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BACKGROUND

Following the 2016 ACT Election on 31 October 2016, ACT Labor and ACT Greens signed the Parliamentary Agreement for the 9th Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory.

The Agreement is available to [view on CMTEDD's website](#).

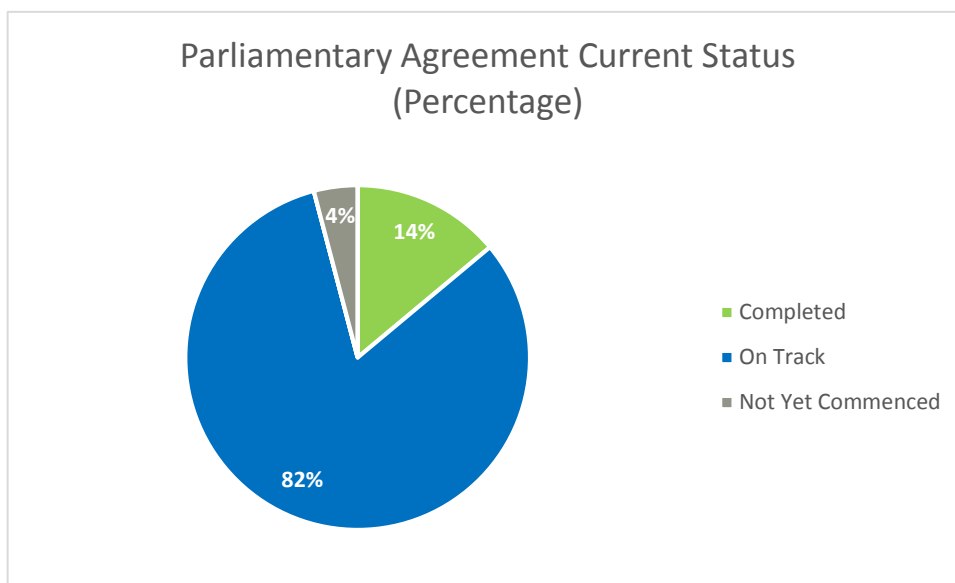
The document outlined a set of key shared priorities and outcomes for the 9th Assembly, as well as a number of initiatives the parties committed to achieving within the term of government. These initiatives were grouped into thirteen categories, with a further category of executive reform outlined in Appendix 3.

READING THE REPORT

The graphs below detail the status of all parliamentary agreement initiatives. An initiative is classified as **'On Track'** where its current implementation milestone is on schedule to be completed by its projected completion. Items classified as **'Not Yet Commenced'** are those initiatives where the project scope and implementation of the initiatives are still subject to Cabinet approval. Milestones for these initiatives will be announced in due course. Items with this classification will be brought forward for Cabinet consideration over the balance of the parliamentary term.

PROGRESS TO DATE

This report has been prepared for the period 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017. In the first year since the 2016 ACT Election, the Government has delivered 17 initiatives, with 100 on track for completion. None have minor or significant issues. Five have not yet commenced.



Parliamentary Agreement Status

Commitment Status	2016-2017	Percentage
On Track	100	82%
Completed	17	14%
Not Yet Commenced	5	4%
Total	122	100%

HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2 OPTIONS CANVASSED

With work well under way on the first stage of Canberra's city-wide light rail network, Canberrans will now get to have their say on the route for stage two of the project – linking Civic to the Woden Town Centre.

In October last year, Canberrans voted overwhelmingly for an integrated public transport system, which included a light rail network with a north–south spine extending from the Gungahlin Town Centre, through Civic and on to the Woden Town Centre.

Woden is a key growth area in Canberra, with an employment population of more than 120,000. By 2041 almost 90,000 people are expected to be living within 1 kilometre of the Woden corridor. Light rail will support this growth, helping to revitalise parts of Woden and its surrounding southern suburbs.

Light Rail to Woden involves crossing the lake and through the Parliamentary Triangle. The ACT Government will undertake community consultation on the route and the alignment of the corridor.



FLEXIBLE BUS ROUTES LAUNCHED

ACT seniors and people with mobility issues living in Canberra’s Inner North will now have an easy, convenient way to get where they need to be with the expansion of the Flexible Bus Service from 8 September 2017.

Minister for Transport Canberra and City Services, Meegan Fitzharris, said a trial of the Inner North Flexible Bus Service was an election promise that would make life easier for Canberrans who might otherwise struggle with short commutes around the ACT.

“The Flexible Bus Service expansion into the inner north region means that this free community service will now be Canberra wide,” Minister Fitzharris said. “Now, even more ACT seniors and people with a mobility difficulty will have access to the Flexible Bus Service to go shopping, attend medical appointments, visit people in hospitals and take part in social activities.”

The Flexible Bus Service has been successfully operating in Canberra since September 2014. The trial of the inner north service will operate as per current pick-up and drop-off method. The service provides those in the community who have limited access to public transport options with the ability to travel to their local service providers in a safe, reliable way.

HOUSING SUMMIT BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Housing and Homelessness Summit was the culmination of months of consultation in which the ACT Government and our affordable housing advisory panel reached out to thousands of Canberrans to see what matters most to them around housing. Around 200 community members from every part of Canberra came together for the summit, all contributing to a new housing strategy.

Minister Berry announced funding that was directly a result of the community's input, including a Housing Innovation Fund of \$1 million to seed new affordable housing initiatives, the first annual affordable, public and community housing supply target, and a new affordable home purchase database. These initiatives will be implemented with ongoing consultation and alongside future initiatives as the ACT Government develops a new housing strategy.

The Housing Innovation Fund will initially pilot three programs committed to in the ACT Parliamentary Agreement: HomeGround affordable rental, Homeshare and the Nightingale housing model. As part of the announcement the Government is seeking expressions of interest from organisations to lead these pilots.

The establishment of a new annual target provides the opportunity to widen the focus to affordable housing options in the public, private and community rental sectors, and to work with community housing providers, builders, estate planners and our own public housing authority in growing these targets in future.

In addition, future affordable home purchase will be made available only to households pre-registered on a new ACT Government database.

INITIATIVE DETAILS

Reference Number	Initiative Description	Lead Agency	Current Action	Status
Commitment 1: Action to improve Canberrans' health and access to healthcare				
1.1	Design, construct and commence the operation of a nurse-led walk-in centre in Gungahlin, based on the successful model currently operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong	Health	Progress is under way	ON TRACK
	Design, construct and commence the operation of a nurse-led walk-in centre in Weston Creek, based on the successful model currently operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong		Progress is under way	
	Design, construct and commence the operation of a nurse-led walk-in centre in the Inner North, based on the successful model currently operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong		Progress is under way	
	Assess the benefits of extending the centres' hours of operation		Revised model of care endorsed, including hours of operation: - draft/endorse new WICs model of care - define service relationships with key stakeholders	
1.2	Establish the Office for Mental Health to roll out and oversee mental health services and provider funding	Health	Consultant engaged	ON TRACK
	Develop a strategy that sets targets for suicide reduction		Strategy will be developed by the Office for Mental Health, once established	NOT YET COMMENCED

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	Provide more support for young people		The 2017-18 ACT Budget provided funding to increase the clinical capacity of Headspace ACT (expanding support to seven days) and to extend hours of the CAMHS Consultation Liaison Service. Planning is underway for an adolescent mental health unit in Centenary Hospital.	ON TRACK
1.3	Reduce the incidence of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other preventable health conditions by expanding and refocussing the Healthy Weight Initiative	Health	Ongoing priority in preventative health. Funding commitment provided provided for through the 2017-18 Budget	ON TRACK
	Appoint a Preventative Health Coordinator, responsible for developing a comprehensive preventative health strategy		Canberra hosted the inaugural Preventative Health Forum in April 2017 and an update on preventive health and associated work plan in November 2017.	
1.4	Improve dental treatment for those who cannot easily access it by operating two additional mobile dental clinics	Health	Consultation and review of model of care have commenced and are on track for completion in December 2017	ON TRACK
	Implement subsidy and opening hour policies to increase care for low income Canberrans		Progress is under way	
1.5	Provide better healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by building a new health clinic for Winnunga Nimityjah Aboriginal Health Service	Health	\$12 million committed through the 2017-18 Budget. Discussion has commenced with Winnunga Nimityjah	ON TRACK

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			on implementation and governance arrangements.	
1.6	Increase frontline nursing staff to provide better healthcare services in hospitals and the community by expanding Hospital in the Home, through the provision of more outpatient nurses	Health	Funding provided in 2017-18 Budget.	ON TRACK
	Review current ACT Health outpatient and community based services		In progress through the Territory Wide Health Services Framework and associated service planning.	
	Implement incentives to raise nurse qualifications and career development opportunities		Progress is under way	
1.7	Develop a Nurse Safety Strategy through forums with stakeholders, focussing on high risk areas.	Health	Nurse Safety Strategy development under way. The first component, a is well developed after a series of stakeholder forums and interviews complete.	ON TRACK
Commitment 2: Supporting our schools and higher education				
2.1	Continue to strongly advocate for the Commonwealth Government to honour the original six year Gonski funding agreement, in full, because the Gonski model of needs-based schools funding is the best chance for every Canberra child, attending	Education	The Government is considering options on 2018 funding levels and parameters for negotiation of a bi-lateral agreement with the Commonwealth.	ON TRACK

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	a public, independent or Catholic school, to reach their full potential			
2.2	The Canberra Institute of Technology should remain the primary provider of high-quality vocational training in the ACT	CMTEDD - ED	Canberra Institute of Technology remains the primary provider of high-quality vocational training in the ACT	ON TRACK
	Maintain the CIT under public ownership		Agreement that Canberra Institute of Technology remains under public ownership	COMPLETED / AGREED
	The Government will continue to directly fund CIT to a minimum of 70% of total ACT Government funding for VET		Government has continued funding of 83.5% of the ACT Government Training Budget for the 16/17 Financial Year	ON TRACK
2.3	Employ an additional 20 school psychologists over the term to strengthen mental health and wellbeing support in our schools	Education	Funding commitment provided through the 2017-18 Budget	ON TRACK
	Strengthen community based counselling services for children and young people	Health	The Education and Community Services Directorates are developing an appropriate model of care to inform service agreements and processes	
	Implement a streamlined referral process that can be utilised by all schools	Education	Headspace and the Victorian model is being evaluated as the most suitable method of delivery. Procurement will commence in early 2018	
2.4	Continue social and emotional learning programs in schools to enhance the skills of children and young	Education	Social and emotional learning programs are embedded within the school curriculum	ON TRACK

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	people to engage in respectful relationships, including to prevent violence and sexual assault			
2.5	Employ an additional four senior teachers with expertise in pedagogy, learning difficulties, and literacy and numeracy programming, to implement a coaching and mentoring model to build teaching capacity	Education	Timeframe for implementation is currently being considered by Government	ON TRACK
	Conduct a trial of innovative teaching methods		Timeframe for implementation is currently being considered by Government	
2.6	Implement measures to improve road safety around schools, including the development of individual traffic management plans for every school.	TCCS	Funding was agreed through the 2017-18 ACT Budget	ON TRACK
Commitment 3: Building an integrated transport network				
3.1	Immediately commence community consultation, scoping and design work of Stage 2 of the light rail network, to progress the Woden Stage 2 extension to the procurement stage and contract signing in this term	TCCS	Community consultation work has been undertaken and technical scoping and design work is under way. Funding committed in 2016-17 and 2017-18.	ON TRACK
3.2	Encourage bus patronage by implementing free bus travel for seniors and concession card holders (excluding students) on all routes	TCCS	Trial commenced on 14 January 2017 and expanded to provide free off-peak travel for concession card holders (excluding students) using a MyWay card	ON TRACK

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	Two months free bus travel on new Rapid routes for all travellers	TCCS	Commenced two new rapid routes on 7 October 2017	
3.3	Expand the reach and accessibility of the flexible bus service to the Inner North	TCCS	Expanded Inner North services commenced on 11 September 2017	COMPLETED
3.4	Implement new ACTION Rapid routes to provide better services through town centres and major destinations, as announced by Government prior to the election period and funded in the pre-election update	TCCS	Phase 1 consultation for network integration has commenced. Following feedback Stage 2 consultation will commence in early 2018	ON TRACK
3.5	Develop an ACTION fleet management strategy, with new and replacement buses to be purchased following evaluation of the sustainable fuels bus trial, prioritising green technologies such as hybrid and electric, and considering criteria including value for money and operational cost, environmental performance, energy efficiency and sourcing, and disability accessibility compliance	TCCS	Electric and alternative fuel bus trial commenced	ON TRACK
3.6	Conduct a strategic assessment of innovative transport options for Canberra: autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicle trials	TCCS	Strategic assessment under way. Autonomous vehicle trial under way with "Seeing Machines" and local universities.	ON TRACK
	Conduct a strategic assessment of innovative transport options for Canberra: better utilisation and connection of taxis and buses in off-peak periods	TCCS	A new Nightrider service linking the public transport system with ridesharing services will be introduced on 2 December 2017.	COMPLETED

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3.7	Raise the profile of the Active Travel Office	TCCS	Strong profile and new initiatives launched including Park & Pedal scheme and Bike Stops	ON TRACK
	Through the Active Travel Office coordinate the rollout of \$30 million in additional priority footpath maintenance, cycling and walking route upgrades, and age-friendly suburb improvements in our shopping centres and existing suburbs	TCCS	Ongoing upgrade and improvements to cycle and footpaths, including funding in 2017-18	
3.8	Adopt the World Health Organisation's HEAT model for Budget assessment of active travel projects	TCCS	Timeframe for implementation is currently being considered by Government	NOT YET COMMENCED
3.9	Facilitate the establishment of bike hubs by the private sector (such as those operating in Brisbane).	TCCS	Joint business workshop with Canberra Business Chamber in development	ON TRACK
Commitment 4: Improving social housing and housing affordability				
4.1	Continue the five year program of public housing renewal	EPSDD		ON TRACK
4.2	Develop a new Affordable Housing Strategy to deliver more affordable housing options	CMTEDD - ED	A housing summit was held on 17 October 2017 to contribute to the new housing strategy	ON TRACK
4.3	Continue to cut stamp duty in every ACT Budget	CMTEDD - TSY	Phase 2 of the tax reform program was announced in the 2016-17 budget and came into effect on 1 July 2017	ON TRACK
4.4	Create an innovation fund to support new approaches to affordable housing	EPSDD	Funding has been committed to, including a Housing Innovation Fund of	ON TRACK

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	Provide support to establish HomeGround Real Estate		\$1 million to seed new affordable housing initiatives, the first annual affordable, public and community housing supply target, and a new affordable home purchase database	
	Provide support to establish Homeshare for older Canberrans			
	Provide support to establish Nightingale Housing Model in Canberra			
4.5	Maintain a role for public sector land development with a board that includes independent members with skills from the social and affordable housing sector	CMTEDD - CM	Governing Boards of the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency established on 1 July 2017	COMPLETED
4.6	Set affordable housing targets across greenfield and urban renewal development projects, with structures to prevent resale windfall profits	EPSDD	Further milestones agreed to at Housing and Homelessness Summit in October 2017	ON TRACK
4.7	Work with community and business partners to construct purpose built accommodation for people experiencing mental health concerns and housing difficulties, utilising the 'MyHome for Canberra' project plan	CSD	Funding for a feasibility and planning project was provided in 2017-18 Budget	ON TRACK

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4.8	Grow and diversify the not for profit community housing sector through a combination of capital investment, land transfer and other means	EPSDD	Community engagement completed	ON TRACK
4.9	Strengthen specialist homelessness and housing support services to make sure vulnerable groups (e.g. older women, indigenous communities and women escaping violence) get the support they need	CSD	Timeframe for implementation is actively being considered by Housing ACT	ON TRACK
	Support people seeking housing who have a lived experience of trauma		Engagement with ACT Shelter on development of proposal completed	
	Fund professional development and training for the Specialist Housing and Homeless Service Providers		Consultation with Joint Pathways on skills gaps within homelessness sector completed	
	Support Uniting City Early Morning Centre provision of essential services	CSD	Consultation with Early Morning Centre to identify expanded services and support through additional funding completed	ON TRACK
4.10	Convene a homelessness summit in 2017 bringing together all key stakeholders to develop innovative proposals to combat homelessness	CSD	Summit occurred in October 2017	COMPLETED
4.11	Expand after hours and weekend intake referrals to homelessness services utilising the existing 'OneLink' service for a one year pilot program, and evaluate for continuation.	CSD	Currently monitoring demand and operations with Onelink until June 2018 to then give further consideration to after-hours operation	ON TRACK

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5. Better planning processes, consultation and outcomes				
5.1	Establish an Assembly Committee Inquiry into planning, to recommend amendments to the Territory Plan, ways to improve the planning process, consultation requirements, design and sustainability outcomes, energy performance, and range of housing options	EPSDD	The Planning and Urban Renew Committee established the Inquiry into Housing on 15 March 2017 and is ongoing. Submissions are due by COB 14 February 2018	ON TRACK
5.2	Strengthen community consultation processes, including through the use of deliberative democracy strategies, so that diverse views are taken into account in major project proposals	CMTEDD - CM	An expert paper on engagement reform has been delivered by Double Arrow Consulting and the UC Centre for Global Governance and will be provided to Cabinet for consideration in November 2017. The CTP pilot deliberative democracy process commenced in September, while a deliberative Carers Voice Panel met in October 2017 to inform the development of an ACT Carers Strategy	ON TRACK
5.3	Conduct a review of the effectiveness of the Energy Efficiency Ratings Scheme	EPSDD	Timeframe for implementation is currently being considered by Government	ON TRACK
5.4	Actively progress discussions with the NSW Government and Yass Valley Council regarding moving the ACT/NSW border in West Belconnen	CMTEDD - CM	Engagement with NSW Government and Yass Valley Council commenced. Awaiting the outcome of NSW planning processes	ON TRACK
5.5	Hold a roundtable to develop incentives that will encourage construction of new homes and	EPSDD		ON TRACK

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	apartments that meet the Liveable Housing Design Silver and Gold Levels			
	Develop training programs for architects and builders			
	Showcase Universal Housing in demonstration housing projects			
	Play an active role at COAG to push for genuine progress on the 2010 COAG agreement (in the National Disability Strategy), for new housing to meet Universal Design Standards		COAG has agreed to proceed with the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for minimum standards for Accessible Housing. COAG has also agreed to approve a 'scoping paper' of the RIA by the end of 2017; with a menu of items and costings, working with the ACT and through Disability Ministers, on the RIA to be presented at the June 2018 BMF.	
5.6	Establish a panel of independent auditors to conduct mandatory annual audits of building certifiers through a self-funding model	EPSDD	Development of framework has commenced	
6. Protecting the environment and mitigating climate change				
6.1	Continue all necessary policy and contractual steps to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2020	EPSDD	Entered into FiT contracts with renewable energy generators	COMPLETED
6.2	Sign the 'Under2MOU' and set firm interim targets to reach zero net emissions by 2050 at the latest	EPSDD	Signed up to Under2MoU	COMPLETED

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6.3	Fund the ACT Environmental Defenders Office for at least two years from November 2016, while working with the EDO to develop sustainable wider revenue streams	JACS	Funding provided	COMPLETED
6.4	Establish a container deposit scheme and install 100 recycling bins around the city, to increase recycling rates and improve the amenity and health of our waterways and parklands	TCCS	Legislation was passed in the Assembly in October 2017, implementation consultation now underway for scheme commencement in January 2018	ON TRACK
6.5	Roll out micro parks in urban areas	TCCS	Design competition for Garema Place pop up micro park, with construction under way to be opened for Summer 2017	ON TRACK
	Establish an 'adopt a park' scheme to increase amenity and usage of local open spaces		Progress is under way, and is aligned to the Better Suburbs community and stakeholder consultation currently under way	
	Work with the community and private sector to reduce the heat island effect in urban areas		Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	NOT YET COMMENCED
	Expand the urban and street shade canopy		Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	ON TRACK
	Replace ageing trees		Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	NOT YET COMMENCED
6.6	Conduct an assessment of a Sustainable Bonds scheme to fund sustainable infrastructure	CMTEDD - TSY	Government is considering actions to address this matter	ON TRACK

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6.7	Undertake a regulatory impact statement into setting minimum Energy Efficiency Ratings standards for rental properties by the end of 2017, with a view to implementing measures to improve energy efficiency of rental properties	EPSDD	Analysis of options and impacts is linked to review of the energy efficiency rating scheme (PA 5.3) and the two will be progressed concurrently. Public consultation is expected to be in early 2018 with targeted consultation being undertake during 2017	ON TRACK
6.8	Develop a four year program to deliver weed and pest animal control	EPSDD	The 2017-18 operations plans for weed and pest animal control has been developed and its implementation is on track. In 2017-18 an amount of \$2,074,318 and \$227,323 has been allocated to the weed and pest programs respectively. This is in addition to the indirect support provided by Parks and Conservation to implement these programs	ON TRACK
6.9	Undertake a feasibility study into establishing a new northern Canberra region National Park, including existing nature reserves around Mount Majura, Mount Ainslie and Mulligans Flat	EPSDD	The National Park Feasibility Reference Group has finalised their advice and a report was provided to the Minister in mid-July 2017.	COMPLETED
6.10	Implement the key findings of the Waste Feasibility Study so that ACT waste management is national best practice	TCCS	Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	ON TRACK

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7. Making our community even stronger and more inclusive				
7.1	Develop a carers strategy in close consultation with Carers ACT, disability groups and other affected community members	CSD	The 2017-18 Budget provided funding for the development and implementation of an ACT Carers Strategy. A deliberative Carers Voice Panel met twice in October 2017 to develop the vision, outcomes and priorities for the strategy.	ON TRACK
7.2	Create a new policy unit to monitor and support the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, oversee grants to improve the ability of people with disabilities to participate in mainstream community groups, better support parents of children with disabilities; and a resourced Disability Reference Group to include people with disabilities and to address access issues for transport and new developments	CSD	The Office for Disability was formally established on 1 December 2016 New appointments to the Disability Reference Group were announced in May 2017	COMPLETED
7.3	Establish an ongoing Multicultural Advisory Board to assist with the implementation of the ACT Multicultural Framework	CSD	The Multicultural Advisory Council was established on 15 September 2017 with the appointment of 15 members	COMPLETED
	Convene a multicultural summit	CSD	Planning for the summit will be a priority for the Multicultural Advisory Council, with the Summit expected to be held in the second half of 2018	ON TRACK
7.4	Conduct a program to increase community access to government facilities, such as school halls	Education	Funds approved as part of 2017-18 Better Infrastructure Fund	ON TRACK

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7.5	Establish a Drug and Alcohol Court and associated support programs as part of a goal to reduce recidivism by 25% by 2025	JACS	This initiative is being completed with the Health Directorate. The Supreme Court Working Group has released an Issues and Draft Proposals Paper on possible models for targeted stakeholder consultation. This will inform development of the Drug and Alcohol Court.	ON TRACK
	Continue existing funding of justice reinvestment programs and assess the need for any additional funding as part of the budget process	JACS	The Yarrabi Bamirr justice reinvestment trial commenced in April 2017 in partnership with Winnunga Aboriginal Health and Community Services. A twelve month Bail Support Trial designed to reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on remand and reduce the amount of time spent on remand will soon commence with the Aboriginal Legal Service.	ON TRACK
7.6	Introduce an ACT Rights of Victims Charter	JACS	Project proposal approved by Minister for Justice, and project plan approved by Deputy Director General	ON TRACK
7.7	Continue existing funding for community legal services and assess the need for any additional funding as part of the Budget process	JACS	The Yarrabi Bamirr justice reinvestment trial commenced in April 2017 in partnership with Winnunga Aboriginal Health and Community Services The 2017-18 ACT Budget committed \$2.47	COMPLETED

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			million over four years to community legal centres	
8. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people				
8.1	Continuing funding support for dedicated culture and language programs in schools and after-school programs	Education	All programs are on track to be completed in alignment with the current budget commitments outlined in the 2017-18 budget	ON TRACK
8.2	Ensuring cultural connections are considered in planning and heritage assessments	EPSDD		ON TRACK
9. Reducing harm from gaming				
9.1	Reduce the number of electronic gaming machine licenses in the ACT to 4000 by 1 July 2020	JACS	Legislation is currently being developed following consultation	ON TRACK
9.2	Explore further harm reduction measures, including mandatory pre commitment systems and bet limits for electronic gaming machines	JACS	Broad discussion has occurred with the clubs sector. Measures were incorporated into casino legislation	ON TRACK
9.3	Increase the Problem Gambling Assistance Fund levy from 0.6% of gross gaming machine revenue to 0.75%, and direct additional funds into addressing problem gambling	JACS	Levy increase commenced on 1 July 2017	COMPLETED
9.4	Review the current community contribution scheme, with a view to maximising the direct benefit to the community from the scheme.	JACS	Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government for the 2017-18 financial year	ON TRACK

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10. Strengthening government, parliamentary and electoral integrity				
10.1	Establish an Independent Integrity Commission, broadly structured on those operating in similarly sized jurisdictions, following a Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the most effective and efficient model for the ACT	CMTEDD - CM	Committee established on 15 December 2016. Inquiry Report with recommended model tabled 31 October 2017 Government currently considering the report to develop a response	ON TRACK
10.2	Effective immediately, neither party will accept donations from property developers, and the Government will bring to the Assembly a legislative ban on all such donations based on bans operating in other jurisdictions	JACS	Donations are not accepted Work on legislation progressing	ON TRACK
10.3	Establish a Select Committee to review the operation of the 2016 ACT election and Electoral Act, and make recommendations on lowering the voting age, improving donation rules and reporting timeframes, and encouraging more people to enrol, vote and participate more widely in political activity	JACS	A Select Committee was established in December 2016. The inquiry under way is due to report back to Assembly by the last sitting day of the Assembly for 2017	ON TRACK
10.4	Through the Assembly process, expand the scope of the lobbyist register to capture in-house government relations staff, industry associations, and project management liaison officers and companies, and conduct a review of its effectiveness after one year	CMTEDD - CM		ON TRACK

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10.5	Strengthen the Commissioner for Standards' role by streamlining the referrals process for complaints against MLAs.	CMTEDD - CM		ON TRACK
11. Emergency services and law reform				
11.1	Progress jointly-committed investment in fire-fighting equipment, personnel and facilities	JACS	Funding was provided in 2017-18 budget for aerial firefighting equipment	ON TRACK
	Establish a rigorous ongoing consultation process, including through a roundtable meeting, to discuss wider resourcing, structural and organisational reform, and increasing diversity in the fire-fighting service		Roundtable meetings completed with a high-level of participation and a report was prepared and approved by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services The Minister for Police and Emergency Services issued a response to the Roundtable Meeting Report which detailed the actions already undertaken and those planned in response to the input of the meeting participants	COMPLETED
11.2	Undertake legislative reforms to expand the definition of domestic violence in the Crimes Act to include emotional and social violence	JACS	The definition of domestic violence in the Crimes Act was amended, The Family Violence Act 2016 and the Personal Violence Act 2016 came into effect from 1 May 2017.	COMPLETED

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	Implement any outstanding ALRC recommendations on sexual assault		Royal Commission released a Criminal Justice Paper on 14 August 2017. ALRC and Royal Commission recommendations are being compared	ON TRACK
11.3	Establish an ACT medicinal cannabis program in 2017, to allow sick and dying people timely and efficient access to medicinal cannabis products, on prescription; and establish appropriate regulations, administration and education and training to ensure the programme is effective	Health	<p>The Medicinal Cannabis Medical Advisory Panel (MCMAP) and Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Group (MCAG) have been established</p> <p>Cannabis products intended for medicinal use are able to be prescribed as a Schedule 8 'controlled' medicine in the ACT</p> <p>Medicinal Cannabis has been approved in the ACT Controlled Medicines Prescribing Standards to allow processing of medicinal cannabis applications and prescribers may apply for approval to prescribe medicinal cannabis within certain criteria</p>	ON TRACK
11.4	Bring forward a submission for Cabinet consideration to enact a 'right to appeal' law	JACS	Analysis under way	ON TRACK
12. Public infrastructure				
12.1	Complete Stage 1 of Light Rail from Gungahlin to the City	TCCS	Significant milestones achieved, including light rail track laying, has begun, and the first light rail vehicle has begun its journey to Canberra	ON TRACK

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12.2	Construct Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre, to allow a wider range of use by community, artistic and performance groups	CMTEDD - ED	Finalised scope of works and procurement planning	ON TRACK
12.3	Progress feasibility and business case development work on the Australia Forum convention centre and a new Canberra Theatre	CRA	The ACT Government will progress further work on the Australian Forum proposal as part of the city deal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commonwealth Further preliminary work with the City Renewal Authority is required prior to the consultation on a new Canberra Theatre and performing arts infrastructure commencing. Preliminary cross government discussions have taken place to inform project delivery and planning including with the Cultural Facilities Corporation and Treasury	ON TRACK
12.4	Undertake feasibility studies into the construction of two multi-purpose indoor sports centres in Woden and Gungahlin	CMTEDD - ED		ON TRACK
13. Animal welfare				
13.1	End the ACT Government subsidy to the ACT greyhound racing industry at the conclusion of the current MOU	JACS	Funding ceased in budget. 2018-19 funding will assist people transitioning out of the industry	COMPLETED

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	Actively support the transition steps required to end the operation of the greyhound racing industry, including animal welfare and training support		The government has made available \$1.033 million in transition support for the people, businesses and dogs that will be impacted by the end of greyhound racing in the ACT The government will introduce legislation to end greyhound racing in the ACT in November 2017. A cross-directorate Greyhound Industry Transition Taskforce, chaired by CMTEDD, has also been established. The taskforce has developed a suite of practical options that will be tailored to address the individual circumstances of each applicant through the transition	ON TRACK
13.2	Expand and ensure the effectiveness of cat containment	EPSDD	Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	NOT YET COMMENCED
	Increase funding for cat de-sexing	TCCS	Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	
Parliamentary Agreement appendix				
PA 2.2	Build on Canberra’s reputation as an international higher education and research hub.	CMTEDD - ED	The ACT Government continues to actively engage with the sector through multiple channels, including the Vice Chancellor’s Forum. ACT Government has begun work on a Memorandum of Understanding with UNSW for a second UNSW campus in Canberra	ON TRACK

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PA 2.6	Establish an independent charitable fund to distribute nominated community funds to charitable and community causes levied on venues operating electronic gaming machines in the ACT	JACS	Timeframe for implementation under consideration by Government	ON TRACK
	Maintain Canberra's reputation as inclusive and welcoming for everyone, by funding refugee support programs and services for our LGBTIQ communities	CMTEDD - CM	<p>The recently established ACT Multicultural Advisory Council will strengthen the government's engagement with members of Canberra's multicultural communities. The 2017-18 Budget included \$1.4m to expand English language programs and provide a job broker service for refugees and asylum seekers. During refugee week in June 2017 the ACT hosted the first national Refugee Welcome Zone Forum</p> <p>The ACT Government's Office for LGBTIQ Affairs has been established, and is working across government and the community to promote Canberra's image as a diverse and progressive city and ensure services meet the needs of LGBTIQ people in the ACT. Expanded ACT Government funding for the LGBTIQ Community Consortium in 2017 has enabled implementing agencies to work collaboratively to improve the health of the LGBTIQ community. In particular, the Consortium conducted</p>	

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			the first ever comprehensive service needs assessment of Canberra’s LGBTIQ community	
PA 3.1	Conduct a review in 2017 of the Budget process, to improve community input to Budget decision-making in future years	CMTEDD - TSY	Treasury has undertaken a review of the budget process to improve processes for input. A participatory budgeting trial for a portion of City Services budget to occur in future years of this Assembly	ON TRACK
PA 3.2	Significant Bills will be presented to Cabinet and the Assembly with full Human Rights compatibility statements and a summary of community and stakeholder consultation. All explanatory statements will be drafted in consultation with Parliamentary Counsel Office and produced in a consistent format as outlined in the “Guide to writing an explanatory statement”, Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee, March 2011, which is due for review	JACS	Criteria have been considered. JACS will lead to promote awareness and more thorough analysis as required	ON TRACK
PA 3.3	Allow all Members to seek independent formal advice from the Human Rights Commission, including human rights assessment of non-executive bills, without the requirement to receive permission from, or provide notification to the Attorney-General	JACS	Current legislation allows Members to seek independent formal advice from the Human Rights Commission	COMPLETED
PA 3.4	Undertake disability and gender impact analysis as part of the triple bottom line (TBL) framework, and	CMTEDD – CM	The current TBL framework includes analysis for both gender and disability. Cross-directorate training is planned for	ON TRACK

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	ensure that all relevant staff are trained in TBL analysis		2017-18 on the steps to undertake TBL analysis	
PA 3.5	Amend the Planning Legislation to require that Territory Plan variations are referred to the planning committee, with a decision by the Committee within fifteen working days as to whether it will conduct an inquiry	EPSDD	Amendments to legislation took effect on 29 September 2017. The Act now requires all draft variations to be referred to the Standing Committee and for the Committee to respond within twenty working days as to whether an inquiry will be held	COMPLETED
PA 3.6	Require that reports received by the Minister from the Environment Commissioner are tabled in the Assembly within three months of the Minister receiving the report	EPSDD	Future action pending consultation outcome	ON TRACK



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