



DEBATES

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HANSARD

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**PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
(Hansard)**

FOURTH ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 19 March 1998

Members assembled at 12.30 pm.

NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

The Clerk: I wish to inform members of the following notice convening the first meeting of the Fourth Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory:

Pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Commonwealth), I, Gregory Gane Cornwell, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, do by this Notice convene the first meeting of the Fourth Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory at 12.30 pm on Thursday, 19 March 1998, in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory.

Dated 17 March 1998

GREGORY GANE CORNWELL
Speaker, Legislative Assembly
for the Australian Capital Territory

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SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS

The Clerk: Section 9 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 and section 6A of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 1984 provide that a member of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory shall, before taking his or her seat, make and subscribe an oath or affirmation in accordance with the form set out in the Oaths and Affirmations Act.

The oath or affirmation is required to be made before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

His Honour Mr Justice Miles, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, will attend the chamber so that members may make an oath or affirmation.

The Chief Justice attending accordingly -

The Clerk: I present the instrument notifying the names of candidates elected to the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory.

The instrument read as follows:

Mr Mark McRae
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED TO THE A.C.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

As a result of the poll held on Saturday, 21 February 1998, the following candidates have been declared elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Electorate of Brindabella

Mr Brendan Smyth
Mr Paul Osborne
Mr Bill Wood
Mr Trevor Kaine
Mr John Hargreaves

Electorate of Ginninderra

Mr Bill Stefaniak
Mr Wayne Berry
Mr Harold Hird
Mr Jon Stanhope
Mr Dave Rugendyke

Electorate of Molonglo

Mrs Kate Carnell
Mr Gary Humphries
Ms Kerrie Tucker
Mr Greg Cornwell
Mr Simon Corbell
Mr Ted Quinlan
Mr Michael Moore

Phillip Green
Electoral Commissioner

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The elected members made and subscribed an oath or affirmation of allegiance.

The Chief Justice retired.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk: Standing order 1(d) provides that the Assembly shall now proceed to elect a Speaker.

MS CARNELL: I propose Greg Cornwell as Speaker of the Assembly and I move:

That Mr Cornwell be elected Speaker.

The Clerk: Does the member accept the nomination?

MR CORNWELL: I accept the nomination.

MR OSBORNE: I propose Bill Wood as Speaker of the Assembly and I move:

That Mr Wood be elected Speaker.

The Clerk: Does the member accept the nomination?

MR WOOD: The member does not accept the nomination. I will explain why. There has been both too much and too little said about the position of Speaker - too much speculation and intrigue, but too little consultation. Of course, the position is an attractive one, not just for the additional income. As a member for nine years now and as one who respects the forms of this Assembly and its achievements, I would consider

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an offer to carry on the traditions that have been established. There has been too much intrigue; but, with all that, no discussion with me by the organisers. I cannot accept the nomination. I look forward to continuing in a constructive and productive role on the floor of this Assembly.

The Clerk: Is there any further proposal?

The time for proposals has expired. There being no further proposal, I declare Mr Greg Cornwell, the member proposed, to have been elected as Speaker.

Mr Speaker having taken the chair -

MR SPEAKER: I wish to express my thanks for the honour the Assembly has conferred upon me. I would also like to thank Mr Wood for his words.

ELECTION OF CHIEF MINISTER

MR SPEAKER: The next item of business is the election of a Chief Minister.

MR HUMPHRIES: I propose that Kate Carnell be elected as Chief Minister for the Australian Capital Territory and I move:

That Ms Carnell be elected Chief Minister for the Territory.

MR SPEAKER: Is there any further proposal?

MR BERRY: I propose that Jon Stanhope be elected as Chief Minister for the Australian Capital Territory and I move:

That Mr Stanhope be elected Chief Minister for the Territory.

MR SPEAKER: Is there any further proposal?

MS TUCKER: I propose that Kerrie Tucker be elected as Chief Minister for the Australian Capital Territory and I move:

That Ms Tucker be elected Chief Minister for the Territory.

MR SPEAKER: Is there any further proposal?

The time for proposals has expired. Do you wish to make a few comments, Ms Tucker?

MS TUCKER: Yes; thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Proceed.

MS TUCKER: First, I would just like to comment on how pleased I am to see the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in place in the chamber for this first sitting day.

Mr Speaker, I am nominating myself for the position of Chief Minister in order to make a very clear statement about my dissatisfaction with the choice I am faced with today. The reality is, once again, that the ACT community has chosen a minority government. They have rejected the two-party system. Therefore, it is up to the elected representatives to find new ways of working in the Assembly; and, in doing so, the crossbenches need to be taken very seriously. There is an imperative that all members of this place be included in the process of government. We are more likely to have excellent and visionary government if we make full use of the available talent. I am not convinced that either Labor or Liberal is really committed to this notion.

I am also nominating myself today because I am passionate about the importance of bringing about social change so that people and the environment are not continually seen as a secondary consideration to the budget bottom line. There is no choice; we must adapt to the social and environmental realities facing Canberra, Australia and the planet. Therefore, I proudly represent the Greens, who, I believe, are the only party facing these challenges.

Mr Speaker, as members are aware, the Greens put forward a log of claims to help us make our decision about whom to vote for as Chief Minister. I have received a written response from Kate Carnell and a verbal response from the Labor Party. After careful consideration of these statements and an examination of the record and the policies of both Labor and Liberal, the Greens have decided that we are unable to offer unqualified support to either the Labor or Liberal candidate for Chief Minister.

On the one hand, we have Kate Carnell's Liberal team. From the social justice and environmental perspectives that the Greens are coming from, I am unable to vote for a Liberal government. I do acknowledge that the Liberal Party have been prepared to work constructively with the crossbenches and are seemingly more open than Labor to reforming this place so that there is more power for the parliament and less for the Executive.

On the other hand, I believe the policies of the Labor Party are closer to the Greens agenda, although obviously their members do lack experience. I acknowledge the constraints the Labor Party have faced, with a new leadership team, in preparing themselves for government and in responding to our log of claims; but I still must make a decision based on the quality of their response and their record in this place, and I am not fully satisfied with either. I am hopeful that the new Labor team will be more flexible and inclusive, embracing constructive changes to the processes in this place that will enable more meaningful input from all Assembly members, not just those on the treasury bench.

This is a crucial time for the ACT. We have a choice - to continue with more of the same or to try a new, inclusive approach to government. Mr Speaker, the crossbenches have played a constructive and inclusive role over the last three years. My decision to stand as Chief Minister is an important step in reinforcing the point that the Greens and Independents have a valuable role to play in the government of the ACT and that Labor

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and Liberal do not have a monopoly on political power. If I were elected Chief Minister today I would be delighted to take on the challenge and form a government containing the most talented and capable members drawn from Labor and Liberal and the crossbenches. In any event, over the next three years and eight months I will continue to work constructively with all members of the Assembly and to vote on each issue on its merits, so that I can help create the best possible outcomes for the people and the environment of the ACT, both for now and for the future.

MR SPEAKER: Would either of the other candidates like to make a statement?

MS CARNELL: No; thank you.

MR STANHOPE: No; thank you, Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: There being more than one candidate proposed, the election of a Chief Minister will proceed by ballot. Pursuant to standing order 3(f), the bells will now be rung and a ballot taken.

A ballot having been taken -

MR SPEAKER: The result of the ballot is: Ms Carnell, nine votes; Mr Stanhope, six votes; and Ms Tucker, two votes. Therefore, Ms Carnell, the candidate with the majority of votes of members present and voting, is declared elected as Chief Minister. Congratulations.

MS CARNELL (Chief Minister): Thank you very much. I seek leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MS CARNELL: Mr Speaker, I would like, first, to thank the majority of members for their support. It really is a tremendous honour to be elected as Chief Minister, and I suppose to be re-elected for a second term is an even greater honour. I acknowledge the trust that has been placed in me and I can guarantee to the Assembly that I will continue to work as hard as I have in the past in the interests of the ACT. I would like also to congratulate each of my Assembly colleagues who were re-elected to the Assembly and were sworn in before. It really is a great honour for all of us, but there is a huge job ahead of us all as well. To Brendan Smyth, Dave Rugendyke, Jon Stanhope, Ted Quinlan and John Hargreaves: Welcome to the Assembly. To those members - and there are a few of them here today - of the Third Assembly who were not elected or, alternatively, decided not to stand, namely, Louise Littlewood, Lucy Horodny, Roberta McRae, Andrew Whitecross and Marion Reilly: Thank you for the huge commitment that you gave to the people of the ACT. We will miss all of you from the Assembly.

Mr Speaker, I do not view my re-election as Chief Minister as an endorsement of the status quo or simply a licence to keep on doing things exactly as we did in the past. I see our re-election - I have to say, against the odds - as an endorsement of the general direction that we took over the last three years but also as an endorsement of the

approaches, the policies, that we put forward both in this Assembly and in the election campaign. I take on board some of the comments that Kerrie Tucker made with regard to making this Assembly a more cooperative place and a place that does use the talents of all members as efficiently as we can.

Mr Speaker, I also have no illusions about the difficulties of the job and the responsibilities that it holds. The last three years have certainly been a wonderful teacher from that perspective. For all of us here, the next 3½ years are going to be very exciting. The sorts of things that are on the agenda for the ACT you cannot but be excited and enthusiastic about - things such as the sale of the airport and the potential for an international airport and a freight hub here in the ACT; the very fast train service between Canberra and Sydney; of course, Olympic soccer being conducted here in the ACT; and all of the wonderful spin-offs that being an Olympic city will mean for Canberra.

Mr Speaker, the year 2001, of course, is the centenary of Federation - again, within the term of this Government. The start of that year will see the opening of the National Museum of Australia, a great event for Canberra. CHOGM will be held here in the ACT; the largest meeting of heads of government ever held in Australia will be held right here in our city. That will be a real opportunity for us. The centenary of Federation in itself, of course, is a great event for Canberra - Canberra being, I suppose, the first and only born child of Federation. There will be the referendum next year on whether or not this nation becomes a republic - another great event.

Mr Speaker, one of the things that I think should be a challenge for this Assembly over the next three years is to become a clever government; and that includes all of us. We have spoken a lot about being a clever city and a city which can become the silicon valley of Australia and which can encourage information technology, advanced technology research and development to grow and prosper here in the ACT, which, of course, will create jobs for our kids and for us as well. But part of being a clever city has to be being a clever government. That means, I believe, one of our challenges as an Assembly and as a government over the next 3½ years will be to make sure we use information technology to the best possible advantage, both in this Assembly and in the Government more broadly. We have already done some smart things in that area. Now is not the time to speak about those at length, but I believe we can go much further. I would like to think that in 3½ years' time we will be the cleverest government, from an information technology and advanced technology perspective, in Australia and, potentially, of course, even in the world. Already there is the usage of home computers and the proposal by ACTEW to roll out broadband cable is on the table. It is a challenge for all of us in this Assembly.

This is a small government, Mr Speaker, but that small government does give us an opportunity to use lots of different talents and does give us an opportunity to be less adversarial in our approach. That places, I suppose, a responsibility on each and every one of us to focus on the interests of the community rather than on the sectional interests or personal interests that we may have. We must all operate in the best interests of the community. I believe that we can achieve that and, certainly from a Liberal Party perspective, we will be working to do that. That cooperative and, I believe, commonsense approach will continue from this Government over the next three years, and I am very hopeful that that will be the case for the whole Assembly as well.

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I look forward, Mr Speaker, to working with every member of this Assembly. I know my colleagues in the Liberal Party feel exactly the same way. This is a very exciting 3½ years, running into the next century and into a new millennium - a time when, I think, every one of us is very lucky to be in the position that we are in.

LEADERSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

MR STANHOPE: Mr Speaker, I ask for leave of the Assembly to make a statement relating to the leadership of the Australian Labor Party.

Leave granted.

MR STANHOPE: I would like to inform the Assembly that the Australian Labor Party has chosen me as its leader.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MR MOORE: Mr Speaker, I seek leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MR MOORE: I wish to inform the Assembly that I shall be taking my seat in this Assembly as an Independent member.

MR OSBORNE: I seek leave to make a short statement, Mr Speaker.

Leave granted.

MR OSBORNE: I wish to inform the Assembly that I will be taking my seat as an Independent member for Brindabella.

MR RUGENDYKE: Mr Speaker, I seek leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MR RUGENDYKE: First of all, I would like to congratulate Ms Carnell and Mr Stanhope on their respective appointments. I would also like to inform the Assembly that I take my seat as an Independent. I am deeply honoured to be able to do so. I advise the people of Canberra that I am here to work for the people of Ginninderra and Canberra. I also notice that there are representatives of the surrounding region present in the gallery. I advise them that they have my full support in making the whole of the Canberra region the greatest place on earth in which to live, work and succeed.

MS TUCKER: I ask for leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MS TUCKER: I wish to inform the Assembly that I shall be taking my seat in the Assembly as a member of the ACT Greens.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MR SPEAKER: Under standing order 5A, the Leader of the Opposition shall be the leader of the largest non-Government party, with the consent of that member. As Mr Stanhope, as leader of the Australian Labor Party, is the leader of the largest non-Government party, I now seek his consent to being Leader of the Opposition.

MR STANHOPE: I give my consent to being Leader of the Opposition and ask for leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MR STANHOPE: Mr Speaker, today is a new start - a new Assembly; a new Government and Opposition party; and, very significantly, forming that Opposition, a Labor Party with a new approach. It is a Labor Party with a new approach, not because three of its six members are newly elected, not because its two leaders are newly elected and on the floor of the Assembly for the first time, but new in the approach we will adopt in fulfilling our role and the style in which we will operate. The Opposition leadership team is reflective of that change - a conscious decision by my Labor colleagues to take that new direction. We, all six of us, are united in our determination to change the way in which we operate. Our commitment is to the people and the future of the ACT.

The period since self-government, particularly the adjustment to much reduced funding levels, has been difficult for Canberra; and there is still a considerable financial adjustment to be made. These circumstances have been compounded, of course, by the damage inflicted on the ACT by the relentless attack of Federal Liberal Government policies. Labor will work with the ACT community to return it to prosperity and security. We are well placed to lead that renewal. The Labor Party has a large membership which is well based in the community and has representatives in the Assembly who are close to the diverse activity that occurs in the Territory. With our members, we will renew our efforts to talk and listen to the community, to ensure we understand and are able to respond to their concerns and aspirations.

With them, and with those in this Assembly, we will work, among other things, to expand employment opportunities; to ensure unemployed people have access to appropriate support; to achieve greater security for those who are employed; to restore the value of family homes; to provide properly for those who find themselves in difficult circumstances; and to enhance environmental quality in Canberra. In this Assembly we will work willingly and cooperatively to achieve those ends. We will work with all members of the Assembly because we understand that, broadly, we all have the same aims.

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Mr Speaker, that is the Labor Party's commitment to the Assembly. It is my commitment as Opposition Leader. The Labor Party wants to go forward. We will learn from but put behind us the disappointment of the recent election. We will put behind us our dismay at the unfair and offensively personal treatment aimed by the Liberal Party at Wayne Berry and, through him, at the Labor Party. Labor wants to work with others in the Assembly to achieve constructive and productive outcomes for all Canberrans, to help them realise their aspirations and enjoy the security and wellbeing they once took for granted and today have no less a right to expect.

Mr Speaker, it would be remiss of me to let the occasion pass without making reference to some other notable events. First, I congratulate you on your election as Speaker. We look forward to your impartiality and fairness in conducting your duties in this chamber and in the management of the Assembly. I can assure you that you will receive the full support of Labor members on that basis. On my behalf and that of my Labor colleagues, I congratulate Ms Carnell on her re-election as Chief Minister. I congratulate all members on their election and extend a particular welcome to the new members - Dave Rugendyke, Brendan Smyth and my Labor colleagues Ted Quinlan and John Hargreaves.

We have also witnessed the departure of several members who have all worked hard for their constituents and for Canberra. On behalf of the Labor Party, I extend best wishes to Louise Littlewood and Lucy Horodny. In particular, I regretfully note the departure of several members of Labor's Caucus - Andrew Whitecross, Marion Reilly and Roberta McRae - each of whom worked very hard for the Labor Party, their constituents and the Canberra community. The departure of Roberta McRae and Marion Reilly leaves the Labor Caucus without a woman member - a situation which causes us great concern and which is a matter of great regret to us. Given my party's long commitment to affirmative action, I am confident that at the next election at least half of Labor's team of candidates will be women and we will again have women representing the ALP in this place.

Mr Speaker, my Labor colleagues have bestowed a great honour on me by electing me their leader. I acknowledge their trust and confidence. I acknowledge the responsibility they have placed in me and put on the record my intention to work as hard as I can to meet their expectations. I am conscious of the task ahead. I am not at all daunted by the prospect. I also want to thank my wife, Robyn, and my family for the untiring support they have given me through a long, arduous campaign. The happy and fulfilling moments of the campaign and the election have been countered by moments of drama, uncertainty and dreadful weariness; and through it all my family has been my greatest support. I acknowledge that.

Mr Speaker, as I said before, Labor has embarked on a renewed approach to the way we operate. This does not mean we will resile from our responsibility to keep the Government accountable to the people of Canberra. Our commitment to social justice, the pursuit of equity and fairness in our community and giving voice to the disadvantaged continues unchanged. It must be remembered that 64 per cent of the Canberra electorate did not vote for the Government, and it is incumbent on Labor in opposition to jog the Government's memory if it should ever tend to forget that. We will not shirk the task.

Having said that, let me say that, ultimately, all members enter this place with a common desire to serve the people of Canberra. Mr Speaker, I remain confident that in seeking to achieve this shared goal we can work together cooperatively, constructively and with mutual respect.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: Standing order 4 requires that the Assembly proceed, at its first sitting after an election, to elect a Deputy Speaker.

MR STANHOPE (Leader of the Opposition): Mr Speaker, I propose Bill Wood and I move:

That Mr Wood be elected Deputy Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Does the member accept the nomination?

MR WOOD: Yes.

MR SPEAKER: Are there any other proposals?

The time for proposals has expired. There being no further proposals, I declare Mr Wood, the member proposed, to have been elected as Deputy Speaker. Congratulations.

AUTHORITY TO BROADCAST PROCEEDINGS

MR SPEAKER: For the information of members and pursuant to subsection 8(4) of the Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of Proceedings) Act 1997, I present an authorisation to broadcast given to a number of television and radio networks in relation to the proceedings of the Assembly for the first sitting of the Legislative Assembly, today, 19 March 1998.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND COMMENCEMENT PROVISIONS **Papers**

MS CARNELL (Chief Minister): Mr Speaker, pursuant to section 6 of the Subordinate Laws Act 1989, I present subordinate legislation in accordance with the schedule of gazettal notices circulated. I also present notices of commencement for the Acts listed on that schedule.

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The schedule read as follows:

Administration (Interstate Agreements) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (15 January 1998) of remaining provisions (S29, dated 15 January 1998).

Annual Leave (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (17 December 1997) of remaining provisions (S415, dated 17 December 1997).

Betting (ACTTAB Limited) Act - Determination of percentage of monthly payment to the Territory - No. 18 of 1998 (S37, dated 16 January 1998).

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (8 December 1997) of sections 1 and 2 and (1 January 1998) of all other sections (S398, dated 8 December 1997).

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act - Instruments of appointment to the Board of Senior Secondary Studies - Nos 35 to 49 of 1998 (inclusive) (S83, dated 27 February 1998).

Bookmakers Act - Determinations of -

Location of sports betting venue - No. 63 of 1998 (S91, dated 6 March 1998).

Directions for the operation of a sports betting venue - No. 64 of 1998 (S91, dated 6 March 1998).

Building Act -

Australian Capital Territory Appendix to the Building Code of Australia - No. 10 of 1997 (S22, dated 13 January 1998).

Notice of preparation of the Building Code - No. 8 of 1997 (S22, dated 13 January 1998).

Notice of revocation and adoption of the Building Code of Australia - No. 9 of 1997 (S22, dated 13 January 1998).

Coroners Court Act and Magistrates Court Act - Determination of fees and charges. *See* "Magistrates Court Act".

Crimes (Amendment) Act (No. 3) 1997 - Notice of commencement (11 December 1997) of remaining provisions (S410, dated 11 December 1997).

Electricity Supply Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (19 December 1997) of remaining provisions (S419, dated 17 December 1997).

Financial Institutions (Removal of Discrimination) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (31 December 1997) of section 3 (S442, dated 24 December 1997).

Financial Management (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1997 - Notice of commencement (14 January 1998) of remaining provisions (S24, dated 14 January 1998).

Gaming Machine (Amendment) Act (No. 3) 1997 - Notice of commencement (15 January 1998) of sections 4 and 5 (S21, dated 13 January 1998).

Health Promotion Act - Instrument of appointment to the Health Promotion Board - No. 28 of 1998 (S67, dated 13 February 1998).

Intoxicated Persons (Care and Protection) Act - Care and Protection of Intoxicated Persons Standard - No. 19 of 1998 (S38, dated 16 January 1998).

Juries (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (2 February 1998) of sections 12, 21, 26, 28 and 33 (S42, dated 16 January 1998).

Justices of the Peace Act - Instrument of appointment of Justices of the Peace - No. 4 of 1998 (S15, dated 9 January 1998).

Land (Planning and Environment) Act -

Determination of conditions for the grant of a further lease for rural purposes - No. 23 of 1998 (S47, dated 16 January 1998).

Determination of criteria for the direct grant of a lease to an educational institution - No. 12 of 1998 (S26, dated 14 January 1998).

Determination of criteria for the direct grant of a lease for block 4 and part block 6, section 83, Nicholls - No. 11 of 1998 (S25, dated 14 January 1998).

Determination of fees - No. 1 of 1998 (S4, dated 6 January 1998).

Policy direction for the payout of land rent - No. 3 of 1998 (S14, dated 9 January 1998).

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Land (Planning and Environment) Regulations (Amendment) - No. 16 of 1997 - Notice of commencement (14 January 1998) of regulation 9 (S27, dated 14 January 1998).

Legal Aid Act - Instrument of appointment of a Commissioner of the Legal Aid Commission (A.C.T.) - No. 20 of 1998 (S41, dated 16 January 1998).

Liquor Act -

Determination of fees - No. 2 of 1998 (S6, dated 6 January 1998).

Liquor Regulations (Amendment) - No. 7 of 1998 (S90, dated 2 March 1998).

Long Service Leave (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (17 December 1997) of remaining provisions (S416, dated 17 December 1997).

Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (31 December 1997) (S445, dated 31 December 1997).

Magistrates Court Act and Coroners Act - Determination of fees and charges - No. 21 of 1998 (S44, dated 16 January 1998).

Medical Practitioners Act - Instrument of appointment to the Medical Board - No. 30 of 1998 (S69, dated 13 February 1998).

Motor Traffic Act -

Determination of fee for the renewal of a certificate of accreditation for accredited driving instructors - No. 13 of 1998 (S28, dated 14 January 1998).

Motor Traffic Regulations (Amendment) - No. 42 of 1997 (S1, dated 5 January 1998).

Notice of commencement (5 January 1998) of Determination No. 194 of 1997 notified in *Gazette* S255 on 28 August 1997 (S3, dated 5 January 1998).

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1997 - Notice of commencement (2 March 1998) (S426, dated 19 December 1997).

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act (No. 4) 1997 - Notice of commencement (5 January 1998) of remaining provisions (S425, dated 19 December 1997).

Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (2 March 1998) (S427, dated 19 December 1997).

Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1997 - Notice of commencement (2 March 1998) (S428, dated 19 December 1997).

Motor Vehicles (Dimensions and Mass) Act - 62.5 tonne B-Double exemption notice - No. 24 of 1998 (S49, dated 21 January 1998).

National Exhibition Centre Trust Act - Instruments of appointment to the National Exhibition Centre Trust - Nos 25 and 26 of 1998 (S55, dated 28 January 1998).

Nature Conservation Act -

Declaration of species - No. 7 of 1998 (S18, dated 12 January 1998).

Instruments of appointment to the Flora and Fauna Committee - Nos 5 and 6 of 1998 (S17, dated 12 January 1998).

Rates and Land Tax Act -

Determination of interest rates - No. 16 of 1998 (S32, dated 15 January 1998).

Notice of interest rates - No. 17 of 1998 (S33, dated 15 January 1998).

Roads and Public Places Act - Determination of fees - No. 14 of 1998 (S30, dated 15 January 1998).

Supreme Court Act - Determination of fees and charges - No. 22 of 1998 (S45, dated 16 January 1998).

Tenancy Tribunal (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (4 February 1998) of remaining provisions (S43, dated 16 January 1998).

Traffic (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (2 March 1998) (S429, dated 19 December 1997).

University of Canberra Act - Courses and Awards Amendment Statute 1997 (Statute No. 36) - No. 27 of 1998 (S56, dated 28 January 1998).

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Veterinary Surgeons Registration Act - Instrument of appointment to the Veterinary Surgeons Board - No. 29 of 1998 (S68, dated 13 February 1998).

Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act 1997 - Notice of commencement (13 January 1998) of remaining provisions (S19, dated 13 January 1998).

DATE AND HOUR OF NEXT MEETING

Motion (by **Ms Carnell**) agreed to:

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by the Speaker either at the request of the Chief Minister or on receipt of a request in writing from an absolute majority of Members and that the date and time of meeting shall be notified by the Speaker to each Member in writing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Ms Carnell**) agreed to:

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Assembly adjourned at 1.21 pm until a date and hour to be fixed