Pet 011-23).

14 December 2023

Ngunnawal oval lighting—Minister for Sport and Recreation—Petition lodged by Mr Braddock (Pet 025-23).

19 December 2023

Woden Arts Centre—Minister for the Arts—Petition lodged by Mr Cocks (Pet 026-23).

24 January 2024

Traffic flow and safety in Gungahlin Town Centre—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Castley (e-Pet 015-23).

Improve public transport outcomes for Belconnen—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Cheyne (e-Pet 023-23). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 24 October 2023.)*

Mr Fluffy board of inquiry—Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction—Petition lodged by Mr Cocks (e-Pet 018-23).

Japanese domestic market number plates—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Mr Davis (e-Pet 019-23). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 24 October 2023.)*

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Tenth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees' resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 3 November 2020)*: The Speaker (Chair), Mr Braddock, Ms Lawder, Ms Orr.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Ms Castley (Chair), Mr Davis, Ms Orr.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Pettersson (Chair), Ms Lawder, Mr Davis.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Dr Paterson (Chair), Ms Clay, Mr Cocks.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Davis (Chair), Mr Milligan, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Braddock, Dr Paterson.

PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Ms Clay (Chair), Mr Parton, Ms Orr.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 2 December 2020)*: Mrs Kikkert (Chair), Mr Braddock, Mr Pettersson.

Dissolved

COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT: *(Formed 9 February 2023)*: Mr Davis (Chair), Ms Lawder, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 11 May 2023)*

COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE: *(Formed 16 September 2021)*: Ms Lee (Chair), Ms Clay, Ms Orr. *(Presented 2 December 2021)*

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (PERSONAL USE) AMENDMENT BILL 2021: *(Formed 11 February 2021)*: Mr Cain (Chair), Mr Davis, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 30 November 2021)*

ESTIMATES 2022-2023: *(Formed 1 July 2022):* Mr Milligan (Chair), Mr Braddock, Dr Paterson.
(Presented 11 October 2022; Dissolved 31 October 2022)

ESTIMATES 2023-2024: *(Formed 15 May 2023):* Mr Parton (*Chair*), Ms Clay, Mr Pettersson.
(Presented 29 August 2023)

PRIVILEGES 2022: *(Formed 15 August 2022):* Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Clay, Mr Pettersson.
(Presented 1 December 2022)
