



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2016-2017-2018

Notice Paper

No 50

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Act 1993*.
(Notice given 19 March 2018).
- 2 **MRS KIKKERT:** To move—That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes that:
 - (a) in the ABS's 2006 Personal Safety Survey, nearly 1.3 million Australians reported having experienced sexual abuse before the age of 15 (956 600 women and 337 400 men);
 - (b) this amounts to 12 per cent of women and 4.5 per cent of men;
 - (c) 9.5 per cent of those reporting sexual abuse before age 15 were under age 5 when abuse first occurred;
 - (d) research has demonstrated that child sexual abuse can affect brain development, psychological and social functioning, self-esteem, mental health, personality, sleep, health risk behaviours, including substance use, self-harm and life expectancy; and

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



- (e) the economic cost of child abuse in Australia has been estimated to run into billions of dollars;
- (2) further notes that:
- (a) since at least 1986, numerous experts have emphasised the need to better inform parents and other primary caregivers so that they can more effectively prevent and respond to child sexual abuse, with scholarly literature increasingly advocating for parent-focused child sexual abuse prevention efforts;
 - (b) well-informed parents and other primary caregivers are considered necessary in order to supplement school-based and other programs targeted at children because such parents and caregivers can:
 - (i) repeat and reinforce correct information;
 - (ii) aid in prevention by recognising risk factors and warning signs;
 - (iii) react helpfully to disclosure or discovery of abuse; and
 - (iv) relieve some of the burden of prevention currently placed on children;
 - (c) many Australian parents and other primary caregivers report feeling unprepared to teach correct and appropriate information to children, to recognise the signs of child sexual abuse or to respond correctly to suspected abuse;
 - (d) the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has recommended “prevention education for parents” that aims “to increase knowledge of child sexual abuse and its impacts, and build skills to help reduce the risks of child sexual abuse”;
 - (e) the Protecting Victoria’s Vulnerable Children Inquiry concluded that “more can be done to prevent child sexual abuse, particularly through the provision of information and education to parents and caregivers of children”, and observed that “the range of existing expertise and resources already available through organisations like Child Wise and Bravehearts would enable this action to be implemented without delay”; and
 - (f) the current *National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children* states that “a focus on early intervention and prevention is more cost-effective in the long-term than responding to crises, or treating the impacts of abuse and neglect”; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) at an appropriate time, provide all first-time parents and other primary caregivers in the ACT evaluated information packets that address child sexual abuse, including how to recognise offender tactics, potentially risky situations, and warning signs as well as how to helpfully respond to suspected abuse and actual discovery of abuse; and

- (b) work with nationally recognised and accredited organisations such as Bravehearts and Child Wise to make sure that such information packets contain correct and appropriate information and reflect best practice. (*Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

3 **MS CHEYNE:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the strength, determination and talent of Canberra women, who support and lead our community across all fields of industry, public administration, health, education, the arts, sport, and the community sector;
- (2) celebrates:
 - (a) progress being made in addressing gender inequality, while noting that women still face social and economic barriers to their full and free participation in society, including workplace inequality, domestic, family and intimate partner violence, and unequal distribution of family and household responsibilities; and
 - (b) the diversity of the ACT community, including all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, intersex and questioning individuals;
- (3) acknowledges the work of community organisations in the ACT in supporting women and advocating for their rights;
- (4) further notes the ongoing work of the ACT Government to promote true gender equality and to support women and girls to reach their full potential, including by:
 - (a) providing access to specialist health services;
 - (b) expanding women’s health infrastructure and improving accessibility, through the expansion of the Centenary Hospital and new nurse-led Walk-in Centres;
 - (c) promoting women’s participation in sports through grants and high profile sporting events and improving access to appropriate sporting facilities; and
 - (d) recognising the barriers to women in the workplace by improving Government board and public sector representation;
- (5) supporting people’s reproductive health by having clear and defined policies on reproductive health, providing support for accessing termination services, and continuing to work to identify and address barriers to accessing termination services for Canberrans, including affordability;
- (6) encourages all Members of the Legislative Assembly to:
 - (a) make personal and professional pledges to promote gender equality in their lives; and
 - (b) call out instances of gender inequality and gender-based harassment that they see to support victims and promote a culture of respect; and

- (7) calls on the Government to:
- (a) continue to drive outcomes in the Women’s Action Plan 2017-2019 with adequate resources and the Safer Families package and report on the progress being made against those commitments;
 - (b) commit to reviewing and amending part 6 of the *Health Act 1993*;
 - (c) commit to reviewing and improving access to reproductive health services including contraception, abortion and termination services; and
 - (d) continue to deliver health services that meet the specific needs of women. (*Notice given 19 March 2018; amended 20 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).
- 4 **MR HANSON:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes:
- (a) playgrounds provide an important amenity for communities and families;
 - (b) Waramanga shops has no playground;
 - (c) the lack of adequate playground infrastructure across Weston Creek;
 - (d) the benefit to Waramanga and the broader Weston Creek community that would come from a new playground at the Waramanga shops;
 - (e) the Waramanga community has put forward a comprehensive proposal for a playground at Waramanga shops;
 - (f) the significant community consultation and petition conducted by the Waramanga community;
 - (g) the mixed signals about the proposal from the ACT Government; and
 - (h) the 50th Anniversary of Waramanga in 2018; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to work with the Waramanga community to progress the establishment of a new Waramanga playground in the 2018-19 budget. (*Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).
- 5 **MR PARTON:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that:
- (a) the Government has an obligation to provide a proper and effective regulatory framework to ensure the building industry delivers high quality property construction outcomes;
 - (b) failure to ensure construction quality across the building industry not only endangers the safety of those involved in construction activity but potentially the safety of building occupants;

- (c) poor quality construction can have severe financial impacts on those who, in good faith, have purchased a defective structure;
 - (d) media reports on defective constructions are damaging Canberra's reputation as a jurisdiction of high quality building standards;
 - (e) major industry bodies agree that substantial and fundamental improvements in design and construction regulatory disciplines are urgently needed; and
 - (f) industry bodies have expressed strong support for strengthening the regulatory framework governing construction standards and also support clamping down on shoddy builders;
- (2) further notes that:
- (a) in June 2016, the Minister for Planning and Land Management announced major reforms for the building regulatory system;
 - (b) these reforms consisted of forty-three separate proposals that make a major contribution to strengthening regulation of Canberra's building industry and hence its reputation and desirability of this industry as a preferred vendor;
 - (c) the Minister promised to have these completed by the end of 2017 with the exception of reforming alternative dispute resolution standards to be completed by the end of 2017-18;
 - (d) despite the pressing need for these reforms, the Minister has missed his deadlines by a wide margin; and
 - (e) as a result, the Canberra community and the building industry itself are suffering considerable reputational and financial damage; and
- (3) calls on the Government to implement all remaining reforms from the *Improving the ACT Building Regulatory System Summary of Proposed Reforms* no later than 31 December 2018. (*Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

6 **MR PETTERSSON:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the challenges facing Australia in relation to housing affordability and homelessness;
 - (b) that on numerous indicators, the ACT rates among the best performing jurisdictions on housing affordability and provision of housing support and homelessness services;
 - (c) the active role played by the ACT Government in improving housing affordability for all Canberrans through measures such as phasing out stamp duty and accelerating land supply;

- (d) that the ACT Government provides the highest rate of public housing of all States and Territories and a large public housing portfolio is a major contributor to affordable housing;
 - (e) that Community Housing Providers provide important affordable rental and purchase options for Canberrans on lower incomes; and
 - (f) that a mix of housing types including public, affordable, community and privately owned can help promote social inclusion and cohesion;
- (2) further notes:
- (a) State and Territory governments are in negotiations with the Australian Government on a new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement;
 - (b) that housing affordability is influenced by a range of factors and policies at both the Territory and National levels;
 - (c) that the ACT Government is developing a new housing strategy and early measures such as the affordable home purchase database, the new innovation fund and targets for community housing will help make housing in the ACT more affordable, accessible and fairer; and
 - (d) that the ACT Government is also working with other jurisdictions to progress national reforms that will lower barriers to entry for home ownership and improve affordability for first home buyers; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) continue to evaluate and build on current housing affordability measures;
 - (b) proactively respond to the community feedback arising from the consultation and housing summit last year to address housing affordability; and
 - (c) release a new housing strategy in 2018. (*Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

7 **MRS JONES:** To move—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
- (a) prescribed, controlled, and hazard reduction burns are essential for the safety of ACT residents and their property;
 - (b) the importance of prescribed burns to the Bushfire Operational Plan;
 - (c) the 2016-17 Bushfire Operational Plan identified 24 burns, totalling 7379 hectares;
 - (d) nine of the 24 burns were completed, totalling only 504 hectares; and
 - (e) 93 per cent or 6,875 hectares of area identified for burns were not completed, leaving the ACT in a vulnerable position during the bushfire season; and

- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) ensure all 15 incomplete burns be completed by the end of Spring 2018; and
 - (b) update the Assembly upon the completion of each of these 15 burns. *(Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A).*

Orders of the day

- 1 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TERRITORY PLAN VARIATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** *(Ms Le Couteur)* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 May 2017—Ms Lawder).*
- 2 **CRIMES (INVASION OF PRIVACY) AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** *(Ms Le Couteur)* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 2 August 2017—Mr Ramsay).*
- 3 **LANDS ACQUISITION (REPORTING REQUIREMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2018:** *(Mr Coe)* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 14 February 2018—Mr Barr).*

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notice

- *1 **MR RATTENBURY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about light rail, and for other purposes. *(Notice given 20 March 2018).*

Orders of the day

- 1 **EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017:** *(Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 26 October 2017—Mr Wall).*
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2017-2018 (NO 2):** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 15 February 2018—Mr Coe).* *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on 15 February 2018.)*
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2017-2018 (NO 2):** *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 15 February 2018—Mr Coe).* *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on 15 February 2018.)*

- 4 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (LEASE VARIATION CHARGE DEFERRED PAYMENT SCHEME) AMENDMENT BILL 2018:** (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 2018—Mr Coe*).
- 5 **ACT HEALTH REPORTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2017—Mr Wall*) on the motion of Ms Fitzharris—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 6 **ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIRST YEAR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones*) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 **FEMALE DETAINEE ACCOMMODATION AT THE ALEXANDER MACONOCHIE CENTRE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2017—Mrs Jones*) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 **MS ORR:** To move—That the resolution of the Assembly of 26 October 2017, which referred specified annual and financial reports for the calendar years 2016 and 2017 and the financial year 2016-2017 to standing committees be amended at paragraph (4) after “standing committees are to report to the Assembly on financial year reports by the last sitting day in March 2018, on calendar year reports for 2016 by the last sitting day in March 2018” by inserting “except the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services which is to report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in April 2018,”. (*Notice given 20 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A*).

Orders of the day

- 1 **ESTIMATES 2018-2019—SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 2018—Ms Cheyne*) on the motion of Mr Wall—That:
- (1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2018-2019 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2018-2019, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2018-2019 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2018-2019 Budget and prepare a report to the Assembly;

- (2) the Committee be composed of:
 - (a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
 - (b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
 - (c) one Member to be nominated by the Greens; and
 to be notified in writing to the Speaker by 12.15 pm today;
 - (3) an Opposition Member shall be elected chair of the Committee by the Committee;
 - (4) funds be provided by the Assembly to permit the engagement of external expertise to work with the Committee to facilitate the analysis of the Budget and the preparation of the report of the Committee;
 - (5) the Committee is to report by Tuesday, 31 July 2018;
 - (6) if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee has completed its inquiry, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publishing and circulation; and
 - (7) 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.
- 2 **ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 5—REVIEW OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION 9—SENATOR FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 2018—Mr Wall*) on the motion of Mr Rattenbury—That the report be noted. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 3 sitting weeks—standing order 152A.*)

Last sitting day in March 2018

- 3 **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on annual and financial reports for the financial year 2016-2017 and calendar year 2016, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 26 October 2017.
- 4 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on annual and financial reports for the financial year 2016-2017 and calendar year 2016, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 26 October 2017.

Last sitting day in May 2018

- 5 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on papers relating to methodology for determining rates and land tax for strata residences, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 15 February 2018.

September 2018

- 6 **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on whether the ACT should have a mammal emblem and a recommendation on what that should be, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

Last sitting day in 2018

- 7 **END-OF-LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on end-of-life choices in the ACT, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 30 November 2017.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notice**

- 1 **MR RATTENBURY:** To move—That this Assembly:
- (1) acknowledges that the ACT is a Refugee Welcome Zone and has a well-established commitment to support and encourage refugees to settle here, and over the past ten years Canberra welcomed over 2000 refugees;
 - (2) welcomes the Federal Government's positive decision to support refugees coming to Australia by announcing a Community Support Program (CSP), with an intake of 1000 from 1 July 2017;
 - (3) notes with concern that:
 - (a) there are strict priority criteria for refugees applying for the CSP which includes the following:
 - (i) be aged between 18 and 50;
 - (ii) have an offer of employment (or a pathway that leads to employment);
 - (iii) have personal attributes that would enable them to become financially self-sufficient within 12 months of arrival; or
 - (iv) be willing to live and work in regional Australia;

- (b) in addition to this strict criteria, community sponsors of applicants to the CSP are required to fund:
 - (i) visa application charges of \$2680 at the time of application, with no guarantee of success;
 - (ii) an additional \$16 444 for the primary applicant and \$2680 for each other family member before the visa can be granted; and
 - (iii) airfares, medical screening and settlement costs; and
 - (c) although the CSP is a step in the right direction, we are concerned that:
 - (i) the rigid criteria will discriminate against those who are most in need; and
 - (ii) high fees, upwards of \$19,000 per first individual, may be prohibitive for potential community supporters;
 - (4) further notes that:
 - (a) there have been significant changes to eligibility for the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) payment - a reduced payment of 87 per cent of Newstart that can be paid to those waiting for processing of their applications;
 - (b) community groups, such as Canberra Refugee Support (CRS) are already stretched to provide support to fill the gap left by the changes made to the SRSS payments late last year; and
 - (c) there is little transparency about the new eligibility criteria for the payment – the Federal Department of Home Affairs states simply that eligibility for the SRSS is “determined by Department of Home Affairs”; and
 - (5) calls on the Assembly to write to the Federal Government to:
 - (a) adopt a more humane and affordable visa fee structure for the CSP, to make the program fairer and more accessible;
 - (b) make the cap on the Refugee Community Sponsorship program additional to our existing humanitarian intake, in order to recognise the generosity and care of our communities rather than shifting both the costs and the burden of responsibility to them for meeting our international human rights obligations; and
 - (c) explain these changes to the SRSS payment and to make criteria transparent. (*Notice given 19 March 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks—standing order 125A*).
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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.

A Questions on Notice Paper will be issued on the Friday of a sitting week, containing the text of all questions on notice lodged that week and can be accessed at www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-the-assembly/questions-paper.

Unanswered questions

878, 880, 881, 884, 886, 888, 896, 912, 938, 939, 944-946, 949, 951-953, 957, 959-980, 982-984, 986, 988-997, 1006, 1008, 1009, 1011, 1021-1024, 1028, 1029.

Redirected question

(Redirected questions 30 days expires 25 March 2018)

958 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services—

- (1) Under the provisions of the *Lakes Act 1976* is a permit required to use a powerboat on Canberra's urban lakes and ponds; if so, how many requests for a powerboat permit have been received in the past five years.
- (2) How many requests for a powerboat permit have been approved in the past five years.
- (3) What are the conditions placed upon the ACT Water Ski Association Inc for their license to operate in ski areas.

J Agostino

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

14 May 2018

O'Malley—Proposed closure of public carpark—Minister for Planning and Land Management—Petition lodged by Mr Hanson (Pet 3-18).

21 May 2018

Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway—Provision of sunshade at playground—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Lawder (Pet 4-18).

22 May 2018

Downer Community Centre lease arrangements—Treasurer—Petitions lodged by Ms Le Couteur (Pet 1-18 and Pet 5-18).

19 June 2018

Mitchell—Light rail stop—Minister for Transport and City Services—Petition lodged by Ms Fitzharris (Pet 6-18).

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Ninth 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 31 October 2016*): The Speaker (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Rattenbury, Mr Wall.

Pursuant to resolution

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM—STANDING COMMITTEE: (*Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017*): Mr Hanson (Chair), Ms Orr, Mr Parton, Mr Pettersson.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: (*Formed 13 December 2016*): Mr Pettersson (Chair), Mrs Kikkert, Mr Steel, Mr Wall.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (*Formed 13 December 2016*): Ms Orr (Chair), Miss C Burch, Ms Cheyne, Ms Lawder.

HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE: (*Formed 13 December 2016*): Mr Steel (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson.

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: *(Formed 13 December 2016):*

Mrs Jones (Chair), Ms Cody, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.

PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL—STANDING COMMITTEE: *(Formed 13 December 2016):*

Ms Le Couteur (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mr Milligan, Ms Orr, Mr Parton.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 13 December 2016; amended 26 October 2017):*

Mrs Dunne (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Mr Pettersson.

Select**END OF LIFE CHOICES IN THE ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE:** *(Formed 30 November 2017):*

Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Kikkert, Ms Le Couteur.

Dissolved

2016 ACT ELECTION AND ELECTORAL ACT—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 15 December 2016):* Ms Cody (Chair), Ms Cheyne, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Milligan, Mr Wall.
(Presented 30 November 2017)

ESTIMATES 2017-2018—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 16 February 2017):* Mr Wall (Chair), Ms Cody, Mr Coe, Ms Le Couteur, Mr Pettersson. *(Presented 1 August 2017)*

INDEPENDENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION—SELECT COMMITTEE: *(Formed 15 December 2016; amended 6 June 2017):* Mr Rattenbury (Chair), Ms Cody, Mrs Jones, Ms Lee, Mr Steel.
(Presented 31 October 2017)
