



Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

2020-2021-2022-2023-2024

Notice Paper

No 120

Thursday, 16 May 2024

The Assembly meets this day at 10 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 **MR MILLIGAN:** To move—That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (ROGS) shows that the ACT has the lowest real recurrent police services expenditure per person in the population, a 22 percent difference with the Australian average, and this has decreased in real terms since 2013-2014;
 - (b) the ROGS also shows that the ACT has the lowest number of operational staff across Australia per head of population;
 - (c) ACT Policing police officers are the lowest base-paid police officers in Australia;
 - (d) the lack of AFP, Federal Government and ACT Government support to ACT Policing members by providing an improved enterprise agreement that recognises the hard and dangerous work police officers undertake to keep the community safe;
 - (e) the ongoing closure of the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre (JESC) despite promises in 2021-22 to expend \$8.4 million on its refurbishment;

- (f) the ongoing closures at the City Police Station due to water ingress and other issues;
 - (g) the lack of a medical report on the potential exposure suffered by ACT Policing members to hazardous materials found at the Gungahlin JESC;
 - (h) and that according to former chief of the ACT Police, Neil Gaughan, there was an ongoing issue with the large percentage of probationary and junior constables with less than 5 years experience in the force, causing internal health and welfare stress issues; and
 - (i) the physical and psychological welfare of ACT Policing members is being impacted by the low wages, and the lack of policing resources, funding and investment by the ACT Government;
- (2) further notes the:
- (a) relationship with the Federal Government over concerns regarding ACT Policing wage matters, including the lack of new EA;
 - (b) levels of actual investment by this government into ACT Policing;
 - (c) cost of clean up and rectification of the Gungahlin JESC and City Police Station and impact on existing budgets;
 - (d) closures due to lack of maintenance and hazardous materials within ACT Policing accommodation and ongoing impact on ACT Policing;
 - (e) exposure of ACT Policing members to hazardous materials and Government response; and
 - (f) recruitment practices and experience levels within ACT Policing and impact on service delivery; and
- (3) calls on the Assembly to:
- (a) refer this motion to the appropriate standing committee to consider inquiring into the wages, resourcing, funding, and ongoing investment by the ACT Government of ACT Policing, and any other matter the Committee considers relevant; and
 - (b) report back to the Assembly on the last sitting day of this Assembly, Thursday 5 September 2024. (*Notice given 13 May 2024. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 4 sitting weeks – standing order 125A*).

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notice

- *1 **MR RATTENBURY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about monitoring of places of detention to establish the ACT national preventive mechanism, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 15 May 2024*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2023:** *(Minister for Human Rights):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 31 October 2023—Ms Lee).*
- 2 **COAG LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021:** *(Chief Minister):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 4 August 2021—Ms Lee).*
- 3 **HUMAN RIGHTS (HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** *(Minister for Human Rights):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 26 October 2023—Mr Cain).*
- 4 **PARENTAGE (SURROGACY) AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** *(Minister for Human Rights):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 31 October 2023—Mr Cain).*
- 5 **SEXUAL, FAMILY AND PERSONAL VIOLENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 2 November 2023—Mr Cain).*
- 6 **PROPERTY DEVELOPERS BILL 2023:** *(Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 30 November 2023—Mr Parton).*
- 7 **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (NO 2):** *(Minister for Children, Youth and Family Services):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 19 March 2024—Ms Castley).*
- 8 **GAMING MACHINE (COMPULSORY SURRENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Minister for Gaming):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 21 March 2024—Mr Parton).*
- 9 **INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Treasurer and Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 9 April 2024—Ms Lee).*
- 10 **EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Minister for Education and Youth Affairs):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 9 April 2024—Ms Lee).*
- 11 **HOUSING AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 9 April 2024—Mr Cain).*
- 12 **EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW (ACT) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Minister for Early Childhood Development):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 April 2024—Ms Lee).*
- 13 **CRIMES (DISCLOSURE) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 April 2024—Mr Cain).*
- 14 **HEALTH (IMPROVED ABORTION ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** *(Minister for Health):* Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 10 April 2024—Ms Castley).*

- 15 **VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for Human Rights*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 April 2024—Mr Cain*).
- 16 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for Heritage*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 April 2024—Ms Lawder*).
- 17 **NATURE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 April 2024—Ms Lawder*).
- 18 **CRIMES (SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for Corrections and Justice Health*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 11 April 2024—Mr Parton*).
- 19 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2024—Ms Lawder*).
- *20 **JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2024—Mr Cain*).
- 21 **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.
- 22 **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.
- 23 **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.
- 24 **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.
- 25 **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.

- 26 **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.
- 27 **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.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES—2024—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2024—Mr Gentleman*) on the motion of Mr Barr—That the Assembly take note of the paper. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on within 1 sitting week – standing order 152A.*)
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **CRIMES (SENTENCING) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Dr Paterson*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2024—Mr Rattenbury*).

Notice

- 1 **MR CAIN:** To move—That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes:
 - (a) there should be zero tolerance for knife-related violence in any jurisdiction across the country, and there can be zero tolerance for people carrying knives in public;
 - (b) knife-related violence represents one of the most significant and devastating threats to community safety in Australia;
 - (c) in 2023, Queensland passed legislation granting police additional powers to use metal detection wands on people without reasonable suspicion in designated areas, including shopping centres, night precincts and transit hubs;
 - (d) the reforms, referred to as 'Jack's Law', were introduced following the death of teenager, Jack Beasley, in December 2019;
 - (e) in the first year of the introduction of 'Jack's Law', more than 500 weapons were seized by Queensland Police; and
 - (f) New South Wales is currently drafting similar 'Jack's Law' reforms with bipartisan support following the tragic 2024 Bondi Junction stabbings;
 - (2) further notes:
 - (a) Section 382 of the *Crimes Act 1900* (ACT) establishes that a person cannot without a reasonable excuse carry a knife on them in a public place, but ACT Policing officers do not currently have the capacity to conduct searches on people without reasonable suspicion using metal detection wands;
 - (b) Sections 193 and 207 of the *Crimes Act 1900* (ACT) grant ACT Policing officers powers, if they suspect on reasonable grounds, to search a person for possession of a knife and stopping, searching and detaining people for possession of a thing relevant to a serious offence, but there is nothing that allows ACT Policing officers to use an *authorised device* such as a metal detection wand to search without reasonable suspicion;
 - (c) incidents of knife-related violence occur in the ACT, including a fatal stabbing in a Civic nightclub in July 2020 and the non-fatal ANU stabbing incident in September 2023;
 - (d) the ACT must remain vigilant and proactive in ensuring community safety and combating knife-related violence; and

- (e) the AFP Association are supportive of implementing ‘Jack’s Law’ reforms in the ACT; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to consider increased powers for ACT Policing consistent with ‘Jack’s Law’ and report back to this Assembly by the last sitting day in August. (*Notice given 13 May 2024; amended 14 May 2024. 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*).
- 5 **MODERN SLAVERY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023:** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2023—Mr Steel*).
- 6 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (FOSSIL FUEL COMPANY ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL 2024:** (*Ms Clay*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2024—Mr Barr*).
- 7 **DISABILITY INCLUSION BILL 2024:** (*Ms Orr*): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2024—Mr Milligan*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS—continued

Order of the day

16 August 2024

- 1 **ESTIMATES 2024-2025—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Presentation of report on the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2024-2025, the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2024-2025 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2024-2025 Budget, pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 April 2024. (*Formed on 6 May 2024*)

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/parliamentary-business/in-the-chamber/chamber-documents.

Unanswered questions

1676, 1696, 1741, 1744, 1750, 1759, 1761, 1785, 1787, 1793, 1794, 1807, 1808, 1817, 1839.

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Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

(in accordance with standing order 100)

18 June 2024

Stop the GP tax—Treasurer—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 024-23).

Snake licensing, catching and education—Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 005-24). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity on 19 March 2024.*)

Telopea Park school timetable change—Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—Petition lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 004-24).

Toilet facilities at Ruth Park Playground—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Dr Paterson (e-Pet 001-24).

8 July 2024

Crime in Watson—Minister for Police and Crime Prevention—Petitions lodged by Ms Lee (e-Pet 006-24 and Pet 012-24). (*Referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on 9 April 2024.*)

Calwell shopping centre—Minister for City Services—Petitions lodged by Ms Lawder (e-Pet 007-24 and Pet 013-24)

13 August 2024

Increase Police in the Woden Town Centre—Minister for Police and Crime Prevention—Petitions lodged by Mr Cocks (e-Pet 029-23 and Pet 018-24). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on 14 May 2024.)*

Richardson shops—Minister for Planning—Petitions lodged by Ms Burch (e-Pet 002-24 and Pet 016-24). *(Referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 14 May 2024.)*

Public housing maintenance—Minister for Housing and Suburban Development—Petition lodged by Mr Parton (e-Pet 010-24)

Erskine Street neighbourhood playground—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 017-24)

14 August 2024

Footpath between Fullagar Crescent and Higgins shops—Minister for City Services—Petition lodged by Mrs Kikkert (Pet 019-24).

Richardson shops—Minister for Planning—Petition lodged by Ms Burch (Pet 020-24).

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):* Mr Milligan (Chair), Miss Nuttall, Ms Orr.

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

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY: *(Formed 2 December 2020):*

Dr Paterson (Chair), Ms Clay, Mr Cocks.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING: *(Formed 2 December 2020):* Ms Clay (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):* Mr Cocks (Chair), Mr Braddock,

Mr Pettersson.

Select**ESTIMATES 2024-2025:** *(Formed 6 May 2024):* Ms Lawder (Chair), Ms Orr, Miss Nuttall.**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)***VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2023:** *(Formed 31 October 2023):* Ms Orr (Chair), Mr Braddock, Ms Castley, Mr Cocks, Dr Paterson. *(Presented 19 March 2024)*
