



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Statutory functions of committees

Overview

1. Various pieces of legislation give Assembly committees roles in government and the Assembly. These roles include:
 - a. receiving information reports, covering areas such as board members' interests, government contracts, and land acquisitions;
 - b. being consulted on matters such as the content of annual reports, draft reserve management plans, statutory appointments, and the Assembly's annual appropriation;
 - c. reporting to the Assembly on human rights issues in bills; and
 - d. inquiring into draft variations of the territory plan.
2. Following the commencement of the Legislation (Legislative Assembly Committees) Act in April 2022, the most common way in which these tasks are allocated to committees is through a schedule signed by the Speaker. There is a [schedule](#) for statutory functions generally and a [schedule](#) for statutory appointments. There are separate [guidelines](#) for statutory appointments.
3. There are five Acts that are exceptions. These Acts allocate roles to a committee with a particular function, as below.

Act	Committee functions or responsibilities
<i>Auditor-General Act 1996</i>	Auditor-General
<i>Electoral Act 1992</i>	Electoral matters
<i>Integrity Commission Act 2018</i>	Corruption and integrity in public administration
<i>Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2012</i>	Internal administration and procedure of the Assembly
<i>Ombudsman Act 1989</i>	Corruption and integrity in public administration

4. The five Acts have been drafted in this manner to minimise any conflict of interest with the Speaker's performance of functions under these Acts.

5. The Speaker's schedule and this overview can help directorates in meeting their legal requirements, and those of their ministers.
6. Committee staff are available to assist with queries. Contact information for the Assembly's standing committees is available on their webpages, which can be accessed [here](#).

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