



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2020–2021–2022

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 69

**TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2022**

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- 1 The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Ms Burch) took the Chair and made the following acknowledgement of country in the Ngunnawal language:

Dhawura nguna, dhawura Ngunnawal.

Yanggu ngalawiri, dhunimanyin Ngunnawalwari dhawurawari.

Nginggada Dindi dhawura Ngunnaawalbun yindjumaralidjinyin.

*This is Ngunnawal Country.*

*Today we are gathering on Ngunnawal country.*

*We always pay respect to Elders, female and male, and Ngunnawal country.*

The Speaker asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

### 2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That leave of absence be granted to Ms Orr for today's sitting due to illness.

Question—put and passed.

### 3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Braddock moved—That leave of absence be granted to Mr Davis for this sitting week due to personal reasons.

Question—put and passed.

**4 PETITION—MINISTERIAL RESPONSE—RESPONSE NOTED**

The Clerk announced that the following response to petitions had been lodged:

Ms Berry (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), dated 11 November 2022—Response to petition No 015-22 and e-petition No 021-22, lodged by Mr Davis on 2 August 2022, concerning the Lyneham Primary School building condition.

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The Speaker proposed—That the response so lodged be noted.

*Paper:* Ms Lawder, by leave, presented the following paper:

Petition which does not conform with the standing orders—Monash shops redevelopment—Ms Lawder (127 signatures).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**5 OUR BOORIS, OUR WAY—SIX MONTHLY UPDATE AND A STEP UP FOR OUR KIDS—OUT OF HOME CARE STRATEGY SNAPSHOT REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—PAPER NOTED**

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Families and Community Services) made a ministerial statement concerning the fourth combined six-monthly progress reports for the Government response to the recommendations from the *Our Booris, Our Way* review and *A Step Up for Our Kids Out of Home Care Strategy 2015-2020* snapshot report, and presented the following papers:

A Step Up for Our Kids—Snapshot Report—1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022.

Our Booris, Our Way—Review—

Six monthly update (January to June 2022).

Government response and A Step Up for Our Kids Out of Home Care Strategy, Ministerial Statement, 29 November 2022.

Ms Stephen-Smith moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Question—put and passed.

**6 A.C.T. HERITAGE COUNCIL REVIEW—OUTCOME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED**

Ms Vassarotti (Minister for Heritage) made a ministerial statement concerning the outcome of the review of the ACT Heritage Council and presented the following paper:

ACT Heritage Council Review—Outcome—Ministerial statement, 29 November 2022.

Ms Vassarotti moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Ms Lawder, pursuant to standing order 213, moved—That the full report of the ACT Heritage Council Review, including recommendations, as referred to by the minister, be presented to the Assembly.

Question—That the report be presented to the Assembly be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 7

Mr Cain  
Ms Castley  
Mr Cocks  
Mrs Kikkert  
Ms Lawder  
Mr Milligan  
Mr Parton

NOES, 14

Mr Barr	Dr Paterson
Ms Berry	Mr Pettersson
Mr Braddock	Mr Rattenbury
Ms Burch	Mr Steel
Ms Cheyne	Ms Stephen-Smith
Ms Clay	Ms Vassarotti
Ms Davidson	
Mr Gentleman	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Assembly take note of the paper be agreed to—put and passed.

**7 RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT—ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF 10 FEBRUARY 2022—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED**

Ms Cheyne (Minister for Human Rights) made a ministerial statement concerning the Government response to the resolution of the Assembly of 10 February 2022 in relation to the right to a healthy environment and presented the following papers:

Right to a healthy environment—Assembly resolution—Government response—Ministerial statement, 29 November 2022.

Your say report—Right to a healthy environment—Report on what we heard.

Ms Cheyne moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**8 COMMISSIONER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT—REPORT—STATE OF THE LAKES AND WATERWAYS IN THE A.C.T.—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED**

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction) made a ministerial statement concerning the Government response to the investigation into the state of lakes and waterways in the ACT and presented the following papers:

Investigation into the state of lakes and waterways in the ACT—Ministerial statement, 29 November 2022.

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act, pursuant to section 22—Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment—State of the Lakes and Waterways in the ACT—

Government response.

Mr Rattenbury moved—That the Assembly take note of the ministerial statement.

Question—put and passed.

**9 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE (LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY ROLE)—SCRUTINY REPORT 24—STATEMENT BY CHAIR**

Mr Cain (Chair) presented the following report:

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 24, dated 28 November 2022, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the report.

**10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENSION OF ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the adjournment debates on 30 November and 1 December 2022 being extended to a maximum of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

**11 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER BILL 2022**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—

Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to in principle—put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question—That this Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

**12 A.C.T. GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING—INDEPENDENT REVIEWER—APPOINTMENT**

Mr Barr (Chief Minister), by leave, moved—

That, in accordance with section 12 of the *Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act 2009*, this Assembly approves the appointment of:

- (1) Mr William ‘Bill’ Campbell AO PSM KC as Independent Reviewer—ACT Government Campaign Advertising for a period of three years commencing 2 December 2022; and
- (2) Mr Michael Manthorpe PSM FIPAA as Acting Independent Reviewer—ACT Government Campaign Advertising for a period of three years commencing 2 December 2022. This appointment is effective in instances when the Independent Reviewer—ACT Government Campaign Advertising cannot for any reason exercise the functions of the position.

Debate ensued.

The Speaker drew attention to the requirement of subsection 12(4) of the *Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act 2009* that the motion be passed by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of Members.

The Speaker having directed that a vote be taken—

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 21		NOES, 0
Mr Barr	Mrs Kikkert	
Ms Berry	Ms Lee	
Mr Braddock	Mr Milligan	
Ms Burch	Mr Parton	
Mr Cain	Dr Paterson	
Ms Castley	Mr Pettersson	
Ms Cheyne	Mr Rattenbury	
Ms Clay	Mr Steel	
Mr Cocks	Ms Stephen-Smith	
Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti	
Mr Gentleman		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, with the concurrence of a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of Members.

### 13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

### 14 MOTION—LEAVE NOT GRANTED

Mr Hanson sought leave to move a motion regarding a statement concerning the ACT Policing funding that was made by Mr Gentleman (Minister for Police and Emergency Services) during question time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

*Suspension of standing orders—Moving of motion:* Mr Hanson moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him from moving a motion to request a correction of record from a Minister.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

### 15 PRESENTATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General Act, pursuant to subsection 17(5)—Auditor-General's Report No 8/2022—2021-22 Financial Audits Overview, dated 28 November 2022.

### 16 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) presented the following papers:

Financial Management Act, pursuant to subsection 30F(3)—2022-23 Capital Works Program—Progress report—Year-to-date performance as at 30 September 2022.

Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to section 39—Copy of notice provided to the Ombudsman—Education Directorate—Freedom of Information request—Decision not made in time, dated 24 November 2022.

**Subordinate legislation (including explanatory statements unless otherwise stated)**

Legislation Act, pursuant to section 64—

Animal Welfare Act—Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee Member) Appointment 2022 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-245 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act—Board of Senior Secondary Studies Appointment 2022 (No 5)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-241 (LR, 14 November 2022).

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act—

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Authority Board Deputy Chair) Appointment 2022 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-243 (LR, 17 November 2022).

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Authority Board Member) Appointment 2022 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-242 (LR, 17 November 2022).

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act—Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Eligible Activities) Determination 2022 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-244 (LR, 17 November 2022).

Food Act—Food (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-246 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Gambling and Racing Control Act—Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Amendment Regulation 2022 (No 1), including a regulatory impact statement—Subordinate Law SL2022-17 (LR, 11 November 2022).

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act—Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-247 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Public Health Act—Public Health (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-248 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Radiation Protection Act—Radiation Protection (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-249 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Residential Tenancies Act—Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2022 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2022-16 (LR, 11 November 2022).

Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act—Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-250 (LR, 21 November 2022).

Tree Protection Act—Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2022 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-240 (LR, 3 November 2022).

Veterinary Practice Act—Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2022 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2022-251 (LR, 21 November 2022).

**17 HEALTH EXPENDITURE**

Ms Castley, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) ACT Government expenditure on health grew at 3.3 percent per year between 2012 and 2019, which is significantly less than rising health costs and wages over the same period; and
  - (b) Commonwealth Government funding to the ACT for health grew at 9.2 percent per year over the same timeframe;
- (2) further notes the Labor/Greens Government:
  - (a) cut real expenditure on health per person by 3.6 percent between 2015-16 and 2018-19;
  - (b) reduced available beds against the 2011 Capital Asset Plan by 150 beds between 2015-16 and 2020-21;
  - (c) will decrease staff across Canberra Health Services and ACT Health next year by 124 full-time equivalent; and
  - (d) has overseen the worst emergency department wait times in the country since 2017-18 according to the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services;
- (3) acknowledges the Commonwealth Labor Government:
  - (a) has reduced public hospital funding by \$775.4 million in 2022-23; and
  - (b) will cut \$2.4 billion in funding to public hospitals over the next four years; and
- (4) calls on the ACT Government to:
  - (a) report to the Assembly by the end of the first sitting week of 2023 about why it has cut health funding since 2015-16;
  - (b) reverse their real cuts to health funding;
  - (c) write to the Federal health minister requesting a reversal of the Commonwealth's proposed cuts to public hospital funding; and
  - (d) table the letter to the Federal health minister in the Assembly by the end of the first sitting week of 2023.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 6

Mr Cain  
Ms Castley  
Mrs Kikkert  
Ms Lee  
Mr Milligan  
Mr Parton

NOES, 13

Mr Barr  
Ms Berry  
Mr Braddock  
Ms Burch  
Ms Cheyne  
Ms Davidson  
Mr Gentleman  
Dr Paterson  
Mr Pettersson  
Mr Rattenbury  
Mr Steel  
Ms Stephen-Smith  
Ms Vassarotti

And so it was negatived.

## 18 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES

Ms Lee, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the ACT Council of Social Service, in its 2022 ACT Cost of Living Report, shows that over the past five years Canberra has experienced significant price increases for essential goods and services, including:
    - (i) transport up 19.2 percent;
    - (ii) electricity up 28.1 percent;
    - (iii) gas up 24 percent;
    - (iv) medical and hospital services up 21.4 percent;
    - (v) housing up 19 percent;
    - (vi) rents up 13.1 percent; and
    - (vii) education up 17 percent;
  - (b) in addition to these significant price increases for essential goods and services, inflation in Canberra is at levels we've not seen since the 1900s;
  - (c) over the last 10 years, household rates have increased by an average of 10 percent, and will continue to rise;
  - (d) the median house price in the ACT remains close to \$1 million;
  - (e) successive interest rate rises are adding an extra \$1,000 per month to the average mortgage, with more expected rate rises to come;
  - (f) the cost of renting a typical house is now \$750 per week – the highest for any capital city in the country;
  - (g) the cost of childcare is the highest in the country; and
  - (h) general practice bulk billing rates are the lowest in the country; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Labor/Greens Government to:
  - (a) recognise that many Canberrans are facing a real cost-of-living crisis; and
  - (b) report back to the Assembly by Thursday 30 March 2023, on the drivers of the cost-of-living pressures in Canberra and measures available to the ACT Labor and Greens Government to address these pressures.

Mr Barr (Chief Minister) moved the following amendment: Omit all text after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

- “(1) notes that:
- (a) cost-of-living pressures are currently an issue across Australia in a wide range of essential sectors, including energy, health, transport and housing;
  - (b) major contributors to cost-of-living pressures facing Australians include wages not keeping pace with inflation across most private and public sectors, and a lack of suitable employment and promotion opportunities;



- (c) Australian mortgage holders on variable mortgages are experiencing increases in payments due to decisions by the Reserve Bank of Australia to raise interest rates to counter inflationary pressures;
  - (d) unemployment in the ACT is currently the lowest in the country, with the Territory close to effective full employment; and
  - (e) Canberrans generally enjoy a high standard of living and access to free quality healthcare and education, and well-planned and delivered infrastructure – the lack of which leads to additional cost-of-living pressures for residents of other jurisdictions;
- (2) further notes that the ACT Government, as already outlined in the agreed amendment to Ms Lee’s 13 October 2022 private members’ motion, is delivering a range of practical, effective and ongoing supports for households to help address cost-of-living pressures, including:
- (a) the Utilities Concession, supporting 31,200 eligible low-income households with an \$800 contribution toward their energy and water bills in 2022-23;
  - (b) the Utilities Hardship Fund, supporting vulnerable consumers with access to \$100 vouchers through an eligible energy retailer;
  - (c) motor vehicle registration concessions, providing up to an 100 percent discount on motor vehicle registration fees for 66,000 eligible registrations;
  - (d) driver licence concessions, providing an up to 100 percent discount on driver licence fees, supporting 7,900 eligible drivers in 2022-23;
  - (e) public transport concessions with reduced or free fares on Transport Canberra bus and light rail services, supporting an estimated 5.5 million trips in 2022-23;
  - (f) the Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme, with \$50 million over the next five years to deliver a range of measures to reduce energy hardship for low-income homeowners, and public, private and social housing renters;
  - (g) the Home Energy Support Program, with rebates of up to \$5,000 for eligible homeowners to install energy-efficient products and undertake sustainable upgrades;
  - (h) the Low-Income Home Energy Program, supporting vulnerable and low-income households to improve the thermal comfort of their property and reduce energy costs;
  - (i) the Taxi Subsidy Scheme, providing assistance for people with a disability or significant mobility restriction, to make an estimated 86,200 trips in 2022-23;
  - (j) rates deferral schemes for eligible low-income households and property owners aged 65 years and older;
  - (k) establishment and maintenance of a Food Security Network to develop a fit-for-purpose database that is managed by a dedicated project coordinator in the community services sector, including funding for secretariat support and development of a communications strategy;

- (l) the pensioner rates and Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) rebate schemes, supporting 15,800 eligible households with a 50 percent rates rebate up to \$750 per year, and a \$98 FESL rebate per year;
  - (m) conveyance duty concessions, with an up to 100 percent discount on conveyance duty payable, supporting 6,600 eligible households per year; and
  - (n) the Spectacles Subsidy Scheme, supporting eligible Canberrans with up to \$200 on spectacle purchases every two years, assisting in the purchase of 9,900 spectacles in 2022-23;
- (3) notes the ACT Government:
- (a) is investing in the ACT's health system to ensure Canberrans have increased access to free high-quality public healthcare when and where they need it, including the ACT's network of nurse-led walk-in health centres and community health centres;
  - (b) has implemented a range of economic policies and direct financial supports for Canberra businesses to keep Canberrans in jobs through the height of the pandemic and during our economic recovery;
  - (c) has structured its Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) core pay offer to approximately 25,000 ACT public servants on the principles of providing the lowest-paid government workers the highest pay increases over the life of the proposed agreement, including an immediate one-off payment to cope with the inflation spike; and
  - (d) is implementing policies to accelerate the delivery of additional affordable rental dwellings, including through the promotion of the Build-to-Rent scheme, the expansion of the Growing and Renewing Public Housing program, and supporting social and affordable housing developments – most recently Common Ground Dickson; and
- (4) calls on the ACT Government to continue investing in measures to support low-income Canberra households reduce their cost-of-living pressures across a range of areas.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 13		NOES, 6
Mr Barr	Dr Paterson	Mr Cain
Ms Berry	Mr Pettersson	Ms Castley
Mr Braddock	Mr Rattenbury	Mrs Kikkert
Ms Burch	Mr Steel	Ms Lee
Ms Cheyne	Ms Stephen-Smith	Mr Milligan
Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti	Mr Parton
Mr Gentleman		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended—viz:

“That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) cost-of-living pressures are currently an issue across Australia in a wide range of essential sectors, including energy, health, transport and housing;
  - (b) major contributors to cost-of-living pressures facing Australians include wages not keeping pace with inflation across most private and public sectors, and a lack of suitable employment and promotion opportunities;
  - (c) Australian mortgage holders on variable mortgages are experiencing increases in payments due to decisions by the Reserve Bank of Australia to raise interest rates to counter inflationary pressures;
  - (d) unemployment in the ACT is currently the lowest in the country, with the Territory close to effective full employment; and
  - (e) Canberrans generally enjoy a high standard of living and access to free quality healthcare and education, and well-planned and delivered infrastructure – the lack of which leads to additional cost-of-living pressures for residents of other jurisdictions;
- (2) further notes that the ACT Government, as already outlined in the agreed amendment to Ms Lee’s 13 October 2022 private members’ motion, is delivering a range of practical, effective and ongoing supports for households to help address cost-of-living pressures, including:
  - (a) the Utilities Concession, supporting 31,200 eligible low-income households with an \$800 contribution toward their energy and water bills in 2022-23;
  - (b) the Utilities Hardship Fund, supporting vulnerable consumers with access to \$100 vouchers through an eligible energy retailer;
  - (c) motor vehicle registration concessions, providing up to an 100 percent discount on motor vehicle registration fees for 66,000 eligible registrations;
  - (d) driver licence concessions, providing an up to 100 percent discount on driver licence fees, supporting 7,900 eligible drivers in 2022-23;
  - (e) public transport concessions with reduced or free fares on Transport Canberra bus and light rail services, supporting an estimated 5.5 million trips in 2022-23;
  - (f) the Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme, with \$50 million over the next five years to deliver a range of measures to reduce energy hardship for low-income homeowners, and public, private and social housing renters;
  - (g) the Home Energy Support Program, with rebates of up to \$5,000 for eligible homeowners to install energy-efficient products and undertake sustainable upgrades;

- (h) the Low-Income Home Energy Program, supporting vulnerable and low-income households to improve the thermal comfort of their property and reduce energy costs;
  - (i) the Taxi Subsidy Scheme, providing assistance for people with a disability or significant mobility restriction, to make an estimated 86,200 trips in 2022-23;
  - (j) rates deferral schemes for eligible low-income households and property owners aged 65 years and older;
  - (k) establishment and maintenance of a Food Security Network to develop a fit-for-purpose database that is managed by a dedicated project coordinator in the community services sector, including funding for secretariat support and development of a communications strategy;
  - (l) the pensioner rates and Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) rebate schemes, supporting 15,800 eligible households with a 50 percent rates rebate up to \$750 per year, and a \$98 FESL rebate per year;
  - (m) conveyance duty concessions, with an up to 100 percent discount on conveyance duty payable, supporting 6,600 eligible households per year; and
  - (n) the Spectacles Subsidy Scheme, supporting eligible Canberrans with up to \$200 on spectacle purchases every two years, assisting in the purchase of 9,900 spectacles in 2022-23;
- (3) notes the ACT Government:
- (a) is investing in the ACT's health system to ensure Canberrans have increased access to free high-quality public healthcare when and where they need it, including the ACT's network of nurse-led walk-in health centres and community health centres;
  - (b) has implemented a range of economic policies and direct financial supports for Canberra businesses to keep Canberrans in jobs through the height of the pandemic and during our economic recovery;
  - (c) has structured its Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) core pay offer to approximately 25,000 ACT public servants on the principles of providing the lowest-paid government workers the highest pay increases over the life of the proposed agreement, including an immediate one-off payment to cope with the inflation spike; and
  - (d) is implementing policies to accelerate the delivery of additional affordable rental dwellings, including through the promotion of the Build-to-Rent scheme, the expansion of the Growing and Renewing Public Housing program, and supporting social and affordable housing developments – most recently Common Ground Dickson; and
- (4) calls on the ACT Government to continue investing in measures to support low-income Canberra households reduce their cost-of-living pressures across a range of areas.”—

be agreed to—put and passed.

**19 AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER AWARENESS**

Notice No 3, Private Members' business, having been called on—

Dr Paterson, by leave, in the absence of the proposer, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) autoimmune disorders affect an estimated five percent of the Australian population and they are often chronic and with many associated impacts;
  - (b) there are around 80 different autoimmune disorders;
  - (c) the effects of different disorders can range from mild to highly impactful on day-to-day life;
  - (d) diagnosis of autoimmune disorders can often take years for a large proportion of those who are impacted by them;
  - (e) for unknown reasons women are more likely than men to develop an autoimmune disorder;
  - (f) there is no known cure for most autoimmune disorders, but symptoms can usually be managed through various treatments, providing varying levels of relief;
  - (g) there are some small awareness and advocacy groups for autoimmune disorders in Australia, however, there is currently no large peak body representing those who experience autoimmune disorders;
  - (h) while there is ongoing research into autoimmune disorders, they are relatively poorly understood and there is a lot of research to be done; and
  - (i) in other jurisdictions awareness of autoimmune disorders is raised through community awareness activities such as Autoimmune Awareness Month in the USA; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
  - (a) consider potential options to raise awareness of autoimmune disorders within the ACT community; and
  - (b) report back to the Assembly on the options identified by the last sitting day in 2023.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**20 A.C.T. POLICING FUNDING—REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF RECORD**

Mr Hanson, by leave, moved—That Mr Gentleman correct the record and apologise to the Assembly for claiming the ACT is not the lowest funded police force in the country.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 6

Mr Cain  
Mr Hanson  
Ms Lawder  
Ms Lee  
Mr Milligan  
Mr Parton

NOES, 13

Mr Barr	Dr Paterson
Ms Berry	Mr Pettersson
Mr Braddock	Mr Rattenbury
Ms Burch	Mr Steel
Ms Cheyne	Ms Stephen-Smith
Ms Davidson	Ms Vassarotti
Mr Gentleman	

And so it was negatived.

## 21 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business) moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 6 pm, adjourned until tomorrow at 10 am.

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**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE:** All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Mr Davis\* and Ms Orr\*.

\*on leave

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**Tom Duncan**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly