



**Legislative Assembly for the
Australian Capital Territory**

Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative
Scrutiny Role)

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
SCRUTINY MEETING NO 15
TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026
Kiribati room**

Present: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Acting Chair)
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Apology: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair)

In attendance: Stephen Argument (Legal Adviser—Subordinate Legislation)
Jacinta Dharmananda (Legal Adviser—Bills) via Teams
James Bunce (Acting Committee Secretary)
Frieda Scott (Secretariat)
Melissa Trpkovski (Secretariat)

1. Commencement of meeting

1.1. Acting Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

4. Draft Report 14

4.1. Bills:

The Committee was briefed on the following seven bills:

- Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2)
- Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Amendment Bill 2025
- Juries (Peremptory Challenges) Amendment Bill 2025
- Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 3)
- Nurse Practitioners Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Amendment Bill 2025

4.2. Bills—Proposed amendments:

The Committee was briefed on proposed amendments to the following two bills:

- Territory Records (Executive Records) Amendment Bill 2025 from the Chief Minister.
- Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2) from the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development.

4.3. Bills—Government responses:

The Committee was briefed on the following four responses to comments made the Committee:

- Government response to *Scrutiny Report 13's* comment on proposed Government amendments to the Public Sector (Closing the Gap) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.
- Government response to *Scrutiny Report 13's* comment on the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2025.

- Government response to *Scrutiny Report 13's* comment on the Magistrate Court (Indicative Sentencing) Amendment Bill 2025.
- Government response to *Scrutiny Report 13's* comment on the Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (No 2).

4.4. Subordinate Legislation:

The Committee was briefed on the following 23 pieces of subordinate legislation:

- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-272 being the Children and Young People (Care and Protection Organisation) Standards 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-276 being the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Education Support Services Guidelines 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-277 being the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Respite Care Services Guidelines 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-278 being the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Prostheses Guidelines 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-279 being the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Dental Treatment Guidelines 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-280 being the Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Medical Treatment Including Pharmaceuticals Guidelines 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-281 being the Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Corroboree Group Oval Manuka) Declaration 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-282 being the Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Manuka Oval) Declaration 2025 (No 2).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-283 being the Integrity Commission (Acting Commissioner) Appointment 2025 (No 2).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-284 being the Board of Senior Secondary Studies Appointment 2025 (No 5).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-285 being the Liquor (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 2).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-286 being the Heritage (Council Member) Appointment 2025 (No 7).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-287 being the Victims of Crime (Victims Advisory Board) Appointment 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-288 being the Victims of Crime (Victims Advisory Board) Appointment 2025 (No 2).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-289 being the Victims of Crime (Victims Advisory Board) Appointment 2025 (No 3).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-290 being the Urban Forest (NBN Co) Determination 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-291 being the Children and Young People (Therapeutic Support Panel) Appointment 2025 (No 1).
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-292 being the Drugs of Dependence (Independent Reviewer) Appointment 2025.
- Disallowable Instrument DI2025-293 being the Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (NBMS Rally Test Day) Declaration 2025 (No 1).
- Subordinate Law SL2025-21 being the Ombudsman Amendment Regulation 2025 (No 1).
- Subordinate Law SL2025-22 being the Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Amendment Regulations 2025 (No 1).
- Subordinate Law SL2025-23 being the Road Transport (Road Rules) Amendment Regulation 2025 (No 1).
- Subordinate Law SL2025-24 being the Legal Profession (Solicitors) Conduct Rules 2025.

4.5. The Committee deliberated on the draft report.

The Committee resolved—That, subject to amendments agreed during the meeting and by email, and typographical and formatting corrections to be made by the secretariat, the Committee's comments be adopted as Report 14, and that the report be circulated out-of-session.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

6.1. At 12.16 pm the Acting Chair adjourned the meeting until 11 am Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

Certified correct



James Bunce
Acting Secretary

27 January 2026

