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BACKGROUND

Following the 2016 ACT Election, on 30 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.

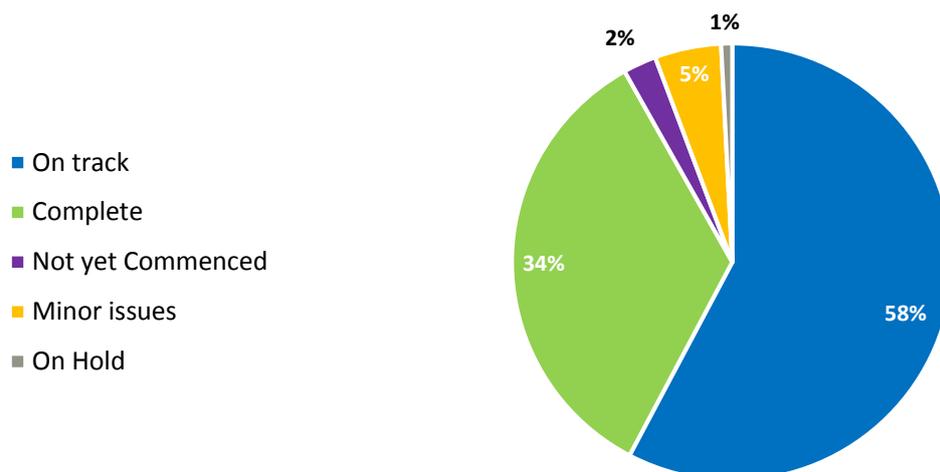
READING THE REPORT

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 1 November 2017 to 30 October 2018. By the second year since the 2016 ACT Election, the Government has delivered 42 initiatives, with 71 on track for completion. Six have minor delays. Three have not yet commenced. None are significantly delayed.

Parliamentary Agreement Current Status (Percentage)



2017-18 Parliamentary Agreement Status – All commitments

All Commitments		
Completed	42	34%
Not yet completed	81	66%
Total	123	100%

2017-18 Parliamentary Agreement Status – Commitments not yet completed

Commitments not yet Completed		
On track	71	88%
Not yet commenced	3	4%
Minor issues	6	7%
On Hold	1	1%
Total	81	100%

HIGHLIGHTS

GUNGAHLIN NURSE-LED WALK-IN CENTRE



Gungahlin's Walk-in Centre opened its doors to the public on Tuesday 4 September 2018.

Gungahlin Walk-in Centre is the third to open, with others available in Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

The new Walk-in Centre is co-located with the Gungahlin Community Health Centre on Ernest Cavanagh Street. The centre will provide the north Canberra community with access to high quality, extended hours health care services closer to where they live.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment and health advice for people with minor injuries and illnesses, including cold and flu. They're open 7 days a week, from 7.30am to 10pm, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day, with no appointment required.

All centres are led by a team of highly skilled Advanced Practice Nurses and Nurse Practitioners.

Come to a Walk-in Centre for treatment of common illnesses, like cold and flu, cuts and bruises, minor infections and wounds, strains and sprains and skin conditions and rashes.

If you have complex or serious health conditions or children under 2 years, please visit your General Practitioner (GP).

The Weston Creek Walk-in Centre is coming by the end of 2019. It will be located at 24 Parkinson Street, Weston. For more information visit <http://health.act.gov.au/our-services/walk-centre>.

NEW ACT HOUSING STRATEGY



The ACT Government is stepping up support for low-income and disadvantaged Canberrans with a \$100 million investment in public housing over the next five years. This will deliver at least 200 new homes and the renewal of a further 1,000 homes.

Every Canberran, no matter their circumstances, should have access to safe and affordable housing that suits their needs. This new investment will ensure we can keep growing Canberra's public housing stock.

This \$100 million investment is a key initiative under the new ACT Housing Strategy released in October 2018 after extensive consultation and engagement with tenants, service users and providers, and the community.

The strategy also includes a new target of setting aside 15 per cent of all Government land releases for public, community and affordable housing, including both infill development in urban areas and developments in new suburbs. This will grow the number of additional homes delivered each year to approximately 630.

The government will further grow the community housing sector through the provision of 151 dwellings across different sites, to be tenanted and managed so as to achieve a strong social mix and deliver more affordable rental housing on the ground.

For renters, the strategy outlines new and stronger protections to guard against unfair rent increases and give tenants more rights to make a property their home.

The ACT Housing Strategy builds on our record of action to improve housing affordability and reduce homelessness. We are abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers – no matter what type of property they buy and we have reduced our rate of homelessness by 8 per cent since 2011. We are also growing funding for specialist homelessness services and delivering the largest renewal of public housing stock since self-government by renewing 1,288 homes.

RENEWING CANBERRA'S TOWN CENTRES

The ACT Government is continuing the renewal of Canberra's suburbs and town centres. With a new Belconnen Bikeway, and Woden and Tuggeranong town centre upgrades, we're upgrading local infrastructure and improving local cycling and footpath connections, supporting Canberrans to enjoy more active lifestyles.



Our town centres help make Canberra one of the most liveable cities in the world, and the ACT Government will continue to make investments that draw people into our town centres and support local businesses.

In Belconnen, we will deliver a fully integrated active travel loop, which links the town centre, Lake Ginninderra foreshore and the region's sport and study institutions. This extends and completes the design work already underway on the Belconnen Bikeway which was a 2016 election commitment.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME



Canberra's Container Deposit Scheme has begun. Residents can now return eligible containers for a 10 cent refund.

The Scheme aims to increase recycling and reduce the number of eligible containers going to landfill. Containers can be returned through

express return points, where you'll have the option of receiving an electronic refund or donating the proceeds to charity.

Express return points are located at Salvos stores in Fyshwick, Mitchell, Phillip and Tuggeranong and Vinnies shopfronts in Belconnen, Dickson and Tuggeranong.

Two depot sites at Fyshwick and Mitchell offer an additional option of a cash refund, with Fyshwick also able to accept large numbers of containers for processing.

More sites will be progressively rolled out in the coming year and by July 2019 there will be 18 collection points across the ACT. For more information visit www.actcds.com.au.

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	The Gungahlin Walk in Centre (WiC) was opened by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing on 3 September 2018. Services commenced on 4 September 2018.	COMPLETED
	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		The 2018 Budget provided a capital provision of \$2 million for design and construction of the Weston Creek WiC. Detailed milestones will be developed as design progresses.	ON TRACK
	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		Early project planning is underway in preparation for the design of a WiC and options for Community Health Infrastructure requirements in the Inner North.	
	Assess the benefits of extending the centres' hours of operation		Following an audit of WiC client presentations, a recommendation was provided to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to maintain current service hours. This recommendation was accepted.	COMPLETED

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Reference Number	Initiative Description	Lead Agency	Current Action	Status
1.2	Establish the Office for Mental Health to roll out and oversee mental health services and provider funding	Health	The Office of Mental Health and Wellbeing was launched by the Minister for Mental Health in June 2018 and has begun working towards established objectives of the Office including development of a suicide prevention strategy.	ON TRACK
	Develop a strategy that sets targets for suicide reduction			
	Provide more support for young people		This commitment is being delivered through support for HeadSpace and the Youth Assertive Outreach program.	COMPLETED
1.3	Reduce the incidence of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other preventable health conditions by expanding and refocussing the Healthy Weight Initiative	Health	A Healthy and Active Living team has been established in CMTEDD in June 2018 to support collaboration across government. Further consideration of external stakeholder governance arrangements, including the possible role for a preventive health co-ordinator, will occur as the strategy approach is developed throughout the remainder of 2018 and initial implementation in 2019.	ON TRACK
	Appoint a Preventative Health Coordinator, responsible for developing a comprehensive preventative health strategy			
1.4	Improve dental treatment for those who cannot easily access it by operating two additional mobile dental clinics	Health	Work on this commitment has progressed during 2017-18 following the allocation of Budget funding. The fit-out of the mobile dental vehicles	ON TRACK

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			has commenced and the models of care have been developed.	
	Implement subsidy and opening hour policies to increase care for low income Canberrans		Subsidised public dental treatment in the ACT is available to low income Canberrans. Opening hours for child and youth dental appointments at the Belconnen and Tuggeranong Health Centre is complete. Consumer feedback has been positive.	ON TRACK
1.5	Provide better healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by building a new health clinic for Winnunga Nimityjah Aboriginal Health Service	Health	The ACT Government has committed \$12 million funding to construct a new health centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people. ACT Health is working closely with Winnunga Nimityjah Aboriginal Health Service to progress the build. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between both parties in September 2018 that outlines the provision of grant funding and the arrangements to facilitate the construction.	ON TRACK

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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	<p>The 2018 Budget delivered \$21.2 million over four years for more staff resources to help cut waiting times at Canberra’s Emergency Departments.</p> <p>The Government has also committed \$34.5 million over four years so that an extra 24 nurses, three doctors and seven allied health professionals can deliver Hospital in the Home to 3,000 more patients each year.</p>	ON TRACK
	Review current ACT Health outpatient and community based services		A review of current ACT Health outpatient and community based health services will occur through the work occurring as part of the Territory-wide Health Services Framework and associated service planning.	
	Implement incentives to raise nurse qualifications and career development opportunities		This commitment has been met through the implementation of two related election commitments. Nursing scholarships have been reviewed by the Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer to reflect a better criteria for receiving a scholarship for post-graduate	

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			studies within nursing as well as increasing the amount of money available for these scholarships. Career development opportunities have also been met by increasing yearly the number of graduate nurses employed by the Canberra Hospital.	
1.7	Develop a Nurse Safety Strategy through forums with stakeholders, focussing on high risk areas.	Health	Consultation on the draft Nurse Safe Strategy has occurred with ANMF, mental health staff and other nurses and midwives. The Strategy is nearing completion.	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 a public, independent or Catholic school, to reach their full potential	Education	The Government has been actively engaging with the Commonwealth in the ongoing discussions over the future education funding model and the ACT's bilateral funding agreement.	ON TRACK
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.	COMPLETED

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	Maintain the CIT under public ownership		No consideration is being given to changing the ownership status of CIT	
	The Government will continue to directly fund CIT to a minimum of 70% of total ACT Government funding for VET		Arrangements are in place that ensure CIT receives majority of VET funding in the ACT.	
2.3	Employ an additional 20 school psychologists over the term to strengthen mental health and wellbeing support in our schools	Education	Funding was delivered in the 2017 and 2018 ACT Budgets for the recruitment of 20 school psychologists, with progressive recruitment underway.	ON TRACK
	Strengthen community based counselling services for children and young people	Health	From the start of the 2018 school year, counselling services for children aged 5-12 years have been expanded through increasing clinical staff on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Primary School Intervention Program.	COMPLETED
	Implement a streamlined referral process that can be utilised by all schools	Education	ACT Education and ACT Health Mental Health Policy Unit are jointly committed to mapping the agencies and organisations in the ACT that provide mental health services for children and young people, including the referral pathways to access these services.	ON TRACK

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			On 10 August 2018, an agreement was reached to collaborate on mapping mental health services and related referral pathways available for children and young people in the ACT.	
2.4	Continue social and emotional learning programs in schools to enhance the skills of children and young people to engage in respectful relationships, including to prevent violence and sexual assault	Education	Social and emotional learning programs are embedded within the school curriculum.	COMPLETED
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	TCCS is consulting key stakeholders to develop an agreed approach to deliver traffic managements plans for schools. The development of plans is expected to commence in 2018-19.	ON TRACK

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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	Light Rail Stage 2 is under active development. The proposal is currently before the Joint Standing Committee on National Capital and External Territories Inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary Approvals for Stage 2 of the ACT Light Rail project.	ON TRACK
3.2	Encourage bus patronage by implementing free bus travel for seniors and concession card holders (excluding students) on all routes	TCCS	Free bus travel has continued to be provided throughout 2017-18.	ON TRACK
	Two months free bus travel on new Rapid routes for all travellers	TCCS	The Government has announced one month of free travel for all MyWay cardholders to coincide with the commencement of the new bus network in 2019.	COMPLETED
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	The government has consulted extensively with the community and announced the delivery of a new bus network for Canberra will commence in early 2019.	ON TRACK

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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	A public report is being developed for release in the near future.	ON TRACK
3.6	Conduct a strategic assessment of innovative transport options for Canberra: autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicle trials	TCCS	The ACT Government has partnered with Seeing Machines during 2018 to deliver an autonomous vehicle trial.	COMPLETED
	Conduct a strategic assessment of innovative transport options for Canberra: better utilisation and connection of taxis and buses in off-peak periods	TCCS	The ACT Government has formed a partnership with Uber for late night services over the December/January holiday period.	ON TRACK
3.7	Raise the profile of the Active Travel Office	TCCS	Activities to raise the profile of the Active Travel Office include Canberra Walk and Ride Week in March 2018, the renewal of the Active Travel Advisory Group and Women on bikes – Spoke Up, a week of activities to encourage more women to take up cycling and active travel.	ON TRACK
	Through the Active Travel Office coordinate the rollout of \$30 million in additional priority	TCCS	The 2017 and 2018 Budgets included funding of more than \$30 million for	

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	footpath maintenance, cycling and walking route upgrades, and age-friendly suburb improvements in our shopping centres and existing suburbs		active travel infrastructure including the Belconnen Bikeway, footpath and bike path improvements around the Woden and Tuggeranong Town Centres, and completing missing links around local schools. Further active travel projects will be considered in future Budget rounds.	
3.8	Adopt the World Health Organisation’s HEAT model for Budget assessment of active travel projects	TCCS	Funding was allocated in the 2018 Budget to investigate the WHO’s HEAT model	ON TRACK
3.9	Facilitate the establishment of bike hubs by the private sector (such as those operating in Brisbane).	TCCS	The government has commenced consideration of the requirements to incentivise private sector participation.	ON TRACK
Commitment 4: Improving social housing and housing affordability				
4.1	Continue the five year program of public housing renewal	EPSDD	Construction of new public housing continues on sites throughout the ACT.	ON TRACK
4.2	Develop a new Affordable Housing Strategy to deliver more affordable housing options	CMTEDD - ED	A new Housing Strategy for the ACT was launched in October 2018.	COMPLETED
4.3	Continue to cut stamp duty in every ACT Budget	CMTEDD - TSY	Stamp duty for insurance and life insurance duty has already been abolished. Stamp duty on residential transactions is now significantly	ON TRACK

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			below the national average and the lowest of all jurisdictions except the Queensland rate for owner occupiers	
4.4	Create an innovation fund to support new approaches to affordable housing	EPSDD	The Government established the \$1 million Housing Innovation Fund in 2018 and has already allocated funds to a range of new projects (see below).	COMPLETED
	Provide support to establish HomeGround Real Estate		\$230,000 has been awarded to Community Housing Canberra to establish an Affordable Rental Real Estate Management Model (similar to 'HomeGround') under Round 1 of the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund.	ON TRACK
	Provide support to establish Homeshare for older Canberrans		Expressions of Interest will be sought under Round 2 of the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to establish or expand a home sharing scheme in the ACT.	
	Provide support to establish Nightingale Housing Model in Canberra		This model was part of the ACT's new Housing Strategy, launched in October 2018.	COMPLETED
4.5	Maintain a role for public sector land development with a board that includes	CMTEDD - CM	This commitment has been met by the establishment of the Suburban	COMPLETED

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	independent members with skills from the social and affordable housing sector		Land Agency and appointment of its board.	
4.6	Set affordable housing targets across greenfield and urban renewal development projects, with structures to prevent resale windfall profits	EPSDD	<p>The City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Housing Target) Determination 2018 (No 2) sets out the public, community and affordable housing targets for Government land releases scheduled in 2018-19.</p> <p>This target was set as part of the ACT's new Housing Strategy, launched in October 2018.</p>	COMPLETED
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 the 2017 Budget. The ACT Government is currently working with business partners to progress this project.	ON TRACK
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 Housing targets have been set on the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Government land release programs to ensure dedicated land is set aside for the community housing sector to increase the supply of affordable rental properties. Other measures for growing and diversifying the community housing	ON TRACK

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			sector are underway or planned through the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund and the new Housing Strategy.	
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	The 2018 Budget delivered \$23.4 million in funding to specialist homelessness services and community housing providers, including funding for 36 new places at the Beryl and Doris women’s shelters and to establish a new complex to provide culturally appropriate housing for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.	ON TRACK
	Support people seeking housing who have a lived experience of trauma		A research and consultation report was delivered to Housing ACT in October 2018. This report recommends appropriate training resources based on best practice research, to contribute to a more trauma aware ACT Specialist Homelessness sector. Procurement processes will be undertaken to determine the most appropriate providers to implement these recommendations.	COMPLETED

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	Fund professional development and training for the Specialist Housing and Homeless Service Providers		A professional development framework will be developed in collaboration with the ACT Specialist Homelessness Sector and Joint Pathways, articulating the professional development needs of the sector and what available training resources are needed.	ON TRACK
	Support Uniting City Early Morning Centre provision of essential services	CSD	This Early Morning Centre commitment is successfully completed with service delivery outcomes reporting to be provided at the end of each financial year.	COMPLETED
4.10	Convene a homelessness summit in 2017 bringing together all key stakeholders to develop innovative proposals to combat homelessness	CSD	The homelessness 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	This initiative was funded in the 2018 Budget and Housing ACT and OneLink are currently progressing implementation.	ON TRACK
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	EPSDD	The Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal commenced an inquiry into housing on 15 March	COMPLETED

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	process, consultation requirements, design and sustainability outcomes, energy performance, and range of housing options		2017 but discontinued the inquiry in November 2017, due to the concurrent work being done by the ACT Government on the Housing Choices community consultation.	
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	<p>The Government has completed a number of participatory democracy projects including the Citizens' Jury on Compulsory Third Party insurance, the Better Suburbs community panel, the Housing Choices Collaboration Hub and the Carers' Voice panel which co-designed the new Carers Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategic Engagement team within CMTEDD Communications & Engagement Division has been set up to help strengthen engagement processes across government. This includes the practical support for Directorates, development of guidelines, improvements to coordination across government and increasing participation in engagement processes from across the community.</p>	ON TRACK

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5.3	Conduct a review of the effectiveness of the Energy Efficiency Ratings Scheme	EPSDD	The Government is currently developing a discussion paper for public consultation. Funding for the review was included in the 2018 Budget.	DELAYED/ MINOR ISSUES
5.4	Actively progress discussions with the NSW Government and Yass Valley Council regarding moving the ACT/NSW border in West Belconnen	CMTEDD - CM	Land on the NSW side of the development is currently undergoing the NSW planning approvals process and discussions concerning the border will progress further once this is completed.	ON TRACK
5.5	Hold a roundtable to develop incentives that will encourage construction of new homes and apartments that meet the Liveable Housing Design Silver and Gold Levels	EPSDD	The Government is considering timing for this aspect of item 5.5 in light of the work and public consultation on potential minimum accessibility standards under the Building Ministers Forum.	NOT YET COMMENCED
	Develop training programs for architects and builders			
	Showcase Universal Housing in demonstration housing projects		The Government's Housing Choices Demonstration Project is encouraging projects that include accessible or universally designed housing.	DELAYED / MINOR ISSUES
	Play an active role at COAG to push for genuine progress on the 2010 COAG agreement (in the		Starting in October 2018, the national Building Ministers' Forum will seek public comment on an	ON TRACK

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	National Disability Strategy), for new housing to meet Universal Design Standards		options paper for potential accessibility standards for new housing.	
5.6	Establish a panel of independent auditors to conduct mandatory annual audits of building certifiers through a self-funding model	EPSDD	This will be progressed in conjunction with the ACT Government's building regulatory reform program.	DELAYED / MINOR ISSUES
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	The ACT's 100% renewable electricity by 2020 target is on track.	ON TRACK
6.2	Sign the 'Under2MOU' and set firm interim targets to reach zero net emissions by 2050 at the latest	EPSDD	Government has signed the 'Under 2 MoU' and continues to take a proactive and collaborative approach in responding to climate change. New interim emission reduction targets were introduced in July 2018 to guide progress towards achieving net zero emissions by 2045. The ACT continues to be recognised nationally and internationally for our leadership on climate action. Government has committed to reducing emissions (from 1990 levels) by 50-60% by 2025, 65-75% by 2030, and 90-95% by 2040.	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	The 2017 Budget delivered two-year funding for the Environmental Defenders Office; the Government is continuing to work with the office on its longer-term funding model.	ON TRACK
6.4	Establish a container deposit scheme	TCCS	The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has now begun. Under the Scheme, consumers are able to return eligible, empty beverage containers and receive a 10 cent refund for each container. Residents are able to collect the refund themselves or donate it to charity.	COMPLETED
	Install 100 recycling bins around the city, to increase recycling rates and improve the amenity and health of our waterways and parklands		The Government will consider implementation of this commitment as part of future Budget rounds.	NOT YET COMMENCED
6.5	Roll out micro parks in urban areas	TCCS	The 2018 Budget provided funding to deliver a feasibility study and identify suitable sites for micro parks.	ON TRACK
	Establish an 'adopt a park' scheme to increase amenity and usage of local open spaces		The 'adopt a park scheme' was funded in the 2018 Budget.	
	Work with the community and private sector to reduce the heat island effect in urban areas		Implementation is underway following funding in the 2018	

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	Expand the urban and street shade canopy		Budget. TCCS is currently assessing appropriate planting locations, and progressing the consolation with community.	
	Replace ageing trees			
6.6	Conduct an assessment of a Sustainable Bonds scheme to fund sustainable infrastructure	CMTEDD - TSY	The Government is considering funding models for sustainable infrastructure and has examined Sustainable Bond delivery models in other Australian jurisdictions.	ON TRACK
6.7	Undertake a regulatory impact statement into setting minimum Energy Efficiency Ratings (EER) standards for rental properties by the end of 2017, with a view to implementing measures to improve energy efficiency of rental properties	EPSDD	The analysis of options and impacts is linked to review of the energy efficiency rating scheme (PA 5.3) as this affects what is included in an EER. The Government is investigating regulatory and non-regulatory ways to improve the energy efficiency of rental properties with lower efficiency. Consultation on options will be undertaken after consultation on the review of the energy efficiency rating scheme. The 2018 Budget includes funding to complete the regulatory impact analysis by mid-2019.	DELAYED/MINOR ISSUES
6.8	Develop a four year program to deliver weed and pest animal control	EPSDD	The 2018 Budget delivered four years of funding to protect the ACT's biodiversity by reducing invasive	COMPLETED

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			plants, rabbits, wild dogs and feral deer in natural habitats across the Territory.	
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 provided advice to the Minister in mid July 2017 that a new national park in Canberra's north was not justified as the land in question is already afforded adequate protection as nature reserve under ACT legislation.	COMPLETED
6.10	Implement the key findings of the Waste Feasibility Study so that ACT waste management is national best practice	TCCS	The Government has completed scoping of an interim waste activity management system. The 2018 Budget confirmed funding for a waste regulatory management system and the project plan has been developed. Community consultation on waste to energy is also underway, to develop a best-practice policy for the Territory.	ON TRACK
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	Undertaking a deliberative democracy process, the Carers Voice Panel was convened consisting of	COMPLETED

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			carers and members of the broader community. The process ensured broad, inclusive consultation on the complex challenges faced by carers leading to informed policy development and delivery of ACT Carers Strategy 2018-2028.	
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	CSD	The Office for Disability was formally established on 1 December 2016.	COMPLETED
	Create a resourced Disability Reference Group to include people with disabilities and to address access issues for transport and new developments		A Disability Reference Group has been appointed and engagement is occurring across government on access issues for people with disability.	ON TRACK
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		The Office for Multicultural Affairs is preparing for the first ACT	ON TRACK

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			Multicultural Summit in November 2018.	
7.4	Conduct a program to increase community access to government facilities, such as school halls	Education	<p>Works recently completed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of the external dressing rooms and toilets at Campbell High School; and • A pilot on-line booking system for the use of school spaces has commenced at Melrose High School. <p>The Community Access to Public School Working Group is continuing to meet throughout this financial year. Funding of \$100,000 has been allocated in the 2018-19 Public School Infrastructure Upgrade program budget to undertake additional works at schools.</p>	COMPLETED
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	Collaborative scoping work is continuing across Government as the establishment of a Drug and Alcohol Court intersects with many areas of Government policy and service delivery.	ON TRACK

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	Continue existing funding of justice reinvestment programs and assess the need for any additional funding as part of the budget process	JACS	The Bail Support Trial was launched on 7 December 2017. The Yarrabi Bamirr justice reinvestment trial commenced in April 2017 in partnership with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services.	ON TRACK
7.6	Introduce an ACT Rights of Victims Charter	JACS	Work on this commitment is progressing. The Government is working closely with stakeholders including the Victims Advisory Board, the Victims of Crime Commissioner, individual victims of crime and justice agencies to identify the best approach for implementing a Charter of Rights for Victims of Crime in the ACT.	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 2017-18 ACT Budget committed \$2.47 million over four years to community legal centres.	COMPLETED
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	The Directorate continued to run Introduction to Aboriginal Languages Masterclasses this quarter and is in the process of selecting a local Ngunnawal name for the Centre for	ON TRACK

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			<p>Innovation and Learning at Caroline Chisholm School.</p> <p>Workshops focussing on Cultural Integrity in ACT public schools were again delivered this quarter. The Directorate is also developing On Country Cultural Immersion professional learning for School Leader Cs in ACT public schools.</p> <p>The Directorate held the Rediscovering History Symposium this quarter and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.</p>	
8.2	Ensuring cultural connections are considered in planning and heritage assessments	EPSDD	<p>The <i>Heritage Act 2004</i> makes provision for recognising, registering and conserving Aboriginal places and objects, and for involving Aboriginal people in decisions affecting those places and objects.</p> <p>The Government is considering further steps to address this commitment.</p>	ON TRACK
9. Reducing harm from gaming				

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9.1	Reduce the number of electronic gaming machine licenses in the ACT to 4000 by 1 July 2020	JACS	Work is currently underway to implement this initiative, including through consideration of the Gaming Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 by the Legislative Assembly.	ON TRACK
9.2	Explore further harm reduction measures, including mandatory pre commitment systems and bet limits for electronic gaming machines	JACS	Work is currently underway to implement this initiative. The Legislative Assembly has passed the Casino Electronic Gaming Act 2017 which provides for mandatory pre-commitment measures and bet limits.	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	The review was tabled in the Legislative Assembly during October 2018.	COMPLETED
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	CMTEDD - CM	Legislation establishing the ACT Integrity Commission is expected to have passed the Legislative Assembly by the end of 2018.	ON TRACK

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	into the most effective and efficient model for the ACT			
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 by ACT Labor nor ACT Greens. Work on legislation to introduce this requirement territory-wide is 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 Government tabled a response to the Committee Report on 10 April 2018.	COMPLETED
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	The Chief Minister has written to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure to request the committee investigate how this commitment may be actioned.	ON TRACK
10.5	Strengthen the Commissioner for Standards' role by streamlining the referrals process for complaints against MLAs.	CMTEDD - CM	The Standing Committee's report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 8 June 2017. In August 2017 the report was passed and adopted. The Continuing Resolution 5AA was then updated.	COMPLETED

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11. Emergency services and law reform				
11.1	Progress jointly-committed investment in fire-fighting equipment, personnel and facilities	JACS	The Government made a significant investment in the ACT's emergency services through the 2018 Budget, including delivering funding to conduct an additional recruit college to train 18 new firefighters and purchasing a new aerial apparatus for ACT Fire & Rescue to support the existing Bronto appliance and respond to multi-storey building incidents.	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		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 has been amended and 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		The Government is currently examining further initiatives in the context of the ACT Legislative Assembly's inquiry into the Territory's consent laws.	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	The Medicinal Cannabis Medical Advisory Panel and Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Group have been established. Cannabis products intended for medicinal use are able to be prescribed as a Schedule 8 'controlled' medicine in the ACT. 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. The Government will continue to examine the interaction between ACT and Commonwealth laws regarding access to medicinal cannabis.	ON TRACK
11.4	Bring forward a submission for Cabinet consideration to enact a 'right to appeal' law	JACS	Work on this commitment is anticipated to begin in 2019.	DELAYED / MINOR ISSUES

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12. Public infrastructure				
12.1	Complete Stage 1 of Light Rail from Gungahlin to the City	TCCS	Stage 1 of Light Rail will welcome its first passengers in early 2019.	ON TRACK
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	The Government provided full funding to meet this commitment in the 2018 Budget.	ON TRACK
12.3	Progress feasibility and business case development work on the Australia Forum convention centre and a new Canberra Theatre	CMTEDD - CM	The government has identified the revitalisation and expansion of the Canberra Theatre precinct as the higher priority project. Work is underway on the development of a business case for an integrated precinct delivering new and better performance facilities.	ON HOLD (Australia Forum)
				ON TRACK (Canberra Theatre Precinct)
12.4	Undertake feasibility studies into the construction of two multi-purpose indoor sports centres in Woden and Gungahlin	CMTEDD - ED	Work on this commitment is progressing.	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	The Government has ended direct funding to the greyhound racing industry.	COMPLETED
	Actively support the transition steps required to end the operation of the greyhound racing		The Government's \$1 million Transition Support Package was available until 30 September 2018.	COMPLETED

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	industry, including animal welfare and training support			
13.2	Expand and ensure the effectiveness of cat containment	EPSDD	A cattery facility will be constructed at the Domestic Animal Services facility in Symonston to enable roaming cats to be seized and cared for. The expected completion date for this facility is March 2019.	DELAYED / MINOR ISSUES
	Increase funding for cat de-sexing	TCCS	The Government has delivered increased funding for cat de-sexing and domestic animal management through the 2018 Budget.	ON TRACK
Parliamentary Agreement appendix				
PA 2.2	Build on Canberra’s reputation as an international higher education and research hub.	CMTEDD - ED	Two Vice Chancellors Forum meetings were held in 2017-18 to bring together senior leaders from each of the ACT’s higher education institutions. In the past 12 months the ACT Government has continued negotiations with the University of New South Wales for an expanded presence in Canberra, including through the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding.	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	The Chief Minister’s Charitable Fund has been established to provide additional help to the most vulnerable members of our community. The Fund has been established through a one-off grant of \$5 million.	COMPLETED
	Maintain Canberra's reputation as inclusive and welcoming for everyone, by funding refugee support programs and services for our LGBTIQ communities	CMTEDD - CM	The Office for LGBTIQ Affairs is undertaking a range of activities to continue making Canberra a more inclusive and welcoming city. Funding for refugee support programs was allocated in the 2018 Budget.	ON TRACK
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	The review of the Budget Consultation Process was undertaken in 2017 and the findings considered by the Budget Committee of Cabinet. The Government has committed to undertake a trial of participatory budgeting of some categories of municipal expenditure as part of the 2019 Budget.	COMPLETED
PA 3.2	Significant Bills will be presented to Cabinet and the Assembly with full Human Rights	JACS	The Government continues to incorporate these processes into the	ON TRACK

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	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.		consideration of significant legislation.	
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	The Government has examined this commitment and confirmed that it is possible for Members to seek Human Rights Commission advice in this way.	
PA 3.4	Undertake disability and gender impact analysis as part of the triple bottom line (TBL) framework, and ensure that all relevant staff are trained in TBL analysis	CMTEDD – CM	<p>The Cabinet Liaison Network was used to ensure relevant staff had the necessary training, guidance material and advice to support Directorates’ TBL analysis.</p> <p>The TBL framework and explanatory material is being reviewed. To support the review, Cabinet Office is holding TBL seminars, developing an eLearning module and compiling a better practice guide.</p>	

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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	Planning and Development Act 2007 was amended on 28 September 2017 to require all draft variations to the Territory Plan to be referred to the Planning and Urban Renewal Standing Committee for consideration.	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	The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993 requires the Minister to table reports within 6 sitting days after the day of receiving a report from the Commissioner.	COMPLETED



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