NOTICE PAPER
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THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2008
The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

*1 MR BARR: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to planning and development, and for related purposes. (Notice given 13 February 2008).


ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

1 MR PRATT: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) that 31 months has passed since the first of only two community meetings with the Tharwa community to discuss the future of the Tharwa Bridge;

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

(b) that the Heritage Council recommended that the Tharwa Bridge be restored and retained;
(c) the negative social and financial impact on the Tharwa community and district since the closure of the Tharwa Bridge in September 2006;
(d) the Minister’s failure to consult on all options and instead his determination at both community meetings in May 2005 and October 2006 to replace the old bridge with a new concrete bridge;
(e) the ACT Government’s failure to identify and take note of the engineering and financial evidence which existed showing that the Tharwa Bridge was not beyond economic repair and was capable of being restored relatively quickly;
(f) the time and money wasted on the tender process and preliminary works for the proposed new concrete bridge at Tharwa;
(g) the Chief Minister’s intervention as a result of community sentiment and inaction by and incompetence of Minister Hargreaves; and
(h) the decision to restore Tharwa Bridge is welcome recognition of the importance of a valuable heritage icon of the ACT;

(2) calls on the ACT Government to apologise to the:
(a) Tharwa community for the:
   (i) social and financial impact on the Tharwa village and surrounding district; and
   (ii) extended time it took to resolve the issue;
(b) ACT community for placing a heritage icon at risk;

(3) refers to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment for inquiry and report all circumstances surrounding the original decision to close the existing Tharwa Bridge, the original decision to restore the existing Tharwa Bridge and the consequent decision to build a new bridge at Tharwa and subsequent reversal of that decision, including but not limited to:
(a) the process that occurred that brought the ACT Government to the decision to build a new concrete bridge at Tharwa;
(b) the engineering and financial advice that has been provided to the ACT Government to date, regarding the viability of the restoration of the bridge at Tharwa;
(c) the business case that was developed, including the engineering and financial advice, for consideration by the ACT Government regarding the viability of the restoration of the bridge at Tharwa;
(d) the environmental impact studies undertaken and any other advice received regarding the construction of a new bridge with respect to the river, the surrounding landscape and the Tharwa village;
(e) the social and financial impact on the Tharwa village and surrounding district;
the consequences of not restoring an asset listed on the heritage register; and

(g) the social and financial impact on the residents of Tharwa and surrounding districts; and

(4) that the Committee report on this matter by the last sitting day of April 2008.

(Notice given 12 February 2008).

Orders of the day

1  PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 29—ACTION BUSES AND THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PLAN—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2007—Mr Corbell, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the report be noted.

2  PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 28—VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO 276—ANU CITY WEST PRECINCT ‘THE ANU EXCHANGE’—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 21 August 2007—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Barr—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

3  PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 30—PROPOSED NOMINATION OF THE ACT AS A UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2007—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That the report be noted.

4  ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—STANDING ORDER 156—PROPOSED REFERENCE: Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2007—Mrs Dunne, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Smyth—That standing order 156 be referred to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure for inquiry and report, with specific reference to whether Members who receive benefits from poker machine revenue should be able to participate in debate on matters pertaining to gambling and associated subjects.

5  ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 2—REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND OTHER ORDERS OF THE ASSEMBLY—MOTION THAT REPORT BE ADOPTED: Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2007—Mr Corbell) on the motion of Mr Smyth—That the report be adopted.

6  LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 7—STRict AND ABSolute LIABILITY OFFENCES—MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (from 12 February 2008—Mr Corbell) on the motion of Mr Seselja—That the report be noted.

7  GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES—RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT—PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Resumption of debate (from 12 February 2008—Mrs Dunne) on the motion of Mrs Burke—That the resolution of the Assembly of 7 December 2004 relating to the establishment of general purpose standing committees be amended by:
(1) inserting “at least” after “shall consist of” in paragraph (4); and
(2) omitting “one” and substituting “two” in paragraph (4)(e)(iii).

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8  **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE:**
Presentation of report on maintaining a sustainable water supply in the ACT pursuant to order of the Assembly of 7 June 2007.

**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS—continued**

**Notices—continued**

*3  **MR STANHOPE:** To move—That this Assembly:

(1) reaffirms its apology made in this place on 17 June 1997 to the Ngunnawal people and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT for the hurt and distress inflicted upon any people as a result of the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families;

(2) once again assures the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this Territory that the Assembly regards the past practices of forced separation as abhorrent and expresses our sincere determination that they will not happen in the ACT;

(3) reaffirms its commitment to a just and proper outcome for the grievances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people adversely affected by those policies;

(4) further, notes the historical significance of the Rudd Labor Government which yesterday moved a formal apology in the Parliament of Australia which marks the beginning of true reconciliation with the Indigenous population of Australia, and a significant point in the process of healing for those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were victims of those policies; and

(5) commends the Prime Minister for his leadership on this matter. *(Notice given 13 February 2008).*

**Orders of the day**

1  **REGULATORY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007:**
*(Attorney-General; presented by Minister for Education and Training): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate *(from 12 February 2008).*


6 FAIR WORK CONTRACTS BILL 2004: (Minister for Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mr Mulcahy).

7 PUBLIC interest disclosure bill 2006: (Chief Minister): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 8 June 2006—Mr Stefaniak).


11 GENE TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENT BILL 2007: (Minister for Health): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2007—Mrs Burke).

12 UNIT TITLES AMENDMENT BILL 2007: (Minister for Planning): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2007—Mr Seselja).


14 GAMING MACHINE ACT—COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES—SEVENTH REPORT—ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2004—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Quinlan—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
15 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mr Mulcahy) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

16 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mrs Burke) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.


18 A.C.T. ASBESTOS TASKFORCE—PROGRESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 17 March 2005—Mr Mulcahy) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

19 FORDE JOINT VENTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 28 June 2005—Mrs Dunne) on the motion of Mr Corbell—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

20 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT—HUMAN RIGHTS AUDIT—QUAMBY YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 18 August 2005—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

21 SENTENCE AND RELEASE OPTIONS FOR HIGH RISK SEXUAL OFFENDERS—REPORT PREPARED FOR THE ACT GOVERNMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 20 October 2005—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

22 ACT CHILDREN'S PLAN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN—PROGRESS REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 20 October 2005—Mrs Dunne) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT—STATEMENT IN RELATION TO THE EXERCISE OF CALL-IN POWERS FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO DA200400175, BLOCKS 8 AND 10 SECTION 26, AINSLIE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 15 November 2005—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY—BREAKING THE CYCLE—FIRST PROGRESS REPORT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 24 November 2005—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

CANBERRA CENTRAL TASKFORCE REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 15 December 2005—Mrs Dunne) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

ECONOMIC WHITE PAPER IMPLEMENTATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 9 March 2006—Mr Smyth) on the motion—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS REPORT—SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 30 March 2006—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT—CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT—MARCH QUARTER 2006—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 11 May 2006—Mr Mulcahy) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PLANNING SYSTEM REFORM—EXPOSURE DRAFT—PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 2006—RELEASE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 17 August 2006—Mrs Dunne) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT—TWELVE-MONTH REVIEW—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 22 August 2006—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

MURRAY-MACKIE STUDY—RECOMMENDATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 21 September 2006—Mrs Burke) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.
CROSS BORDER WATER SUPPLY—AGreements—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (from 21 September 2006—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the papers.

CRIMES (RESTORATIVE JUSTICE) ACT—RESTORATIVE JUSTICE—FIRST PHASE REVIEW—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 17 October 2006—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

GAMING MACHINE ACT—COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES—NINTH REPORT BY THE ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 16 November 2006—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

TOWARDS 2020—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 13 December 2006—Mr Corbell) on the motion of Mr Barr—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

TRADE MISSION TO INDIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 8 March 2007—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

AUDITOR-GENERAL ACT—AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO. 9 OF 2006—SALE OF BLOCK 8, SECTION 48, FYSHWICK—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 31 May 2007—Mr Seselja) on the motion of Mr Barr—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE USE OF FORMER SCHOOL SITES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 31 May 2007—Mr Pratt) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

ACT YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2004-2008—PROGRESS REPORT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 5 June 2007—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

ACT GREENHOUSE GAS ABATEMENT SCHEME—COMPLIANCE AND OPERATION OF THE SCHEME 2006—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 21 August 2007—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.
41 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT—HUMAN RIGHTS AUDIT—OPERATION OF ACT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES UNDER CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 21 August 2007—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Corbell—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

42 ACT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2003-2008—PROGRESS REPORT JUNE 2007—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 30 August 2007—Mrs Burke) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

43 CANBERRA SOCIAL PLAN—PROGRESS REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (from 16 October 2007—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the papers.

44 ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES—REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION TO TERRITORY INVESTMENT PRACTICES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2007—Dr Foskey) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

45 GARDEN CITY PROVISIONS OF THE TERRITORY PLAN—EVALUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2007—Mr Seselja) on the motion of Mr Barr—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.

46 ACT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2007—Mr Barr, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Stanhope—that, given the stark choice before the Australian people on Saturday next, 24 November 2007, this Assembly:

(1) welcomes the prospect of the election of a Rudd Labor Federal Government;

(2) notes the consequent benefit to the ACT in critical policy and administrative areas such as Commonwealth-State relations, health, and education, and the importance of a genuine education revolution to the ACT, and Australia’s, social and economic wellbeing; and

(3) notes that the abolition of WorkChoices would remove the threat to the livelihoods of working Canberrans and their families.

47 POOR CLINICAL PRACTICE—REPORT INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A CONSULTANT SURGEON BY ACT HEALTH CLINICAL PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2007—Mr Smyth) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—that the Assembly takes note of the paper.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices

1  MR PRATT: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that the ACT city and urban scapes are in a deplorable looking and unserviceable condition and for the national capital of Australia, the look of the city is unacceptable, particularly:

(a) neglected:
   (i) roads, cycle paths, bridges, footpaths with poorly maintained pot holed and rutted roads generally predominant in areas; and
   (ii) drainage and water-way systems deteriorating for want of repairs, such as those at Conder and Chisholm, which had been neglected for nine months;

(b) overburdened road systems such as the Pialligo/Airport corridor and Tharwa Drive, their upgrades neglected due to capital works upgrade funding being siphoned off to the Gungahlin Drive Extension project;

(c) the scourge of graffiti, much of it long neglected as best characterised by the deplorable look of the ACT Government’s own “ACT Cityscape” depot at Turner;

(d) following part (1)(c) the consequential spill-over of graffiti, vandal damage and rubbish into local parks and the Braddon business district;

(e) the failure to cut grass in key aesthetic areas such as Melbourne Avenue, only resolved through Opposition representation;

(f) the ongoing unauthorised installation of ALP and union affiliated political signs along major roadways, also neglected by the ACT Government; and

(g) the unkempt and deplorable condition of the historic Albert Hall; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to stop wasting funding on non-priorities and ideological pet projects and to immediately focus funding into neglected areas. (Notice given 25 September 2007).
2 **DR FOSKEY:** To move—That this Assembly acknowledges that:

(1) a significant number of ACT residents suffer from a gambling addiction, particularly to poker machines;

(2) harm minimisation measures that go beyond the current Code of Practice for Gaming Machine Licensees are needed to tackle this problem; and

(3) additional support to community organisations that provide services to problem gamblers is also needed. *(Notice given 16 October 2007).*

3 **MR SMYTH:** To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) the benefits that have flowed to the ACT economy from the policies that have been implemented by the Federal Government since 1996;

(b) the constant lament of the Chief Minister at the ACT’s narrow economic base;

(c) the failure of the Stanhope Government to take action to diversify the economic base of the ACT;

(d) the commitment of the then Leader of the ACT Opposition, Jon Stanhope, to be a low taxing government when in office;

(e) the failure of the Stanhope Government to maintain the trend in increasing the relative proportion of employment in the private sector in the ACT;

(f) that, in the 2006-07 Budget, the Government gutted the areas devoted to economic development in the ACT, such as BusinessACT, Tourism ACT and Sport and Recreation ACT;

(g) the lack of progress in answering the question of skill shortages, particularly in contrast to the actions of the Federal Government;

(h) the downgrading of some Actions in the Economic White Paper to second order Actions; and

(2) calls on the Stanhope Government to:

(a) report to the ACT community on action that is being taken to expand the economic base of the ACT;

(b) provide the Assembly with the strategy that is being implemented for each of the nine priority industries;

(c) set out the strategy that is being followed to strengthen the role of the private sector in the ACT; and

(d) provide a list of those Actions listed in the Economic White Paper that have been downgraded to ‘second order’ Actions by close of business on Thursday, 30 August 2007. *(Notice given 28 August 2007).*
MR STEFANIANK: To move—That this Assembly calls on the Government to improve the infrastructure and services in the West Belconnen area. *(Notice given 7 December 2004).*

MR SESELSA: To move—That this Assembly:

1. notes with concern the Auditor-General’s findings in relation to the EpiCentre auction process, particularly the findings that:
   a) there was a lack of clarity in the related planning controls in the Territory Plan that were applied to the Lease and Development conditions for the site;
   b) the clarity of the sale documentation could have been improved with the inclusion of an appropriate interpretation of the Territory Plan as applied to the site;
   c) ACTPLA did not always provide a clear and responsive reply to legitimate and straightforward inquiries about specific planning controls, such as whether the land use controls apply to the whole of a lease or individual shops within the lease and this is not consistent with good public administration; and
   d) both ACTPLA and LDA would serve the public better if they have provided as, an addendum to the sale documents, an appropriate and clear interpretation of the specific planning controls of the Territory Plan as applied to the site;

2. notes that these findings specifically contradict the Planning Minister’s statements in the Budget Estimates committee when he stated that the potential buyers knew what they were buying and it was clear to all parties what the potential uses were for the site and all of the uses were very clearly spelt out to bidders before the auction occurred; and

3. calls on the Minister for Planning to implement the Auditor-General’s recommendations to ensure that the lack of clarity identified by the Auditor-General is not repeated in future auction processes. *(Notice given 12 December 2006).*

MRS DUNNE: To move—That this Assembly:

1. notes:
   a) the policy statement *Towards 2020* published by the Minister for Education and Training in June 2006;
   b) that *Towards 2020* proposes significant changes to the structure of ACT government schooling as well as the closure of 39 schools;
   c) that these significant proposals have largely not been examined by the ACT community during the prescribed consultation period; and
   d) that these proposals will not provide the savings outlined by the Government; and

2. condemns the ACT Government for pushing through a policy proposal that has not been exposed to proper and comprehensive study and community discussion. *(Notice given 12 December 2006).*
7 MRS DUNNE: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes recommendation 9 of Report No 34 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment entitled *Long-term planning for the provision of land for aged care facilities in the A.C.T.*; and

(2) directs the Planning and Land Authority to immediately commence a variation to the Territory plan to remove the residential overlay for the community land at section 87, Belconnen. *(Notice given 7 December 2004).*

8 MS PORTER: To move—That this Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to undertake a comprehensive review of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*. *(Notice given 23 November 2006).*

9 MR SMYTH: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes with concern the approach of the Stanhope Government in its response to the outbreak of equine influenza and, in particular, the priorities of the Stanhope Government in:

(a) providing an assistance package that is directed almost entirely towards the activities involving race horses and equivalent horses, whereby $103 500 was allocated to horse racing and pacing and to greyhounds out of the total package of the $150 000;

(b) only making available $31 500 to assist businesses in this industry, meaning that up to 400 applicants for these funds would receive only $78 each, while many of these horse-related businesses need vaccines to maintain operations;

(c) only making available $10 000 to be divided between all clubs in the industry, when these clubs require a more realistic financial assistance package;

(d) providing a program of vaccination that favours the activities involving race horses and equivalent horses, whereby all but 10 of the 700 vaccines available in the ACT being directed to these sectors and only 10 allocated to the National Zoo and Aquarium, the Police and Olympic and Paralympics animals;

(e) not providing any vaccine to valuable non-profit making organisations operating school ponies, particularly Pegasus Riding School for the Disabled;

(f) ignoring the difficulties being faced by the ACT’s bookmaking industry; and

(g) not developing an industry-wide response to the continuing consequences of the equine influenza outbreak on the equine industry in the ACT; and

(2) calls on the Stanhope Government to:

(a) recognise that equine influenza is closing in on the ACT;

(b) acknowledge that the non-racing parts of the equine industry contains the largest number of unvaccinated horses;
(c) act immediately to protect the welfare of all horses and donkeys in the ACT by arranging vaccinations for all relevant animals in the ACT;

(d) demonstrate that it cares about the social and economic hardship the outbreak of equine influenza has caused thus far in the non-racing areas of the equine industry by allocating equitable financial support to these other parts of the industry;

(e) develop a strategic recovery plan for the entire equine industry that encompasses all equine activities undertaken in the ACT; and

(f) start discussion with the NSW Government to develop a regional vaccination buffer around the ACT. (Notice given 18 October 2007).

10 MR STEFANIUK: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) commitments made during the 2007 Federal election campaign by the Federal Labor leader, Kevin Rudd, to slash the Australian Public Service, potentially cutting thousands of public service jobs in Canberra;

(b) this planned slashing includes a cut of $11.5 million to the National Capital Authority;

(c) the Chief Minister’s statement made at the ACT Budget breakfast on 6 June 2007 that “We are susceptible as a small jurisdiction in that we don’t have our destiny entirely in our hands. Decisions that the Federal Government might make, particularly if there is a change of Government, could have significant impacts on employment levels or construction activity and our budget would suffer immediately”; and

(d) the report in The Age of 1 December 2007 stating that “Lindsay Tanner believes the new Government can squeeze out more than the $10 billion in cost savings it has already targeted, and says the progress of Labor’s so-called razor gang will be clear when the budget is delivered next May”; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to detail what it will do to deal with the impact of the promised Federal Government cuts. (Notice given 4 December 2007).

11 MS MACDONALD: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) honours the extraordinary life of anti-asbestos campaigner Bernie Banton; and

(2) acknowledges the leading role taken by the ACT Government to minimise the prevalence of asbestos related disease and injury. (Notice given 4 December 2007).

12 MR MULCAHY: To move—That this Assembly:

(1) notes with concern the recent State of Government Services report by the Productivity Commission that shows that waiting times for both elective surgery and treatment in the emergency department of Canberra’s hospitals remain the worst in the country;
(2) welcomes the recent announcement by the ACT Government that it is considering a major overhaul of Canberra’s hospitals; and

(3) calls on the ACT Government to provide to the Legislative Assembly a timetable for the implementation of these changes as soon as possible. (Notice given 12 February 2008).

Orders of the day

1 WASTE MANAGEMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 August 2007—Dr Foskey, in continuation) on the motion of Dr Foskey—That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to:

(1) re-commit to the target and timeline of the NoWaste by 2010 strategy;

(2) develop targets by the end of 2007 to close recycling loops, and reduce the net production of waste; and

(3) adopt measures to achieve the NoWaste by 2010 target that include:

(a) siting recycling bins beside all landfill rubbish bins in town centres;

(b) a scheme for the safe disposal of fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs;

(c) a drop-off scheme for the safe disposal of batteries, preferably through chemists and camera shops;

(d) a green waste mulching scheme;

(e) mandatory paper and cardboard recycling for commercial operations;

(f) the pick up and compost of commercial kitchen waste; and

(g) ending the use of skips and trash-packs for mixed waste and recycling dumping at landfill sites.

And on the amendment moved by Mr Hargreaves—Omit all words after “Assembly”, substitute:

“(1) commends the success of the ACT Government’s NoWaste strategy in achieving a best practice recycling and resource recovery rate of 76% of all waste generated in the ACT;

(2) notes that:

(a) the ACT continues to lead the way in the development of sustainable waste minimisation and management initiatives;

(b) the current NoWaste strategy Turning Water into Resources—Action Plan 2003-2007 is coming to an end;

(c) a review of the NoWaste achievements and progress to date has commenced and will include an examination of what opportunities may exist for further sustainable waste minimisation; and

(d) the aim of the review is to provide a sound foundation for the development for the NoWaste Action Plan 2008-2011; and
supports the Stanhope Labor Government’s aspiration of achieving international best practice of 95% resource recovery and 5% residual non-recyclable landfill.”.

2 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL ON HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION—THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL: Resumption of debate (from 16 February 2005—Dr Foskey, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Smyth—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:
(a) the failure of The Canberra Hospital to attain full four-year accreditation from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS);
(b) this failure indicates that The Canberra Hospital did not meet at least one of the 19 mandatory ACHS criteria; and
(c) the ACT Government was aware of this failure in mid-2004 and concealed this information from the public; and

(2) calls on the Government to table the full ACHS report by close of business today.

3 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2005: (Mr Smyth) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 16 March 2005—Mr Stanhope).

4 QUAMBY DETENTION CENTRE—WORKING GROUP: Resumption of debate (from 29 June 2005—Mrs Dunne, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Seselja—That this Assembly:

(1) expresses its concern over:
(a) the failure of the Minister for Children, Youth and Family Support to ensure that the working group recommended by the Standing Committee on Community Services and Social Equity to examine the adequacy and appropriateness of the programs currently available in Quamby, was established in a timely manner;
(b) the inability of the Minister or officials to indicate during Estimates Committee hearings whether the working group had been established;
(c) the misleading and evasive answers provided to questions on notice by the Minister in relation to this issue; and
(d) the ongoing breach of the Human Rights Act 2004 in relation to the treatment of inmates at Quamby; and

(2) calls on the Minister to table in the Assembly all relevant documents in relation to the establishment of the working group within the current sitting of the Assembly.

And on the amendment moved by Ms Gallagher—Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

“acknowledges the:
(1) $40 million commitment the ACT Government has made to building a new youth detention facility in the ACT;

(2) efforts being undertaken by staff at Quamby and from other organisations to ensure the individual needs of young people living at Quamby are being met; and

(3) significant increases in resources from the ACT Government to Quamby to address the challenges presented by the existing facility.”.

5 ANNUAL REPORTS (GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2005: (Mr Smyth) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 14 December 2005).

6 PUBLIC HOSPITALS—PERFORMANCE: Resumption of debate (from 7 June 2006—Ms Gallagher) on the motion of Mr Smyth—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that, despite the dedication and hard work of our nurses, doctors and allied health workers in the public hospital system:

(a) the recent report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that the ACT rated very poorly across a range of health indicators;

(b) the rate of by-pass occasions at The Canberra Hospital has increased substantially during May 2006; and

(c) the elective surgery waiting lists show continuing increases in people waiting for surgery; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to take urgent action to improve the performance of the ACT’s public hospitals.

7 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2006: (Mr Stefaniak) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2006—Mr Corbell).

8 NEW ACTION TIMETABLE: Resumption of debate (from 7 March 2007—Mrs Dunne, in continuation) on the motion of Mrs Dunne—That this Assembly:

(1) notes:

(a) the introduction of the new ACTION timetable called Network 06, on 4 December 2006, which curtailed the frequency of bus services;

(b) the high level of dissatisfaction with the changes introduced and the flood of complaints received from the public;

(c) that Network 06 disregards the needs of shift workers and all people who want to use the system during off-peak times; and

(d) that Network 06 has created high levels of inconvenience for Canberra bus users; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

(a) as an interim measure, immediately reinstate the bus timetable in operation before the introduction of Network 06 specifically addressing school services, after hours and weekend services and increased frequency of daytime off-peak services;
(b) conduct an immediate revision of the ACTION timetable to ensure the service better meets the needs of all users and encourages further use of the service; and

(c) report back to the Assembly on the progress on implementing a new timetable by 29 May 2007.

9 THEO NOTARAS MULTICULTURAL CENTRE—PROPOSED STATUE:
Resumption of debate (from 14 March 2007) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak—That this Assembly:

(1) notes the inappropriateness, cost and lack of community consultation in respect of the Government’s decision to commission and erect a statue of former Federal minister, Al Grassby, in the foyer of the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government not to proceed with this project any further.

10 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2007 (NO. 2):
(Mr Mulcahy) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2007—Mr Stanhope).

11 COURT PROCEDURES (PROTECTION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2005: (Dr Foskey): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 29 June 2005—Mr Hargreaves).

12 ACT HEALTH SYSTEM: Resumption of debate (from 6 June 2007—Mr Mulcahy, in continuation) on the motion of Mrs Burke—That this Assembly:

(1) notes that despite the ongoing dedication and commitment by the ACT’s nurses, doctors and allied health workers in the public hospital system:

(a) the recently released report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found the ACT performed poorly against a range of health indicators;

(b) elective surgery lists continue to grow, with Canberrans waiting one month longer, on average, than the national median waiting time for elective surgery; and

(c) medical labour costs are growing and the ACT recorded the worst emergency department performance out of all States and Territories; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

(a) acknowledge the poor performance of the ACT health system against other jurisdictions; and

(b) take action to make the necessary improvements that will provide Canberrans with a higher quality of care.
And on the amendment moved by Ms Gallagher—Omit all words after “That this Assembly”, substitute:

“notes:

(1) the recent report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Hospital Statistics 2005-06, found the ACT’s available public hospital beds increased from 679 in 2004-05 to 714 in 2005-06, an increase of 5.2% against a national decrease of 0.7%;

(2) since 2003-04, the Stanhope Government has funded an additional 147 beds in the ACT health system;

(3) this investment replaces the 114 acute care beds the previous Liberal Government removed from the ACT health system;

(4) the ACT health system is delivering record levels of elective surgery;

(5) the ACT Government continues to invest in the health system at record levels, most recently announcing an additional $12.6 million for acute care beds, whilst driving efficiencies; and

(6) the Stanhope Government’s continued commitment to improving the ACT’s already excellent health system.”.

13 ANIMAL WELFARE AMENDMENT BILL 2007: (Dr Foskey) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 26 September 2007—Mr Stanhope).

14 SENTENCING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007: (Mr Stefaniak) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 21 November 2007—Mr Hargreaves).

15 ACT ECONOMY—CONTRIBUTION BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT: Resumption of debate (from 21 November 2007) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak—That this Assembly:

(1) acknowledges the contribution the Australian Government makes to the economy of the ACT and, in particular, notes:

(a) the significant capital investment the Australian Government has made and continues to make in the ACT, for example:

(i) the National Portrait Gallery;

(ii) redevelopment works along Constitution Avenue and at the intersection of Kings Avenue and Parkes Way; and

(iii) $10 million announced on 19 November 2007 for water conservation initiatives in national institutions;

(b) the creation of Commonwealth public service positions during the life of the Stanhope Government;

(c) the positive economic impact of the Commonwealth public service on the ACT housing market and business in general; and

(d) the impact of job creation arising from the construction of new Commonwealth buildings in the ACT; and
calls on the Chief Minister to impress upon the federal leader of the Australian Labor Party:

(a) the importance of the Commonwealth to the ACT economy; and
(b) the need to revise his declared plans to slash positions in the Australian public service.

16 **GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007 [NO 2]**: (Mrs Dunne) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2007—Mr Corbell).

17 **LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2007**: (Mr Berry) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2007—Mr Mulcahy).

18 **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AMENDMENT BILL 2007**: (Mrs Burke) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2007—Mr Corbell).

19 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL 2007**: (Dr Foskey) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 21 November 2007—Mr Hargreaves).

*20 **AGENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008**: (Mr Mulcahy) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 13 February 2008—Mr Corbell).

*21 **COURTS (JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008**: (Mr Seselja) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 13 February 2008—Mr Corbell).

*22 **CLIMATE CHANGE**: Resumption of debate (from 13 February 2008—Mrs Dunne, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Gentleman—That this Assembly notes:

(1) the importance of recognising climate change;
(2) that there is policy developed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
(3) that the Canberra public is educated about climate change and what they can do on a grass roots level to contribute to a cleaner world.

And on the amendment moved by Mrs Dunne—Omit paragraphs (2) and (3), substitute:

“(2) the ACT was the first Australian jurisdiction to recognise the importance of climate change and that it adopted Kyoto targets in its 1997 Greenhouse Strategy; and

(3) that the Stanhope Government abandoned the 1997 Greenhouse Strategy in 2005, leaving the ACT without policy in this area for two years.”.
CRIMES (STREET OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL 2007: (Mr Stefaniak)
Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 29 August 2007—
Mr Corbell).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new and redirected or revised questions are included on the Notice Paper.

Unanswered questions
1821-1831, 1833, 1836, 1839-1857.

14 February 2008

(Redirected question—30 days expired 13 March 2008)

1832 MR MULCAHY: To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—
(1) How many vehicle registration payments were made in (a) 2006-07, (b) 2005-06 and (c) 2004-05;
(2) What proportion of these registration payments were made online in (a) 2006-07, (b) 2005-06 and (c) 2004-05.

1834 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Treasurer—
(1) Are there any consumers in the ACT whose water consumption is not metered; if so, (a) why, (b) how many are there, (c) what is the estimated total unmetered water consumption and (d) what, if any, is the estimated foregone annual revenue to ACTEW Corporation, in the categories of (i) private, (ii) commercial, (iii) ACT Government, (iv) Commonwealth Government and (v) other;
(2) What is being done to minimise the number of unmetered water consumers.

1835 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
(1) Why is the ACT Ambulance Subscription Scheme no longer administered by the NIB Health Fund;
(2) When did the administration by NIB cease;
(3) Was NIB administering the Scheme under a contract with the ACT Government;
(4) Was the termination of that contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract;
(5) Is the Government’s ACT Ambulance Subscription Scheme still operating; if not, why not;
(6) If the scheme has ceased, when did it cease;
(7) If the scheme is still operational, how and by whom is the scheme administered;
(8) Has the scheme changed in any way since NIB ceased its administration of the Scheme; if so, in what way.

**New questions**

*(30 days expires 15 March 2008)*

*1858* **DR FOSKEY:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—

(1) What is the relationship between the Department of Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) Community Engagement Policy and the ACT Government’s Community Engagement Manual;
(2) Given that the Department of Housing and Community Services website now offers the TAMS Community Engagement Charter, (a) what department does the Community Engagement Unit now sit in, (b) who does the unit report to and (c) how many staff are employed in the unit;
(3) Can the Minister provide a copy of the Community Engagement Framework referred to in the TAMS document;
(4) Can the Minister provide some examples of instances where it has used the Community Engagement Policy;
(5) Given that in 1998 a register of Community Consultation was available as part of the Community Consultation protocol and that it lists consultation by department, process, and indicated feedback methods, (a) is such a register still maintained; if so, by whom; if not, will the Minister consider reinstating this service.

*1859* **DR FOSKEY:** To ask the Minister for Planning—

(1) Is the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) required to comply with Consent Agreements made by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT);
(2) What options are available to lessees to redress actions made by ACTPLA that are contrary to Consent Agreements made by the AAT;
(3) Is the information the Minister provided in response to question on notice No 1815 incorrect with regards to the proceedings between ACTPLA, the AAT, and the lessee and is the Minister prepared to correct the record.

*1860* **MRS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health—How many Assistants in Nursing are currently employed and working within ACT Health and where are they currently deployed.

*1861* **MRS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health—Can the Minister provide information on who currently receives domiciliary oxygen in the ACT by age and by gender and, what, if any, charges do the users incur for this service.

*1862* **MRS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health—Can the Minister provide an update of the revised ACT Influenza Preparedness Plan and whether this plan has been released; if so, when; if not, why not.
MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health—Given that the ACT Government is party to the national Occupational Health and Safety Strategy 2002-2012 which targets improvements in four areas and one of these areas is Target 1 – Reduce number of claims reaching five days incapacity by 40 per cent, can the Minister provide more information in regard to the statement that a number of more complex claims has increased and what complexities are involved in such claims.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health—How many Client Care Officers are currently working within ACT Health and where are they currently deployed.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health—
(1) What was the number of agency nurses employed in the ACT during (a) 2001-02, (b) 2002-03, (c) 2003-04, (d) 2004-05, (e) 2005-06, (f) 2006-07, (g) 2007-08 to date;
(2) What was the cost of agency nursing for the periods stated in part (1);
(3) What was the average number of full-time equivalent vacant nursing positions during October, November and December 2007;
(4) What is the cost differential between agency nurses and nurses employed directly by The Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health—Can the Minister provide an update of the Common Patient Management Administration System and advise if the system is in full operation.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—What work is the Disability Advisory Council currently charged with and when will it be releasing its next public report.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—What progress has been made in relation to the Workforce Development Strategy since it was developed in 2006 and has Stage Two been completed in regard to the development of an implementation plan and the establishment of new programs as outlined on page 19 of the 2006-07 Disability ACT annual report.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—What direct support services have been provided to the 25 individuals, as identified in the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services annual report 2006-07, and how have they benefited from the $426 000 funding provided to the Community Programs Association.

MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—Given that in March 2007 the Department commissioned a mid-term evaluation of Disability ACT’s policy framework, ‘Future Directions: 2004-08’ and that in the 2006-07 annual report on page 15 it states that the report was due to the Chief Executive in late 2007, can the Minister provide advice on whether this report has now been publicly released.
MRS BURKE: To ask the following Ministers:

*1871 Minister for Health

*1872 Minister for Disability and Community Services—
(1) How much was spent on consulting services for your department in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
(2) Can the Minister provide details of the individual contracts as outlined in part (1) as to (a) who were they awarded to, (b) at what cost, (c) for what purpose and (d) how were they awarded, for example, by tender or with certificate of exemption.

*1873 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—
(1) How much will be spent in the 2007-08 financial year to date on advertising, promotion, the dissemination of policy information or other information which included the Minister’s photograph and/or a message from the Minister;
(2) What is the individual breakdown for print media, television, radio and other media such as brochures including direct mail by (a) the Minister’s Office, (b) the Minister’s department or agency, (c) another agency/department or Minister’s office on behalf of the Minister or the department/agency
(3) Did the Minister or the Minister’s office approve the publication in each case;
(4) How much has been allocated for these activities in the 2007-08 financial year to date by the (a) Minister’s office and (b) department/agency.

MRS BURKE: To ask the following Ministers:

*1874 Minister for Health

*1875 Minister for Disability and Community Services

*1876 Minister for Housing—
(1) What promotional activities, publications and advertising in any media have been undertaken by (a) the department, (b) the Minister’s Office or (c) any other office or agency on behalf of the Department or Minister’s office in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
(2) What was the total amount spent on such activities as outlined in part (1) and was it costed to (a) the department/agency, (b) the Minister’s office, (c) another Minister’s office or (d) another agency/department;
(3) Can the Minister detail the promotional activities, publications and advertising undertaken by (a) the department/agency, (b) the Minister’s Office, (c) another Minister’s office or (d) another agency/department on behalf of the Minister or the department/agency;
(4) What were the promotional activities, publications and advertising meant to achieve, did they achieve their purposes and how was that measured;
(5) How much has been allocated both within the Minister’s office and the department/agency for these activities in the 2007-08 financial year to date.
**MRS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services—

1. How many public focus groups were conducted through the area of disability and community services in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
2. When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group;
3. What was the cost to conduct these focus groups;
4. How much, if anything, were focus group participants paid to attend;
5. Where can Members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups.

**MRS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Housing—

1. Can the Minister explain exactly what re-alignment of public housing stock occurred in 2006-07 in accordance with the Public Housing Management Asset Management Strategy 2003-2008;
2. Can the Minister provide details on how many public housing properties were sold in (a) 2005-06, (b) 2006-07 and (c) 2007-08 to date, including details as to what type of dwellings and in which suburbs;
3. What works were carried out to repair malicious damage to public housing properties during (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007 and (d) 2007-08 to date;
4. Can the Minister give exact details of the $430 000 worth of insurance works to be completed to 350 public housing properties during 2006-2007;
5. What are the details of the number of properties that currently remain vacant in the ACT including (a) in what suburbs, (b) the average length of time such properties remain vacant and (c) for what reasons such properties remain vacant;
6. What is the current status of the former Fraser Court multi-unit complex site in Kingston.

**MR PRATT:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—

1. Which company was awarded the tender to build the new concrete bridge at Tharwa;
2. What was the exact amount submitted by this company in its successful tender application;
3. How much (a) money has been appropriated to the new concrete bridge project and for what purpose and (b) of the appropriated funds have been expended;
4. Is the ACT Government contractually obligated to provide the successful bidder with recompense for cancelling the contract to build the new bridge; if so, how much.

**MR PRATT:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—In relation to the ACT Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan and the Minister’s recent announcement on 6 February regarding the installation of thirty Street Safety signs across the ACT, what (a) crash data and rationale was used to determine these locations and (b) is the total cost of the signs and installation.
MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—
(1) What was the average waiting time at the Dickson Motor Registry prior to the Civic Shopfront’s closure in December 2006;
(2) What is the current average waiting time at the Dickson Motor Registry since the closure of the Civic Shopfront.

MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—
(1) When will the Government invite expressions of interest and subsequently initiate the tender process to procure suitably qualified contractors to undertake the refurbishment of Tharwa Bridge;
(2) What is the (a) closing date for tender submissions and (b) anticipated date of commencement of this project.

MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—How many fines have been issued for illegal dumping at charity bins since June 2007.

MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services—Can the Minister advise whether there are any plans to build on Block 23 opposite ‘Mooseheads’ in the City; if so, what will become of the public carpark which incorporates most of Block 23 and will a new building include public parking.

MR SESELJA: To ask the following Ministers:

Chief Minister

Minister for Education and Training

Minister for Planning—
(1) How much was spent on consulting services for your Department in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
(2) Can the Minister provide details of the individual contracts as outlined in part (1) as to (a) who were they awarded to, (b) at what cost, (c) for what purpose and (d) how were they awarded, for example, by tender or with certificate of exemption.

MR SESELJA: To ask the following Ministers:

Chief Minister

Minister for Education and Training—
(1) How many public focus groups were conducted through your department in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
(2) When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group;
(3) What was the cost to conduct these focus groups;
(4) How much, if anything, were focus group participants paid to attend
(5) Where can Members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups.
MR SESELJA: To ask the Chief Minister—

(1) In relation to the promotional activities of the (a) ACT Department of Indigenous Affairs and (b) Department of Water and Climate Change, what promotional activities, publications and advertising in any media have been undertaken by the (i) department, (ii) the Minister’s Office or (iii) any other office or agency on behalf of the Department or Minister’s office in the 2007-08 financial year to date;

(2) What was the total amount spent on such activities as outlined in part (1) and was it costed to (a) the department/agency, (b) the Minister’s office, (c) another Minister’s office or (d) another agency/department;

(3) Can the Minister detail the promotional activities, publications and advertising undertaken by (a) the department/agency, (b) the Minister’s Office, (c) another Minister’s office or (d) another agency/department on behalf of the Minister or the department/agency;

(4) What were the promotional activities, publications and advertising meant to achieve, did they achieve their purposes and how was that measured;

(5) How much has been allocated both within the Minister’s office and the department/agency for these activities in the 2007-08 financial year to date.

MR SESELJA: To ask the following Ministers:

*1891 Chief Minister

*1892 Minister for Education and Training

*1893 Minister for Planning—

(1) What promotional activities, publications and advertising in any media have been undertaken by the (a) department, (b) the Minister’s Office or (c) any other office or agency on behalf of the Department or Minister’s office in the 2007-08 financial year to date;

(2) What was the total amount spent on such activities as outlined in part (1) and was it costed to (a) the department/agency, (b) the Minister’s office, (c) another Minister’s office or (d) another agency/department;

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(5) How much has been allocated both within the Minister’s office and the department/agency for these activities in the 2007-08 financial year to date.
MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

*1894 Treasurer

*1895 Minister for Business and Economic Development

*1896 Minister for Police and Emergency Services

*1897 Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation—

(1) How much was spent on consulting services for your department in the 2007-08 financial year to date;

(2) Can the Minister provide details of the individual contracts as outlined in part (1) as to (a) who were they awarded to, (b) at what cost, (c) for what purpose and (d) how were they awarded, for example, by tender or with certificate of exemption.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

*1898 Minister for Business and Economic Development

*1899 Minister for Police and Emergency Services

*1900 Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation—

(1) How much will be spent in the 2007-08 financial year to date on advertising, promotion, the dissemination of policy information or other information which included the Minister’s photograph and/or a message from the Minister;

(2) What is the individual breakdown for print media, television, radio and other media such as brochures including direct mail by (a) the Minister’s Office, (b) the Minister’s department or agency, (c) another agency/department or Minister’s office on behalf of the Minister or the department/agency

(3) Did the Minister or the Minister’s office approve the publication in each case;

(4) How much has been allocated for these activities in the 2007-08 financial year to date by the (a) Minister’s office and (b) department/agency.

*1901 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Business and Economic Development—

(1) How many public focus groups were conducted through the area of business and economic development in the 2007-08 financial year to date;

(2) When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group;

(3) What was the cost to conduct these focus groups;

(4) How much, if anything, were focus group participants paid to attend;

(5) Where can Members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups.

*1902 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many public focus groups were conducted through the area of policing in the 2007-08 financial year to date;

(2) When were they held and what was the nature of each focus group;

(3) What was the cost to conduct these focus groups;
(4) How much, if anything, were focus group participants paid to attend;
(5) Where can Members get the details and findings of these publicly funded focus groups.

MR STEFANIAK: To ask the following Ministers:

*1903 Minister for the Arts

*1904 Attorney-General.

(1) How much was spent on consulting services for your department in the 2007-08 financial year to date;
(2) Can the Minister provide details of the individual contracts as outlined in part (1) as to (a) who were they awarded to, (b) at what cost, (c) for what purpose and (d) how were they awarded, for example, by tender or with certificate of exemption.

*1905 MR MULCAHY: To ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Was the decision to discontinue the ACT Continence Support Scheme and the later decision to reintroduce this scheme in July 2008 an error;
(2) How does the offer of $200 in interim funding to those people needing continence assistance compare with the amount of money that has been lost by those people previously receiving support from the scheme;
(3) Has the Government contacted all of those people who have been affected by the loss of the scheme to inform them of how they can claim interim assistance;
(4) What has happened to the money that the Government has saved from the discontinuation of this scheme and is that money still available to assist people who were previously receiving support from the scheme;
(5) Will the Government consider offering further compensation to ensure that those people who were previously receiving support from the scheme are adequately supported under the reintroduction of the scheme and in the interim.

*1906 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Housing—

(1) Where are ACT Housing’s accommodation for aged persons, 60 years of age and over, located in the ACT;
(2) How many properties, if any, does ACT housing have which are dedicated for aged persons;
(3) How many of ACT Housing properties are currently occupied by aged persons;
(4) Is there a current waiting list dedicated to aged persons accommodation in the ACT; if so, what is the waiting time at present and how many people are on it;
(5) How many outstanding maintenance calls are there for ACT Housing properties dedicated to aged persons or ACT Housing properties currently occupied by aged persons;
(6) Are there any current plans to refurbish or redevelop any ACT Housing properties dedicated to aged persons and if so where are they and when will this occur.

*MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Children and Young People—

(1) How many youth dedicated refuges and refuges that accept youth are there in the ACT;
(2) Where are the youth dedicated refuges and refuges which accept youth located in the ACT;
(3) How many young people can each refuge cater for, and, as a whole, how many young people can the refuge system in the ACT cater for;
(4) Is there a current waiting list for places in youth dedicated refuges and refuges that accept youth; if so, how (a) long is the wait and (b) many young people are currently waiting;
(5) What ages are catered for in each youth refuge located in the ACT.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Sixth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees’ resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: (Formed 4 November 2004): The Speaker (Presiding Member), Mrs Burke, Ms MacDonald, Mr Mulcahy.

Pursuant to resolution

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUNG PEOPLE: (Formed 7 December 2004): Ms Porter (Chair), Mr Gentleman, Mr Pratt.

HEALTH AND DISABILITY: (Formed 7 December 2004): Ms MacDonald (Chair), Mrs Burke, Ms Porter.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: (Formed 7 December 2004): Dr Foskey, Ms MacDonald, Mr Stefaniak.
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: (Formed 7 December 2004): Mr Gentleman (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Ms Porter.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (Formed 7 December 2004): Dr Foskey (Chair), Ms MacDonald, Mr Smyth.

Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2005-2006: (Formed 7 April 2005): Ms MacDonald (Chair), Dr Foskey, Mr Mulcahy, Ms Porter, Mr Seselja. (Presented 21 June 2005).

ESTIMATES 2006-2007: (Formed 4 May 2006): Ms Porter (Chair), Dr Foskey, Mr Gentleman, Ms MacDonald, Mr Pratt, Mr Smyth. (Presented 15 August 2006).

ESTIMATES 2007-2008: (Formed 3 May 2007): Mr Gentleman (Chair), Mrs Burke, Dr Foskey, Ms Porter, Mr Stefaniak. (Presented 21 August 2007).

WORKING FAMILIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: (Formed 5 May 2005): Mr Gentleman (Chair), Mrs Burke, Ms Porter. (Presented 16 October 2007).