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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

2016–2017

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No 37

[**Thursday, 26 October 2017**](http://www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/2017/pdfs/20171026.pdf)

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**1** The Assembly met at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Ms Burch) took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

2 PETITION and Ministerial response—Statement by Member

The Acting Clerk announced that the following Member had lodged a petition for presentation:

Mr Wall, from 163 residents, requesting that the Assembly take action to ensure safety of residents and protect them against damage to people and property as a result of hooning, antisocial and dangerous driving on Preddey Way, Clare Dennis Avenue and Lewis Luxton Avenue in Gordon (Pet 23-17).

**Ministerial response**

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

Ms Fitzharris (Minister for Transport and City Services), dated 24 October 2017—Response to petition No 20-17, lodged by Mrs Kikkert on 17 August 2017, concerning upgrades to playgrounds in Higgins.

Mr Wall, by leave, made a statement in relation to the petition.

3 One year of delivery: Health, TCCS and HETR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Minister Fitzharris made a ministerial statement concerning one year of delivery in her portfolios of Health and Wellbeing, Transport Canberra and City Services, and Higher Education, Training and Research and presented the following paper:

One year of delivery: Health, TCCS and HETR—Ministerial statement, 26 October 2017.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 Achievements over the last year—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED

Minister Gentleman made a ministerial statement concerning achievements in his portfolios over the last year and presented the following paper:

Achievements over the last year—Ministerial statement, 26 October 2017.

Mr Gentleman moved—That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (No 2)

Mr Barr (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about revenue collection, and for other purposes.

*Papers:* Mr Barr presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 25 October 2017.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Barr moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Ms Lawder) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 Education Amendment Bill 2017

Ms Berry (Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Education Act 2004*.

*Papers:* Ms Berry presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 25 October 2017.

Title read by Clerk.

Ms Berry moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Wall) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 Inspector of Correctional Services Bill 2017

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Corrections), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for an inspector of correctional services, and for other purposes.

*Papers:* Mr Rattenbury presented the following papers:

Explanatory statement to the Bill.

Human Rights Act, pursuant to section 37—Compatibility statement, dated 25 October 2017.

Title read by Clerk.

Mr Rattenbury moved—That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Wall) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 STANDING COMMITTEES—ESTABLISHMENT—Amendment to resolution

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved—That the resolution of the Assembly of 13 December 2016 which established the general purpose standing committees be amended as follows:

(1) insert after (1)(e)(i)(A), the words:

“(AA) matters relating to market and regulatory reform (excluding Access Canberra), public sector management, taxation and revenue; and”; and

(2) in paragraph (1)(g), omit the words “market and regulatory reform, public sector management, taxation and revenue”, substitute “Access Canberra”.

Question—put and passed.

9 STANDING COMMITTEES—REFERENCE—2016-2017 ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

1. the annual and financial reports for the financial year 2016-2017 and for the calendar year 2016 presented to the Assembly pursuant to the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* stand referred to the standing committees, on presentation, in accordance with the schedule below;
2. the annual report of ACT Policing stands referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety;
3. notwithstanding standing order 229, only one standing committee may meet for the consideration of the inquiry into the calendar year 2016 and financial year 2016-2017 annual and financial reports at any given time;
4. standing committees are to report to the Assembly on financial year reports by the last sitting day in March 2018, and on calendar year reports for 2016 by the last sitting day in March 2018;
5. if the Assembly is not sitting when a standing committee has completed its inquiry, a 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
6. the forgoing provisions of this resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

| **Annual Report (in alphabetical order)** | **Reporting area** | **Ministerial Portfolio(s)** | **Standing Committee** |
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| ACT Auditor-General |  | Officer of the Legislative Assembly | Public Accounts |
| ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority |  | Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| ACT Climate Change Council |  | Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| ACT Electoral Commission |  | Officer of the Legislative Assembly | Justice and Community Safety |
| ACT Gambling and Racing Commission |  | Minister for Regulatory Services | Justice and Community Safety |
| ACT Human Rights Commission |  | Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety | Justice and Community Safety |
| ACT Insurance Authority |  | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| ACT Long Service Leave Authority |  | Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relation | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| ACT Ombudsman |  | Officer of the Legislative Assembly | Public Accounts |
| ACT Policing |  | Minister for Police and Emergency Services | Justice and Community Safety |
| ACT Policing | Surveillance Devices Controlled Operations | Minister for Police and Emergency Services | Justice and Community Safety |
| Canberra Institute of Technology (2016) |  | Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Architects Board of the ACT | Minister for Planning and Land Management | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Compulsory Third Party Insurance Regulator | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Construction Occupations | Minister for Regulatory Services | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Executive | Chief Minister | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Government Procurement Board | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Default Insurance Fund | Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Director of Territory Records | Chief Minister | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Environment Protection Authority | Minister for Regulatory Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Lifetime Care and Support Fund | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Office of the Nominal Defendant of the ACT | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Government Policy Reform | Chief Minister | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Public Sector Management | Chief Minister | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Coordinated Communication and Community Engagement | Chief Minister | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Public Housing Renewal Taskforce and Affordable Housing | Minister for Housing and Suburban Development | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Access Canberra | Minister for Regulatory Services | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Workplace Safety Commissioner | Minister for Regulatory Services | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Superannuation Provision Account | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Territory Banking Account | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Economic Management | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Financial Management | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Workforce Injury Management and Industrial Relations | Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Revenue Management | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Shared Services | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Procurement and Capital Works | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Economic Development Strategy and Program Design | Minister for Economic Development | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Economic Development Strategy and Program Design—Land Release Policy | Minister for Planning and Land Management | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Innovation, Trade and Investment—Skills Canberra | Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Innovation, Trade and Investment—Innovate Canberra | Minister for Economic Development | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Visit Canberra | Minister for Tourism and Major Events | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Sport and Recreation | Minister for Sport and Recreation | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Venues | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Events | Minister for Tourism and Major Events | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Government Accommodation and Property Services | Treasurer | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Arts Engagement | Minister for the Arts and Community Events | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Urban Renewal—Planning | Minister for Urban Renewal | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | Urban Renewal—City to the lake project | Chief Minister | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Community Services Directorate | Disability and Therapy Services | Minister for Disability, Children and Youth | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Early Intervention Services | Minister for Disability, Children and Youth | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Community Participation | Minister for Community Services and Social Inclusion | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs | Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Multicultural Affairs | Minister for Multicultural Affairs | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Women | Minister for Women | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Veterans and Seniors | Minister for Veterans and Seniors | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Youth Engagement | Minister for Disability, Children and Youth | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Child and Youth Protection Services | Minister for Disability, Children and Youth | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Child Development Services | Minister for Disability, Children and Youth | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Community Services Directorate | Housing ACT | Minister for Housing and Suburban Development | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Cultural Facilities Corporation |  | Minister for the Arts and Community Events | Economic Development and Tourism |
| Director of Public Prosecutions |  | Attorney-General | Justice and Community Safety |
| Education Directorate | ACT Teacher Quality Institute | Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Education Directorate | ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies | Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Education Directorate | Early Childhood Education and Care | Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Education Directorate | Public School Education | Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Education Directorate | Non-Government School Education | Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development | Education, Employment and Youth Affairs |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Conservator of Flora and Fauna | Minister for the Environment and Heritage | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | ACT Heritage Council | Minister for the Environment and Heritage | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Report on the Operation and Administration of the *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012* for 2016-17 | Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Planning | Minister for Planning and Land Management | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Heritage | Minister for the Environment and Heritage | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Environment | Minister for the Environment and Heritage | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Climate Change and Sustainability | Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme | Minister for Planning and Land Management | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Health Directorate | ACT Care Coordinator | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Calvary Health Care Ltd | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Chief Psychiatrist | Minister for Mental Health | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Human Research Ethics Committee | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Radiation Council | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | ACT Local Hospital Network | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Health | Minister for Health and Wellbeing | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Mental Health | Minister for Mental Health | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Health Directorate | Justice Health | Minister for Corrections | Health, Ageing and Community Services |
| Icon Water Limited |  | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission |  | Treasurer | Public Accounts |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Sentence Administration Board of the ACT | Minister for Corrections | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Justice Services | Attorney-General | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Protection of Rights | Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Corrective Services | Minister for Corrections | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Courts and Tribunals | Attorney-General | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Emergency Services | Minister for Police and Emergency Services | Justice and Community Safety |
| Justice and Community Safety Directorate | Family Safety Co-ordinator-General | Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence | Justice and Community Safety |
| Land Development Agency (Discontinued) |  | Minister for Housing and Suburban Development | Planning and Urban Renewal |
| Legal Aid Commission (ACT) |  | Attorney-General | Justice and Community Safety |
| Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment |  | Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Office of the Legislative Assembly |  | Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT | Public Accounts |
| Public Trustee and Guardian |  | Attorney-General | Justice and Community Safety |
| State of the Service Report |  | Chief Minister | Public Accounts |
| Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | ACT Public Cemeteries Authority | Minister for Transport and City Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board | Minister for Transport and City Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | Animal Welfare Authority | Minister for Transport and City Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | Transport Canberra | Minister for Transport and City Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |
| Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate | City Services | Minister for Transport and City Services | Environment and Transport and City Services |

Question—put and passed.

10 Sitting pattern 2018

Mr Gentleman (Manager of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting on receipt of a request in writing from an absolute majority of Members, or the Assembly otherwise orders, the Assembly shall meet as follows for 2018:

**February** 13 14 15

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**March** 20 21 22

**April** 10 11 12

**May**  8 9 10

**June**  5 6 7

**July** 31

**August** 1 2

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**September** 18 19 20

**October** 23 24 25

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**November** 1

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Question—put and passed.

11 Executive Members’ business—precedence

Ordered—That Executive Members’ business be called on forthwith.

12 Lease Variation Charges and remissions—Proposed review

Mr Rattenbury, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

1. notes that:
   1. the 2017-18 Budget increased the Lease Variation Charge on unit titling of residential dwellings on many residential crown leases from a tiered scale of $7 500 and $5 000 per dwelling to a flat charge of $30 000 per dwelling on the grounds that “this will improve consistency with the ‘per unit’ charges which apply to other types of residential lease variations”;
   2. this charge is primarily paid by new multi-unit residential developments such as duplexes, townhouses and apartments;
   3. industry groups representing individual developers who will pay the increased charges identified that this change could have unintended consequences for individual developers, housing affordability and the supply of new multi-unit housing and the Government responded to these concerns by announcing transitional arrangements on 19 July 2017; and
   4. industry groups supported these transitional arrangements but have raised concerns about the impacts of the change beyond the transitional period;
2. further notes that:
   1. the Lease Variation Charge system is complex and presents opportunities for rationalisation and improvements in consistency;
   2. an implementation review of these revised charges is due within the next 18 months; and
   3. the Government is currently undertaking a substantial review of its housing affordability policies; and
3. calls on the ACT Government to:
   1. review the full suite of Lease Variation Charges and remissions that apply to residential and mixed-use development, with the review to:
      1. include consideration of options for simplification of charges, such as consistency across lease types;
      2. consider charges in context with the factors that influence the financial viability of re-development including zoning, allowed plot ratios, gross floor area and the value of the completed dwellings;
      3. be conducted in consultation with the community, industry groups and other stakeholders;
      4. be closely co-ordinated with the review of housing affordability policies;
      5. seek to align charges with the Government’s housing affordability, housing supply and planning policies;
      6. include modelling of the potential impacts of changes on the financial viability of development; and
      7. be conducted on a revenue-neutral basis; and
   2. introduce any resulting changes to charges by the 2019-20 budget cycle, with appropriate communication and transitional arrangements as necessary.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Assembly voted—

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| AYES, 11 | |  | NOES, 8 | |
| Mr Barr | Ms Orr |  | Mr Coe | Mr Parton |
| Ms Burch | Mr Ramsay |  | Mrs Dunne | Mr Wall |
| Ms Cheyne | Mr Rattenbury |  | Mr Hanson |  |
| Ms Cody | Mr Steel |  | Mrs Kikkert |  |
| Ms Fitzharris | Ms Stephen-Smith |  | Ms Lawder |  |
| Ms Le Couteur |  |  | Ms Lee |  |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13 Environment and Transport and City Services—Standing Committee—REPORT 2—Report on Planning, Management and Delivery of Road Maintenance in the A.C.T.—report noted

Ms Orr (Chair) presented the following report:

Environment and Transport and City Services—Standing Committee—Report 2—*Planning, management and delivery of road maintenance in the ACT,* dated 26 October 2017, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

14 Planning and Urban Renewal—Standing Committee—REPORT 2—Inquiry into Billboards—report noted

Ms Le Couteur (Chair) presented the following report:

Planning and Urban Renewal—Standing Committee—Report 2—*Inquiry into Billboards,* dated 24 October 2017, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings—

and moved—That the report be noted.

Question—put and passed.

15 Education, Employment and Youth Affairs—Standing Committee—INQUIRY—Extent, nature and consequence of insecure work in the ACT—Reporting date—STATEMENT BY Deputy CHAIR

Mrs Kikkert (Deputy Chair), pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs had resolved to extend the reporting date on its inquiry into the extent, nature and consequence of insecure work in the ACT.

16 Executive business—precedence

Ordered—That Executive business be called on forthwith.

17 Electricity Feed-in (Large-scale Renewable Energy Generation) Amendment Bill 2017

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.

*Detail Stage*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole—

Ms Lee, by leave, moved her amendments Nos 1 to 4 together (*see* [Schedule 1](#Schedule1)).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

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| AYES, 8 | |  | NOES, 11 | |
| Mr Coe | Mr Parton |  | Mr Barr | Ms Orr |
| Mrs Dunne | Mr Wall |  | Ms Burch | Mr Ramsay |
| Mr Hanson |  |  | Ms Cheyne | Mr Rattenbury |
| Mrs Kikkert |  |  | Ms Cody | Mr Steel |
| Ms Lawder |  |  | Ms Fitzharris | Ms Stephen-Smith |
| Ms Lee |  |  | Ms Le Couteur |  |

And so it was negatived.

Bill, as a whole, agreed to.

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

18 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

19 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Wall moved—That leave of absence be granted to Mrs Jones for this sitting due to family reasons.

Question—put and passed.

20 City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act—Suburban Land Agency—Land Acquisitions quarterly report—PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Ms Berry (Minister for Housing and Suburban Development) presented the following paper:

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act, pursuant to subsection 43(2)—Suburban Land Agency—Land acquisitions quarterly report—1 July to 30 September 2017, dated October 2017—

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

21 ALUMINIUM composite CLADDING—PAPERs AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Mr Gentleman (Minister for Planning and Land Management) presented the following papers:

Aluminium composite cladding—Report, pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly of 20 September 2017, concerning aluminium cladding on government buildings.

Combustible facade cladding—preliminary fire safety assessment—Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, Garran, ACT, dated 3 August 2017, prepared by Defire.

Aluminium composite panels—Summary of findings—Phase 1 Audit—30 June 2017, Table compiled by ACT Health—

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

22 PRESENTATION OF PAPER

Mr Ramsay (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Judicial Commissions Act, pursuant to subsection 61A(5)—ACT Judicial Council—Annual report 2016-17.

23 UTILITIES (TECHNICAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2017—rEVISED EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability) presented the following paper:

Utilities (Technical Regulation) Amendment Bill 2017—Revised explanatory statement.

24 PRESENTATION OF PAPER

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety) presented the following paper:

Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act, pursuant to section 13—Annual report 2016-2017—ACT Human Rights Commission—Corrigendum.

25 A.C.T. Government’s Climate Change Policy—Implementation status report—PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Mr Rattenbury (Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability) presented the following paper:

ACT Government’s Climate Change Policy—Implementation status report, dated September 2017—

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

26 Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act—Legislative review—Paper and statement by Minister

Ms Stephen-Smith (Minister for Community Services and Social Inclusion) presented the following paper:

Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act, pursuant to subsection 70(1)—Legislative review—

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

27 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DISCUSSION—Good public transport

The Assembly was informed that Ms Cheyne, Ms Cody, Mrs Dunne, Ms Le Couteur, Ms Lee, Ms Orr, Mr Parton and Mr Steel had proposed that matters of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 79, the Speaker had determined that the matter proposed by Mr Parton be submitted to the Assembly, namely, “The importance of having good public transport for all areas of Canberra”.

Discussion ensued.

The time for discussion having expired—

Discussion concluded.

28 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 4.59 pm, adjourned until Tuesday, 31 October 2017 at 10 am.

**MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE:** All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Mr Doszpot\*, Mrs Jones\*, Mr Milligan\* and Mr Pettersson\*.

\*on leave

M M Kiermaier

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS**

**Schedule 1**

**ELECTRICITY FEED-in (LARGE-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION) AMENDMENT bill 2017**

Amendments circulated by Ms Lee

1  
Clause 6  
Proposed new division 4.2 heading  
Page 3, line 16—

omit the heading, substitute

Division 4.2 Reasonable costs of FiT support payments

2   
Clause 6  
Proposed new section 20A heading  
Page 3, line 18—

omit the heading, substitute

20A ACT electricity distributor may not pass on costs in excess of reasonable costs determination

3   
Clause 6  
Proposed new section 20A (1)  
Page 3, line 19—

omit proposed new section 20A (1), substitute

(1) This section applies if the ACT electricity distributor passes on to electricity retailers the distributor’s costs in meeting its obligations under this Act—

(a) to make FiT support payments; and

(b) to administer the FiT support payments scheme, including the cost of complying with sections 21 and 21A.

4   
Clause 6  
Proposed new section 20A (2), except note  
Page 4, line 2—

omit proposed new section 20A (2), except note, substitute

(2) In a financial year, the costs mentioned in subsection (1) must not exceed the reasonable costs determined under section 20C for that financial year.