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Tuesday, 3 November 2020

Members assembled at 10 am.

Notice convening meeting

The Clerk informed members of the following notice convening the first meeting of the Tenth Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory:

Pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Commonwealth), I, Joy Burch, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, do by this Notice convene the first meeting of the Tenth Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory at 10 am on Tuesday 3 November 2020, in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory.

Dated 28 October 2020

JOY BURCH
Speaker, Legislative Assembly
for the Australian Capital Territory

Swearing in of members

The Clerk informed the Assembly of the requirements under section 9 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government Act) 1988 and sections 6A and 10A of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 1984 for members to make and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or a person authorised by the Chief Justice.

The Honourable Justice Helen Gay Murrell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, attending accordingly—

The Clerk presented the instrument, dated Wednesday, 28 October 2020, notifying the names of candidates elected to the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory at the general election held on Saturday, 17 October 2020, which showed that the following had been elected:

Electorate of Brindabella

Ms Joy Burch
Mr Mick Gentleman
Ms Nicole Lawder
Mr Mark Parton
Mr Johnathan Davis

Electorate of Ginninderra

Ms Yvette Berry
Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert
Ms Tara Cheyne
Ms Jo Clay
Mr Peter Cain

Electorate of Kurrajong

Mr Andrew Barr
Mr Shane Rattenbury
Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith
Ms Elizabeth Lee
Ms Rebecca Vassarotti

Electorate of Murrumbidgee

Mr Jeremy Hanson
Mr Chris Steel
Mrs Giulia Jones
Dr Marisa Paterson
Ms Emma Davidson

Electorate of Yerrabi

Mr Alistair Coe
Mr Michael Pettersson
Ms Suzanne Orr
Mr Andrew Braddock
Ms Leanne Castley

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

The Chief Justice having retired—

Election of Speaker

The Clerk informed members of the requirement of standing order 1(e) that the Assembly now proceed to elect a Speaker.

MR BARR (Kurrajong) (10.23): I propose Ms Joy Burch, and I move:

That Ms Burch take the chair of the Assembly as Speaker.

The Clerk: Does the member accept the nomination?

MS BURCH (Brindabella) (10.23): I accept the nomination.

The Clerk: Is there any further proposal? The time for proposals has expired. There being no further proposal, I declare Ms Burch, the member proposed, to have been elected as Speaker.

Madam Speaker having taken the chair—

MADAM SPEAKER: It is an honour to have been elected unopposed. It shows support across the chamber. Thank you for that. The next item is the election of the Chief Minister, but with your indulgence, members, I ask you to stand so that I can do an acknowledgement to country. Members:

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.

Election of Chief Minister

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

MS BERRY (Ginninderra) (10.24): I nominate Mr Andrew Barr, and I move:

That Mr Barr be elected Chief Minister for the Territory.

MADAM SPEAKER: Does the member accept the nomination?

MR BARR (Kurrajong) (10.24): Yes, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Are there any further proposals?

MRS JONES (Murrumbidgee) (10.25): I nominate Ms Lee, and I move:

That Ms Lee be elected Chief Minister for the Territory.

MADAM SPEAKER: Does the member accept the nomination?

MS LEE (Kurrajong) (10.25): I accept the nomination.

MADAM SPEAKER: Are there any further proposals? There being no further proposals and the time for proposals having expired, the election of the Chief Minister will proceed by ballot. Ballot papers will be distributed.

A ballot having been taken—

MADAM SPEAKER: The result of the ballot is: Mr Barr, 16 votes; Ms Lee, 9 votes. Therefore Mr Barr, the candidate with the majority of votes of members present, is declared elected as Chief Minister. Chief Minister, I invite you to take the Chief Minister's seat at the table.

MR BARR (Kurrajong—Chief Minister) (10.30), by leave: I am incredibly humbled to have the privilege of serving again as Chief Minister. I wish to thank my colleagues for their support and the trust that they have placed in me to lead the government. I sincerely thank the people of Kurrajong for their strong support, once again, at this election and I thank the people of Canberra for voting for a progressive government.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate you on your election and, on behalf of all members in this place, wish you well in what is a very important and, occasionally, challenging role.

I congratulate all the new and returning members of the ACT Legislative Assembly. I know you have all worked tirelessly to engage with your local communities over the course of your campaigns. It is an honour and a privilege to represent Canberrans in this place, and I know you all appreciate the significant trust that has been placed in us to deliver for our community.

Madam Speaker, four years ago, we marked the first time in Australian political history that a parliament included more women than men. I am proud that the ACT Legislative Assembly continues to have the highest proportion of female politicians of any parliament in Australia.

Madam Speaker, this year has been a year like no other, from bushfires to toxic smoke, devastating hailstorms and then a global pandemic. Throughout all of this, protecting the health and livelihoods of Canberrans has been our top priority, and it will remain so as we continue to focus on our economic recovery.

In these most difficult of times, the people of the ACT have voted for a progressive government, and an ambitious vision for the future. They have also voted for a clear and comprehensive economic plan as we emerge from the greatest economic challenge of our self-governing era. We will remain focused on this. We know the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and there is a lot more work to do. Our community will need continued support as we respond to the ongoing threat of the coronavirus.

Madam Speaker, protecting and creating jobs will be central to our economic recovery and we remain committed to growing Canberra's employment base to more than 250,000 jobs by 2025. We know that a secure, well-paid job is about more than putting food on the table or paying the rent or mortgage; it provides meaning, structure, connection and opportunity in people's lives.

Our government has a track record of driving down unemployment and creating jobs. Just last week, the *State of the states* report revealed that the ACT is the second-strongest performing economy in Australia, thanks to the strength of our jobs market and our low level of unemployment. Throughout the pandemic, the ACT has maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We have been the only state or territory to see unemployment fall in the past quarter, down to 3.8 per cent.

The government's view is that significant investment across a range of areas, including health, education and renewable energy, will continue to create jobs and keep people in work.

We have already delivered the first stage of light rail from Gungahlin to the city, and we are committed to extending the network south, a project that is expected to create 6,000 jobs.

One of our biggest projects in this term will be the expansion of the Canberra Hospital. A bigger and better Canberra Hospital will deliver more beds, more surgeries, more support for people with mental illness, a larger emergency department, and, importantly, more doctors, nurses and health professionals. Over the next four years, we will hire at least 400 new nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals across the territory's health system.

2020 has clearly highlighted the incredible work of our health professionals and reinforced the need for quality health care. Our effective response to the pandemic would not have been possible without their tireless work.

That is why we will continue to invest in quality health care. This will include starting on the new network of walk-in health centres across Canberra; building the new elective surgery centre at the University of Canberra Hospital precinct; delivering 60,000 elective surgeries over the next four years; establishing a centre for excellence in caring for older people at Calvary hospital; and increasing our investment in mental health funding.

Madam Speaker, like our nurses, Canberra's teachers were there when we needed them most, ensuring that our children continued to learn, even at the peak, the first

wave, of the pandemic. We will ensure that our teachers remain the best paid in the country. And we will employ 400 new teachers and support staff, and new teacher librarians, to support the great work in our education system.

We believe every public school should be a great school. That is why we will continue our nation-leading investment in digital learning, by expanding our Chromebook rollout to every public high school and college student, and providing 300 of the most vulnerable households in Canberra with free internet access. We will also establish a future of education equity fund to support disadvantaged families with their educational expenses.

We are committed to investing in school infrastructure to serve our city's growing population, upgrading existing schools, and building new, zero-emissions schools in the Molonglo Valley, west Belconnen and Gungahlin.

Madam Speaker, the ACT has led the nation with our response to climate change. We are the first jurisdiction in Australia to be powered by 100 per cent renewable electricity, which is driving down energy bills. We will further cement Canberra's status as the renewable energy capital of Australia by building the biggest renewable battery storage system in the country.

We will continue to reduce emissions without placing financial pressure on households. The parliamentary and governing agreement signed yesterday between ACT Labor and the ACT Greens further entrenches the government's commitment to climate action, taking the next essential steps to a net zero emissions future for the ACT.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that Canberra is Australia's most inclusive city. We are a refugee welcome zone. We are also part of the global Welcoming Cities network, formally acknowledging this city as one that continues to welcome migrant and multicultural communities. There has been a lot of hard work and reform to ensure that Canberra continues to be the most LGBTIQ+ welcoming city in the country, including the development of the Capital of Equality strategy and the accompanying action plan.

The government is committed to ensuring that Canberra remains an inclusive and welcoming place to live. An important priority in this parliamentary term is the modernisation of the territory's Discrimination Act. We look forward to getting this work underway. And we are committed to understanding and responding to the needs of everyone in the community as we face the impacts of COVID-19 together.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this moment to congratulate the Greens party on their strong result in the October election and formally welcome five new members. Clearly, the strong support for progressive parties in the election reflects the community's desire for progressive leadership at this time.

I look forward to working with the Greens party to deliver the parliamentary and governing agreement that we signed yesterday, which reflects our shared progressive values and our shared commitment to continuing improvements to health, education,

transport and housing, whilst taking real action on climate change. The agreement will ensure a stable territory government that benefits from the distinct, but collaborative, approaches of our two political parties.

Madam Speaker, I also want to acknowledge the Canberra Liberals. You raised many issues in the last parliament and during the campaign. We often disagree on politics and policy. However, I am optimistic that there will be times when we do agree, and I look forward to working constructively together at those times. Congratulations to Elizabeth Lee and Giulia Jones. Leading a party is an honour and a challenge, and I wish you both well in your new roles. And if I can be so bold, I offer one piece of advice: be nice to the Chief Minister.

I also acknowledge former opposition leader Alistair Coe and thank him for a respectful and hard-fought campaign. You kept me on my toes throughout the process. I perhaps do not want to be in the boxing ring with you.

Finally, I wish to thank my Labor colleagues, and the entire Labor family, for all of their hard work and dedication to our cause. I thank Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry and acknowledge the re-election of Rachel Stephen-Smith; Chris Steel; Mick Gentleman; Suzanne Orr; Tara Cheyne; Michael Pettersson; and you, Madam Speaker. I warmly welcome our newest MLA, Dr Marisa Paterson.

Sadly, we say farewell, for now, to Gordon Ramsay, Bec Cody and Deepak-Raj Gupta and we thank them for their contribution to this place.

I thank all of the Labor candidates and their supporters, who worked so tirelessly and passionately over many months to get us to where we are today.

I wish to pay special thanks to our campaign director, Mel James, and my team, under the leadership of my chief of staff, Michael Cook. I observed on election night that in this place we are only ever as good as our staff and the support that they provide us. I thank my entire office and the staff of every single member of the Labor Party.

I also acknowledge Greens and Canberra Liberals staff, who worked so hard for their causes.

I want to thank my family and my husband, Anthony—it is nice to be able to say that—for their ongoing love and support. We simply cannot do these jobs without the support of our families and friends.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I again thank the people of Canberra for putting their trust in me as Chief Minister. I am proud and humbled to lead Australia's most progressive jurisdiction. We will work hard every day to protect the health and wellbeing of Canberrans.

Leader of the Opposition

MADAM 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.

I have received correspondence from Ms Lee advising me that she has been selected, and has given her consent, to be the leader of the Canberra Liberals, the largest non-government party. I table that correspondence:

Leader of the Opposition—Election—Consent—Letter to the Speaker from
Ms Lee MLA, dated 28 October 2020.

MS LEE (Kurrajong—Leader of the Opposition) (10.43): I seek leave to make a statement.

Leave granted.

MS LEE: Thank you to the people of the Australian Capital Territory. It is an enormous privilege to be afforded the opportunity, once again, to be a voice for our community.

Madam Speaker, congratulations on your election. I wish you the very best in once again undertaking this very important role in our parliament.

I acknowledge my party room colleagues, Giulia Jones, Jeremy Hanson, Mark Parton, Alistair Coe, Nicole Lawder, Elizabeth Kikkert, Peter Cain and Leanne Castley. Whilst we are two short in number this term, we are an incredible team that brings together an enormous diversity of life experiences, of professional backgrounds and of different cultures. I am honoured to be leading this strong team, along with my deputy, Giulia.

Thank you to Alistair and Nicole, who led a strong united team to the 2020 election. I acknowledge them and their families in leading a strong campaign through one of the most challenging times that we have seen. Alistair and Nicole have always remained committed to serving the people of Canberra and I have no doubt that they will continue to do so as integral and strong members of my team this term.

I acknowledge our colleagues who we farewelled this term. The late Steve Doszpot, my fellow member for Kurrajong, deemed himself my big brother almost the instant we met. His legacy in our community, and in particular in the inner south, is legendary and he is very much missed by many. Vicki Dunne dedicated almost 20 years of her adult life to serving the people of Canberra. Whilst one of our biggest regrets is that we were unable to make her a minister, she served the community and the Assembly with distinction and she will be sorely missed.

When Andrew Wall, James Milligan and Candice Burch were not returned in this election, Canberra lost some excellent local members, but we lost our friends. Andrew, James and Candice brought so much to the Canberra Liberals team and to our community. It is, without a doubt, a huge loss for us in not having them on our benches and in our corridors. Thank you for your service to the Canberra Liberals and to the people of Canberra. We know that your commitment to our community will not stop at the doors of the Assembly.

Our new members, Peter Cain and Leanne Castley, bring some fresh air to our team this term. In Ginninderra, as a former teacher and principal, lawyer and vice-president of the Law Society, Peter will bring a huge level of experience and expertise in many aspects of governance. We are very fortunate to have him join us. In the deep north of Yerrabi, Leanne's savviness and her background as an IT consultant and country music singer will bring a level of freshness and engagement that will be of great benefit to our team.

Madam Speaker, I also acknowledge the loss of members Caroline Le Couteur and Meegan Fitzharris, who retired from the Assembly this term; and Gordon Ramsay, Deepak-Raj Gupta and Bec Cody, who were not returned. Whilst we did not always agree, many of us on this side worked closely with them and we value the contributions that they made to our Assembly. I wish them and their families all the very best.

I acknowledge and welcome the new Labor member, Dr Marisa Paterson, and five—I did not realise I would say this—new members of the Greens: Rebecca Vassarotti, Emma Davidson, Johnathan Davis, Andrew Braddock, and Jo Clay. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Congratulations must go to Andrew Barr and Shane Rattenbury on leading their parties to their election as a coalition Labor-Greens government. No doubt this new dynamic, with multiple ministers from both parties, will make for an interesting term in cabinet. I wish you both well—not so well, but well—over the next few years.

We are all this place because we want to make a difference, a positive contribution to the future of Canberra. We are all this place because we have been given the enormous privilege by our community to be their voice. Our parliament and our democracy are stronger because every one of the members sitting here had the courage to put up their hand to serve our community.

I have always said that our parliaments should reflect the diversity of the communities that they serve. For too long it has not been the case. In 2016 we made history in electing the first female majority parliament in Australia. This year we did one better. What we did not achieve as a parliament is to have more ethnically diverse faces around this chamber. I am so proud that the Canberra Liberals put up an impressive line-up of candidates that reflected the depth of diversity in our great city. That was in sharp contrast to the field of candidates put up by Labor and the Greens, and our party room reflects that.

But diversity goes beyond gender and ethnicity. Our diversity of views, life experiences and opinions should be protected fiercely, because different ideas and the freedom to express those ideas make for robust debates that inevitably lead to better outcomes.

The leaders of all parties in this chamber have said publicly at one point or another—the Chief Minister said it again in his speech—that there is real potential for this term to see more collaboration and teamwork in areas where we can find common ground.

Whilst we acknowledge that there will be yet another Labor-Greens government, I take them at their word on this: that ideas and initiatives put forward by the Canberra Liberals deserve to be judged on their merits and not dismissed because they were started by us.

We, as the opposition, have an important job to do in keeping the government to account: to fiercely protect the integrity of government, the proper use of taxpayer moneys, and the transparency and accountability of all government decisions. We will look at every government decision and initiative on its merits and whether it is in the best interests of the Canberra community.

Madam Speaker, in my inaugural speech four years ago, I said that, whilst it is a given that I give my voice to the most vulnerable in our community, those that our society has a moral duty to protect and support, there are the forgotten Canberrans that 19 years of this government have left behind. The Canberra Liberals will unapologetically and unashamedly continue to stand up for and give voice to those Canberrans.

We acknowledge and thank the thousands of Canberrans who have put their faith in us at this year's election and shed the same tears that we could not quite make it across to the other side of the chamber. These are the hardworking everyday Canberrans who for years have felt abandoned and voiceless. We also acknowledge the voices of Canberrans who did not vote for us. Their voices spoke loudly, and we will listen to and be here for them, too.

Madam Speaker, none of us would be here today without the enormous support network that carries us. I thank all the volunteers and family members who were there for each and every one of us. I also acknowledge our staff, who move mountains each and every day because they believe in us.

A little closer to home, Nathan, thank you for being my rock through two whirlwind campaigns and the heartbreak of experiencing a miscarriage before we welcomed our beautiful daughter, Mia. Most of all, thank you for being my number one supporter when I decided to take on this craziest and most humbling of challenges in leading the party.

My parents and sisters have already sacrificed much so that I could reach for my dreams. Every time I think that I cannot ask any more of them, they somehow manage to find room in their hearts to give more. I am sure that in my parents' eyes I am still the seven-year-old Korean girl from Kwangju with no English who held tightly onto their hands as we embarked on this new life in Australia—the little girl who, in turn, tightly held onto her younger sister's hand because somehow we knew that, as scary as it was going to a new country and leaving our home, it was all going to be worth it, because this new life was going to be something amazing.

Madam Speaker, when I was elected by my colleagues to be the leader of our party, my dad told me, "You are a leader. Whether you like it or not, what you say and what you do will matter. Always listen; then see; then feel. You must do this—listen, see, feel—before you speak." Today I embark on this privileged duty that I have to serve

my colleagues, my party and my city in this way. I vow to listen, to see and to feel, because it is and will always be about putting our community first.

Giulia, Jeremy, Mark, Alistair, Nicole, Elizabeth, Peter and Leanne, I look forward to serving the people of Canberra with you. I could not ask for a more dedicated and committed team to do this with. Thank you for being by my side as we embark on this journey together. Even from opposition, we are going to achieve some extraordinary things.

Statement by member

MR RATTENBURY (Kurrajong) (10.54): I seek leave to make a statement as the Leader of the ACT Greens in the Assembly.

Leave granted.

MR RATTENBURY: Madam Speaker, I acknowledge that this Assembly meets this morning on the lands of the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians, and I pay the Greens' respect to elders past and present. I also underline our commitment to contribute to the journey of reconciliation and to closing the gap for first nations people across all facets of life.

Standing here today, I am joined by five new colleagues, tripling the Greens representation from the Ninth Assembly. I am pleased to welcome the new members for the Greens: Rebecca Vassarotti, Emma Davidson, Jo Clay, Andrew Braddock and Johnathan Davis. With a representative from each electorate in the ACT, we will be able to represent more Canberrans and bring more of their voices to this chamber.

My former colleague Caroline Le Couteur and I were pleased with what we were able to achieve last term, but with six members in this place I know we can contribute even more this term. With our increased capacity, we will be able to talk to more community members, more organisations and more industry groups, and bring their issues, their concerns, their hopes and their ideas to this chamber.

I would like to thank our campaign manager and campaign staff, our party director, all our staff who worked to develop our comprehensive policy agenda, our entire team of candidates, and, of course, the many hundreds of volunteers who put their spare time, and their heart and soul, into helping to bring about the result that is represented in our members in this chamber today.

On behalf of all the ACT Greens, I would also like to congratulate all the members who were elected and particularly welcome the new members who are joining us today.

I would also like to take this moment to acknowledge those members who were not re-elected: Gordon Ramsay, Andrew Wall, Bec Cody, Deepak-Raj Gupta, James Milligan and Candice Burch. It is a tough and very public way to lose your job. I know that each of them put so much effort into their role in this place and into their campaigns. I wish them well as they forge a new path post politics.

The Greens took a bold and progressive agenda to this election, with a plan to build a better normal for Canberra. From the vast and destructive fires and suffocating smoke at the start of the year to the social, emotional and economic impacts of the pandemic, it is clear that business as usual will not help us meet the challenges we are facing. We need to take action to address the climate crisis; we must do more to ensure that everyone has a roof over their head; and we need to confront the growing inequality in our community. My colleagues and I put forward a detailed and cohesive platform designed to respond to these critical challenges, and we are grateful that so many Canberrans related to those ideas and supported us to champion them in this place. We will do our very best to honour the trust you have placed in us.

Today the ACT Greens have voted for Andrew Barr from ACT Labor to be Chief Minister. Over the past two weeks, we have sat down with ACT Labor and discussed our shared values and priorities. These are reflected in the parliamentary and governing agreement that we signed together yesterday. That agreement will enable us to continue a very productive working relationship in this Assembly and in government. The Greens are very proud to have brought forward such an ambitious vision, and the community will see plenty of this vision reflected in the agreement.

As the agreement notes, it comes at a defining moment in our territory's history. It outlines a strategy to address the major social, economic and environmental challenges we as a community face. The agreement represents the shared commitment of Labor and the Greens to serve the people of the ACT; and to govern with, for and in the best interests of Canberrans.

Our commitment is to work in genuine partnership, while we retain our distinct political identities and operating cultures. We have demonstrated over previous terms that we can collaborate, compromise and innovate to get good outcomes, and that is what we plan to deliver for Canberrans during this term.

The parties agree that the world is facing a climate emergency, and the agreement commits us to undertake rapid science-based action to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

We will take steps to phase out fossil fuel gas in the ACT by building all-electric suburbs and infill developments, creating the ACT's first gas-free, all-electric commercial centre in Molonglo, and assisting households to make the transition from gas to electric. We will reform the ACT's building and planning systems to ensure a transition to best practice climate-ready and environmentally sustainable buildings and planning.

We will tackle the ACT's transport emissions by transitioning to zero emission vehicles and giving people improved options for transport, with an expanded light rail network and better walking and cycling infrastructure.

As a city, we must invest more to address homelessness and access to affordable housing options. Under the agreement, our goal is to deliver 1,000 new public and community housing dwellings by the middle of the decade, and to expand the capacity of our community services to help those in need.

We want Canberrans to have a stronger voice in the way their city is governed and what their neighbourhoods look and feel like. That desire is reflected in commitments to update and improve Canberra's planning system and foster neighbourhood democracy. We want to build community connection and have members of our community work together and with government to solve the questions we face and be clear in prioritising where we put our effort.

There is, of course, much more in the agreement and in the election platforms that both the Greens and Labor took to the election. The agreement is a public document, as it should be, available online for anyone with an interest to read.

One question that has already been posed is whether we can get it all done. It is a broad-ranging agenda, brimming with plans to make this city better, and meets the needs and aspirations of our citizens. It is ambitious, but we make no apologies for that. It is what we stood for, and it is what the people of this city deserve.

For the Greens, we would rather set stretch goals than have a shortage of ambition. This agreement does that, and we Greens look forward to working with our colleagues in the Labor Party to deliver our ambitious plans for the residents of this territory.

Election of Deputy Speaker

MADAM SPEAKER: We now move to the nomination of candidates for Deputy Speaker. Standing order 4 requires that the Assembly proceed, at its first sitting after an election, to elect a Deputy Speaker.

MRS JONES (Murrumbidgee) (11.01): I nominate Mr Parton, and I move:

That Mr Parton be elected Deputy Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Mr Parton, do you accept the nomination?

MR PARTON (Brindabella) (11.01): Yes, I do.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is there any further proposal? There being no further proposal, I declare Mr Parton, the member proposed, to have been elected as the Deputy Speaker.

Papers

Madam Speaker presented the following papers:

Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act, pursuant to section 15—Annual Reports—2019-2020—

ACT Ombudsman, dated 6 October 2020.

Inspector of the ACT Integrity Commission, dated 6 October 2020, along with the Annual Operational Review.

Office of the Legislative Assembly, dated October 2020.

Auditor-General Act—Auditor-General’s Reports—

No 7/2020—Management and care for people living with serious and continuing illness, dated 10 September 2020.

No 8/2020—Annual Report 2019-20, dated 9 October 2020, including a corrigendum.

COVID-19 Pandemic Response—Select Committee—*Final Report*, dated 8 October 2020, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act, pursuant to subsection 20(2)—Independent Reviewer—Reports—

1 January to 30 June 2020, dated 18 September 2020, prepared by Prof Dennis Pearce.

1 July 2020 to the start of the pre-election period (12.00am on 11 September 2020), dated 18 September 2020, prepared by Prof Dennis Pearce.

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee—Reports—

No 9—Report on an evaluation of current ACT Policing arrangements, dated 28 September 2020, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

No 10—Report on Review of ACT emergency services responses to the 2019-20 bushfire season, dated 28 September 2020, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

Justice and Community Safety—Standing Committee (Legislative Scrutiny Role)—Scrutiny Report 51, dated 8 September 2020, together with a copy of the extracts of the relevant minutes of proceedings.

Standing order 191—Amendments—

Electoral Amendment Bill 2018, dated 1, 2 and 3 September 2020.

Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Bill 2020, dated 2 and 3 September 2020.

Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2020, dated 2 and 3 September 2020.

Mr Barr presented the following papers:

Public Sector Management Standards 2016, pursuant to section 56—Engagements of Long-term Senior Executive Service Members—1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020.

Subordinate legislation (including explanatory statements unless otherwise stated)

Legislation Act, pursuant to section 64—

ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act and Financial Management Act—ACT Teacher Quality Institute Board Appointment 2020 (No 6)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020 235 (LR, 11 August 2020).

Architects Act—

Architects Board Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-240 (LR, 17 August 2020).

Architects Board Appointment 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-246 (LR, 24 August 2020).

Architects Board Appointment 2020 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-247 (LR, 24 August 2020).

Architects Board Appointment 2020 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-248 (LR, 24 August 2020).

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act—Board of Senior Secondary Studies Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-228 (LR, 30 July 2020).

Canberra Institute of Technology Act and Financial Management Act—Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT Board Member) Appointment 2020 (No 4)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-241 (LR, 17 August 2020).

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act—

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Cemetery Fees) Determination 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-243 (LR, 20 August 2020).

Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-242 (LR, 20 August 2020).

Civil Law (Property) Act—Civil Law (Property) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-41 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Act—Civil Law (Sale of Residential Property) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-42 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Civil Law (Wrongs) Act—

Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2019 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-281 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2019 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-282 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act—Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measurement Method) Determination 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-280 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act—Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Appointment 2020 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-284 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act—Construction Occupations (Licensing) Building Energy Efficiency Assessment Sale and Lease of Residential Premises Code of Practice 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-269 (LR, 8 September 2020).

Court Procedures Act—Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2020 (No 4)—Subordinate Law SL2020-34 (LR, 31 August 2020).

Education Act—Education Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-29 (LR, 17 August 2020).

Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act—Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement (Priority Households) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-255 (LR, 3 September 2020).

Financial Management Act—Financial Management (Territory Authorities) Guidelines 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-273 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Firearms Act—Firearms Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 2)—Subordinate Law SL2020-30 (LR, 17 August 2020).

Gene Technology Act—Gene Technology Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-38 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act—Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Exemption 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020 275 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Government Procurement Act—

Government Procurement (Non-Public Employee Member) Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-271 (LR, 8 September 2020).

Government Procurement (Non-Public Employee Member) Appointment 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-270 (LR, 8 September 2020).

Government Procurement (Secure Local Jobs) Code 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-278 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Land Tax Act—Land Tax (Affordable Community Housing) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-277 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Leases (Commercial and Retail) Act—Leases (Commercial and Retail) COVID-19 Emergency Response Declaration 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020 283 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Legal Aid Act—

Legal Aid (Commissioner - Bar Association Nominee) Appointment 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-244 (LR, 19 August 2020).

Legal Aid (Commissioner—ACTCOSS Nominee) Appointment 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-245 (LR, 19 August 2020).

Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act—Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Deemed Date of Termination of Employment of Members' Staff Direction 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-251 (LR, 25 August 2020).

Liquor Act—

Liquor (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-236 (LR, 31 August 2020).

Liquor Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 3)—Subordinate Law SL2020-37 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Liquor Regulation 2010—

Liquor (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Licence Fee Waiver) Declaration 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-238 (LR, 31 August 2020).

Liquor (COVID-19 Emergency Response—Permit Fee Waiver) Declaration 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-237 (LR, 31 August 2020).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act—

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) ACT Council of Social Service Employer Declaration 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-234 (LR, 7 August 2020).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) ACT Shelter Employer Declaration 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-286 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT Employer Declaration 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-268 (LR, 7 September 2020).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Families ACT Employer Declaration 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-258 (LR, 1 September 2020).

Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Volunteering Australia Employer Declaration 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-257 (LR, 1 September 2020).

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act—

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 4)—Subordinate Law SL2020-31 (LR, 20 August 2020).

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 5)—Subordinate Law SL2020-39 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Nature Conservation Act—Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-232 (LR, 7 August 2020).

Official Visitor Act—

Official Visitor (Housing Assistance) Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-260 (LR, 3 September 2020).

Official Visitor Guidelines 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-259 (LR, 3 September 2020).

Planning and Development Act—

Planning and Development (Community Consultation) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-35 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Planning and Development Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 2)—Subordinate Law SL2020-33 (LR, 27 August 2020).

Planning and Development Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 3)—Subordinate Law SL2020-36 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Public Health Act—

Public Health (Notifiable Conditions) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-229 (LR, 3 August 2020).

Public Health (Quarantine Fees) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-239 (LR, 13 August 2020).

Public Health (Reporting of Notifiable Conditions) Code of Practice 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-230 (LR, 3 August 2020).

Public Place Names Act—Public Place Names (Canberra Central) Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-227 (LR, 3 August 2020).

Public Unleased Land Act—Public Unleased Land (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-274 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Residential Tenancies Act—Residential Tenancies (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Declaration 2020 (No 3)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-267 (LR, 4 September 2020).

Road Transport (General) Act—

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation Declaration 2020 (No 6)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-254 (LR, 3 September 2020).

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation Declaration 2020 (No 7)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-272 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Road Transport (General) Application Order 2020 (No 2)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-253 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act—Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-32 (LR, 21 August 2020).

Taxation Administration Act—

Taxation Administration (Payroll Tax) COVID-19 Exemption Scheme Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-276 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Taxation Administration (Payroll Tax—Businesses Not Permitted to Operate) COVID-19 Exemption Scheme Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-279 (LR, 9 September 2020).

Territory Records Act—Territory Records (Advisory Council) Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-261 (LR, 7 September 2020).

Tree Protection Act—Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2020 (No 1)—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-231 (LR, 6 August 2020).

Unit Titles (Management) Act—

Unit Titles (Management) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 2)—Subordinate Law SL2020-43 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Unit Titles (Management) Certificate Determination 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-285 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act—Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Environment Protection—Used Packaging Materials) Code of Practice 2020—Disallowable Instrument DI2020-256 (LR, 3 September 2020).

Workers Compensation Act—Workers Compensation Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)—Subordinate Law SL2020-40 (LR, 10 September 2020).

Dates and times of next meetings

Motion (by **Mr Barr**) agreed to:

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 10 am on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 and fix Thursday, 3 December 2020 as a sitting day of the Assembly.

Standing orders—suspension

Motion (by **Mr Barr**) agreed to:

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would enable the order of business for Wednesday and Thursday the 2nd and 3rd of December 2020 to be:

Prayer or reflection

Presentation of petitions

Ministerial statements

Presentation of Executive business bills

Assembly business

Notices and orders of the day

Questions without notice

Presentation of papers

Ministerial statements

Private Members' business (as ordered by the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure)

Notices and orders of the day

Adjournment

Motion (by **Mr Barr**) agreed to:

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11.06 am until Wednesday, 2 December 2020, at 10 am.