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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****NOTICE PAPER**

No. 95

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2004

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 HUMAN CLONING AND EMBRYO RESEARCH BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 2 EDUCATION BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 3 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).
- 5 ARCHITECTS BILL 2004: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 6 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 7 STRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY HOUSING CANBERRA LTD – REVIEW – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

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

- 8 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 9 FULL RETAIL COMPETITION – IMPACT ON ACT LOW INCOME EARNERS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT – REVIEW OF OPERATION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 11 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACT – REVIEW – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Bourke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 RESPITE CARE PROJECT – MET AND UNMET NEEDS – FINAL REPORT – SUSTAINING CARING RELATIONSHIPS – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 FUTURE OF BURNIE COURT LAND – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 A.C.T. GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REVIEW – GAMING MACHINE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 ACT TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 16 INVESTIGATION INTO ADVERSE PATIENT OUTCOMES OF NEUROSURGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL – FINAL REPORT – COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 17 STATEMENT OF PLANNING INTENT FOR THE A.C.T. – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 18 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) (THRESHOLDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- 19 LITTER BILL 2003: *(Minister for Urban Services): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell).*
- 20 ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Urban Services): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell).*
- 21 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BILL 2003: *(Minister for Health): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth).*
- 22 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TASKFORCE – REPORT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth)* on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 23 CHILD PROTECTION IN THE A.C.T. – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate *(from 10 February 2004 – Mr Smyth)* on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 24 ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Urban Services): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (Mrs Dunne).*
- 25 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2004: *(Minister for Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 12 February 2004 – Mr Pratt).*
- 26 COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate *(from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Burke)* on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *27 GENE TECHNOLOGY (GM CROP MORATORIUM) BILL 2004: *(Minister for Health): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth).*
- *28 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004: *(Minister for Health): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth).*

Notice

- 1 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, having noted that:
 - (1) subsection 8(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Assembly shall consist of 17 members;

- (2) subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations under the Act to fix a different number of members;
- (3) regulations may only be made for this purpose in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly; and
- (4) regulations would need to be made no later than April 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004;

hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 25 by regulations made by the Governor-General for the purposes of subsection 8(3) of the Act; and

calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Commonwealth Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made at the earliest opportunity but no later than 31 March 2003. (*Notice given 25 September 2002*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR SMYTH: To move – That this Assembly, noting that the Government's proposed new land rating system:
 - (1) has not been adequately tested or modeled;
 - (2) is unfair and regressive;
 - (3) will lead to wildly different rates being levied on owners of properties of equivalent value.

Calls on the Government to:

- (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;
 - (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
 - (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 2 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).

- 3 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 4 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 5 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 6 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 7 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 8 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 9 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to develop a loan scheme to encourage more ACT households to purchase rainwater tanks, for implementation in the 2004-2005 financial year. (*Notice given 26 August 2003*).

10 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) recognises the importance of addressing issues relating to the safety of children;
- (2) acknowledges the duty of care towards children especially in and around schools;
- (3) calls on the Government to conduct a safety audit of access to all ACT schools; and
- (4) further calls on the Government to set up a priority program for improvement with special emphasis on primary schools. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).

11 MS DUNDAS: To move – That:

- (1) the A.C.T. Government develop in consultation with stakeholders, including students, a plan to address the shortage of affordable student accommodation, recognizing the statements in the Economic White paper that ‘... we must ensure that our universities have the capacity to maximize their impact on our economy and our future’ and the Building Canberra’s Economy Discussion Paper that ‘The availability of student accommodation is a major constraint on growth that could be addressed by the A.C.T. Government’; and
- (2) this plan be tabled in the Assembly by the second sitting week in March. (*Notice given 10 February 2004*).

12 MS MACDONALD: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) calls on the Federal Government to accept the recommendation of the National Health and Medical Research Council and provide pneumococcal vaccine free to all Australian children;
- (2) expresses concern at the Federal Government’s decision not to implement the Council’s recommendation which will disadvantage many low-income families who will not be able to afford the \$600 vaccine, therefore placing their children at greater risk;
- (3) recognises the severity of pneumococcal disease and notes the disease kills more Australians than meningococcal C, for which there is a Federal Government funded vaccination;
- (4) notes the health and financial benefits gained by providing pneumococcal disease vaccine free to all Australia; and
- (5) acknowledges a large number of organisations are in support of the National Health and Medical Research Council’s recommendation, including the Australian Medical Association’s Child and Youth Committee. (*Notice given 9 March 2004*).

Orders of the day – continued

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 5 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate *(from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne)* on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 6 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNGAHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate *(from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas)* on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.
- 7 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 8 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.

- 9 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 10 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 11 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 14 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*).
- 15 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 16 GMO (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2003: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 2003 – Mr Corbell*).
- 17 DISCRIMINATION (GENETIC STATUS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Cross*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 18 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ASSISTED TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Burke*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 19 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Smyth*): Detail Stage – Clause 1 – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 20 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 21 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: (*Mr Berry*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Ms Gallagher*).
- 22 COMMISSIONER FOR THE FAMILY BILL 2004: (*Mrs Burke*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Ms Gallagher*).
- 23 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Mr Corbell*).

- 24 SALE OF WILLIAMSDALE QUARRY: Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That this Assembly calls on the A.C.T. Government to provide, by close of business today, details of:
- (1) the process by which the sale of Williamsdale Quarry was achieved, including details of any public tenders that were sought and the responses to those tenders;
 - (2) the sale of the Williamsdale quarry business and assets, including the sale price;
 - (3) all parties who expressed interest in buying Totalcare's share of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture;
 - (4) all parties who expressed interest in buying the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture business and assets;
 - (5) the reasons why various parties were unsuccessful in their offers to purchase the Williamsdale Quarry business; and
 - (6) any involvement and undertakings by Totalcare in the Williamsdale Quarry business after 30 June 2002.
- 25 VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION DEBT: Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2004 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That this Assembly:
- (1) recognises the high level of vocational and higher education student debt in the A.C.T. and throughout Australia;
 - (2) acknowledges that many A.C.T. students are having difficulty meeting the costs of living;
 - (3) notes that many students are forced to work increasingly long hours to meet the costs of living;
 - (4) acknowledges that the Federal Government's Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy payments are not high enough to meet the costs of living; and
 - (5) calls on the Federal Government to:
 - (a) review the amount students are paid in Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy; and
 - (b) reassess the eligibility criteria of Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy, to make it easier for students to obtain these allowances.
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1† MRS DUNNE: To move – That Disallowable Instrument DI 2003-323, Land (Planning and Environment) (Further Rural Lease Grant Conditions) Determination 2003 (No 1) be disallowed. (*Notice given 9 March 2004*).

† 4 sitting days for resolution

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 2 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 3 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Wood on behalf of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 5 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That the report be noted.
- 6 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – ACCESS TO NEEDLES AND SYRINGES BY INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.

- 7 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 8 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 7 OF 2002 – FINANCIAL AUDIT WITH YEARS ENDING TO 30 JUNE 2002 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 10 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REPORT ON RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2003 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 11 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE A.C.T. – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 10 – LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2004 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.

- 15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 4 – 2002-2003 ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE DISABILITY COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 16 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 26 – INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2002-2003 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN SERVICES AND RELATED AGENCIES – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the report be noted.
- 17 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 27 – INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING OF A SUPERMARKET NEXT TO THE BELCONNEN MARKETS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- *18 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – POSSIBLE AGED CARE FACILITIES IN HOLT – PROPOSED REFERENCE: Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Ms MacDonald*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the Legislative Assembly refer to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment for investigation and report by 1 July 2004, the proposal for aged care facilities on part of Section 99 Block 11 Holt, the disused holes 19 to 27 of the Belconnen Golf Course.

And on the amendment moved by Ms Dundas – Omit everything after “1 July 2004” and replace with:

- (1) the proposal for aged care facilities on part of Section 99 Holt, the disused holes 19 to 27 of the Belconnen Golf Course;*
- (2) the proposal for aged care facilities on Section 87 Belconnen, with particular reference to any impact on the social and environmental impact upon Belconnen Lakeshore; and*
- (3) refer to the demand for aged care accommodation in the Belconnen region and any other relevant sites.*

1 April 2004

- 19 PRIVILEGES 2004 – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 10 February 2004.

- 20 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 February 2004.

4 May 2004

- *21 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO 3) – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 (No 3) pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 March 2004.

31 May 2004

- 22 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2004.

Referred to Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 (No 3) on

11 March 2004

APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO 3): (*Treasurer*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on

23 October 2003

VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE)
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

Standing Committee on Public Accounts on

12 February 2004

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Ms Dundas*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Quinlan*).

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*.

Redirected and answered question

1295 Minister for Urban Services (*Mr Cornwell*).

1337 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming (*Mr Smyth*).

Unanswered questions

12 February 2004

(30 days expires 13 March 2004)

- 1267 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to bushfire fuel reduction on public land:
- (1) Since 1 November 2003 what are the locations to date of the bushfire fuel reduction exercises on public land in Canberra that have been undertaken by the Department of Urban Services or any companies contracted by the Department;
 - (2) How many of the locations have been followed up since the original fuel reduction had been undertaken to ensure that regrowth was not a hazard;
 - (3) Have local residents of these locations been alerted to any fuel reduction exercises;
 - (4) If so, how have they been alerted;
 - (5) If not, why have they not been alerted;
 - (6) What is the standard process for the Department of Urban Services when a request has come from a resident for the Department to clear public land as it may be a bushfire hazard;
 - (7) How many requests have been received by the Minister and the Department from residents requesting that public land be cleared as it may be a bushfire hazard;
 - (8) How many of these requests have been followed up and the land cleared.

- 1275 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the National Zoo and Aquarium:
- (1) Did you state almost 12 months ago in your response to Question on notice No 396 that an application is being considered by Government and a decision will be made shortly; if so, why has there still been no decision on whether the National Zoo and Aquarium can utilise more land to expand its operation;
 - (2) When will a decision be made on whether the National Zoo and Aquarium can utilise more land to expand its operations;
 - (3) Did the National Capital Authority (NCA) request information and documentation from the A.C.T. Government before it would proceed in preparing and releasing a Draft Amendment to the National Capital Plan to allow the zoo to lease the required land; if so, has the information listed in response to Question on notice No 396 been given to the NCA;
 - (4) If so to (3), when was it given to the NCA; if not, why not and when will it be provided.

2 March 2004

(30 days expires 1 April 2004)

- 1289 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) Did he issue a media release US11/04 of 11 February 2004 which stated that the Government will continue to remove graffiti from public property within three working days;
 - (2) Why is the City Scape depot adjacent to Belconnen Way east of Coulter Drive still with graffiti applied before Christmas 2003;
 - (3) What control is exercised to ensure contractors fulfill their obligations of three working days for removal of graffiti.
- 1291 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –
- (1) Are any A.C.T. Government approvals required to add the extra 69 residential aged care places allocated to the A.C.T. by the Commonwealth on 10 February 2004 to existing facilities;
 - (2) If so, how long is it expected to take for such approvals to be given.
(Redirected 9 March 2004)
- 1293 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –:
- (1) In relation to the Targeted Land Release for Aged Care commitments as outlined in the *Building for our Ageing Community* brochure, what is the exact location of the four sites presently included in the A.C.T. Government's land release program for the purposes of aged care accommodation;
 - (2) Have each of these sites been allocated to specific service providers or developers; if so, to whom;

- (3) When is it expected that development on each of these sites will be (a) commenced and (b) concluded;
- (4) How many aged care beds will be provided by each of these developments, and will they be (a) high care, (b) low care or (c) independent living units;
- (5) In relation to two further sites set for release in 2004-05, namely Block 9 Section 78 Nicholls and Block 9 Section 410 Gordon, can he provide similar information to that in parts (2), (3) and (4) above;
- (6) In relation to planning investigations that have also commenced for the development of aged care accommodation on sites 14 and 19 Greenway, can he provide similar information to that in parts (2), (3) and (4) above.

1301 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) How many instances of deliberately obscuring motor vehicle number plates to avoid speed or red light camera detection have been recorded in the A.C.T. in (a) 2001-02, (b) 2002-03 and (c) 2003-04 to date;
- (2) What are the penalties for such activity.

1302 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Further to the Government's longer term strategy for older people's use of Canberra's library services and facilities; who decided to use the picture of an elderly couple on the front page of the *Are you over 50* brochure regarding older people's use of library services and facilities;
- (2) Has the Government received any complaints regarding the use of this photo given that the brochure is for those over 50, not those over 70;
- (3) How many of the ten actions listed in this brochure have been acted on and how;
- (4) When will any remaining actions be acted on.

1303 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Why are trees being removed at Blocks 19 and 20 of Section 19 Fyshwick.

1304 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Further to your reply to Question on notice No 990; has the revitalisation incentives policy been determined;
- (2) If so, could details be made available; if not, when will it be determined.

1307 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) What progress has been made to date on the Government's promise to review its policy of guaranteeing security of tenure for public housing tenants paying full market rent;

(2) What methods is the Government adopting to undertake this review.

1308 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – What is the Government doing to assist people into employment who are long-term unemployed with a mild disability and who require rehabilitation and have a mental disadvantage in some way, for example schizophrenia.

1310 MRS BURKE: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Do people from culturally diverse backgrounds currently experience any difficulty in attaining managerial or policy positions within the A.C.T. Public Service; if so, why;
- (2) What is the ratio of people from culturally diverse backgrounds that currently hold such positions within the A.C.T. Public Service compared to other groups;
- (3) Are there any current problems within the A.C.T. Public Service in relation to racial or group discrimination;
- (4) Are there any inequities within our Public Service system that would cause people from culturally diverse backgrounds undue distress in relation to possible job promotion;
- (5) Are the current Equal Employment Opportunities strategies working as effectively as they can; if so, what evidence is there to support this.

3 March 2004

(30 days expires 2 April 2004)

1314 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism –

- (1) To date this financial year, (a) what business grants have been awarded and (b) which organisations have received business grants;
- (2) How much funding was each group allocated and for what purpose.

1315 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism –

- (1) How many grants have been approved using funds out of the Government's Knowledge Fund;
- (2) What organisations have received funding;
- (3) What amount did those organisations receive and for what purpose;
- (4) How much money remains in the Knowledge Fund;
- (5) Are there currently any requests before the Government for funding from the Knowledge Fund; if so, how many.

- 1316 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism –
- (1) How many people have phoned the 1300 number to enter a competition to win the prize associated with the *A Capital Summer* postcard campaign;
 - (2) How many people have booked holiday packages to visit Canberra as a result of the Adelaide campaign;
 - (3) When will the (a) Adelaide campaign conclude and (b) telephone survey measuring awareness of the campaign be undertaken;
 - (4) What has been the success rate of the *Summer by the Lake* campaign;
 - (5) How many entrants have been recorded on the database for the competition run as part of the *Summer by the Lake* campaign;
 - (6) When will the *A Capital Summer* tourism campaign conclude.
- 1318 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How many heroin overdoses have been reported each month for the last 12 months;
 - (2) Of these reports, how many overdoses resulted in death;
 - (3) What is the cost, per patient, of treating a patient who has overdosed on heroin;
 - (4) What attention is given to the patient when recovering from a heroin overdose;
 - (5) Is counselling offered to the patient;
 - (6) Is the progress of the patient monitored.
- 1319 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning –
- (1) In relation to additional land for the National Zoo and Aquarium and your comments on WIN news on 16 February 2004, when did the National Capital Authority request a planning study regarding land around the National Zoo and Aquarium;
 - (2) When did the A.C.T. Government decide it also wanted a planning study undertaken;
 - (3) Who was commissioned to undertake the study;
 - (4) Are copies of the report available; if so, where may copies be obtained; if not, why not;
 - (5) What are the major findings and recommendations of this report;
 - (6) When was the report received by the A.C.T. Government
 - (7) What was the total cost of this report and who bears the cost;
 - (8) When will a final decision be made on providing the National Zoo and Aquarium with more land.

- 1320 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) How many male teachers have been registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services on a full-time basis in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, (d) 2002-2003 and (e) 2003 to date;
 - (2) How many male teachers have been registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services on a part-time and casual basis in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, (d) 2002-2003 and (e) 2003 to date.
 - (3) How many male teachers currently registered on a full-time basis with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services hold positions of (a) principal and (b) deputy principal.
 - (4) How many male teachers are currently teaching in the A.C.T. in (a) pre-schools, (b) primary schools, (c) high schools and (d) colleges.
- 1321 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Is graffiti art currently taught in art classes in A.C.T. (a) primary schools and (b) high schools;
 - (2) If so, which (a) primary and (b) high schools are teaching it as part of their art classes.
- 1322 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Did the December CIT newsletter contain an article on the student housing crisis stating that new accommodation at CIT will be available and ready to use by April 2004; if so, are works on track for this accommodation to be available at this time;
 - (2) Will the promised total of 48 places be available in the new complex.

4 March 2004

(30 days expires 3 April 2004)

- 1326 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) What is the average annual gross salary of female teachers registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services employed on a (a) full-time and (b) part-time or casual basis;
 - (2) What is the average annual gross salary of male teachers registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services employed on a (a) full-time and (b) part-time or casual basis.
- 1327 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Have there been any cases of action, in relation to restraining orders or police intervention required, by students or their parents against any teachers registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family

Services in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003 to date;

- (2) If so, what kind of action was taken against these teachers and are these teachers still teaching in the ACT;
- (3) If not, are teachers registered with the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services required to report to the school they are teaching at, or to the Department, any cases of action taken against them if the school or Department would not already be aware of it.

1329 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –

- (1) How many police officers were allocated to attend Neighbourhood Watch programs in the A.C.T. in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, (d) 2002-2003 and (e) 2003 to date;
- (2) How many Neighbourhood Watch meetings in the A.C.T. were attended by police officers in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, (d) 2002-2003 and (e) 2003 to date.

1330 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 in relation to the sale of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, are there any contingent liabilities still to be resolved following the sale of the business;
- (2) What impact will the resolution of any of these contingent liabilities have on the A.C.T. Government;
- (3) Were any contingent liabilities or other similar issues identified during the wind up of the joint venture that were not evident prior to the sale of the business being concluded; if so, what is the extent of these liabilities and what impact will the resolution of any of these contingent liabilities have on the A.C.T. Government.

1331 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to the operations of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, why were the costs of operations of the joint venture so much higher during 2001-02, at \$3.8 million (for only part of a year), than for the previous year when the costs of operations were \$2.0 million;
- (2) In relation to the financial performance of the joint venture during 2001-02, (a) how much income was received by the joint venture as a result of an insurance claim for a damaged overland conveyor and (b) how much compensation was paid by a blasting contractor for damage that had been caused.

1332 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to the sale of Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, was he involved in any way in the sale process prior to the briefing he received on 19 March 2002;
- (2) If so, what was the extent of his involvement;
- (3) What was the extent of his involvement in the sale process after the briefing given to him on 19 March 2002;
- (4) What departments and agencies represented the A.C.T. Government during the negotiations leading to the sale of the business.

1333 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to the sale of the business and assets of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, why were the proceeds of the sale of the business applied exclusively to the finance lease debts of the joint venture and Pavement Salvage Holdings;
- (2) What is the explanation for the joint venture recording a loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment of \$1.966 million;
- (3) Why was the loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment of \$1.966 million a cost to Totalcare;
- (4) Why was the write-off of a debt of \$1.25 million due to Pavement Salvage Holdings a cost to Totalcare;
- (5) Why was Totalcare responsible for funding the negative net assets of the joint venture of \$0.3 million;
- (6) Why was Totalcare responsible for funding what have been described as any other costs associated with the wind up of the joint venture;
- (7) Given that Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd took over and has continued the operations of the Williamsdale Quarry, was any goodwill received for the sale of the business; if so, what was the value of goodwill included in the transaction.

1334 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to the decisions leading to the sale of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, did Totalcare make a decision, independently from other parties to the joint venture, to sell its share of the joint venture;
- (2) Why was Totalcare's initial decision of an intention to sell its share of the joint venture changed to a decision to sell the entire business and assets of the joint venture;
- (3) Did the change from selling a joint venture partner's share to selling the entire joint venture business have any impact on the outcome of the sale process, including the allocation of commitments, including expenses, between the partners;

- (4) During the period between 21 February 2002 and 30 June 2002, did the operations of the quarry continue as usual;
- (5) What arrangements were used to pay for costs incurred during the period mentioned in paragraph (4) and were these costs shared appropriately between the partners in the joint venture.

1335 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to the process followed in selling the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, what process was undertaken to establish the extent of any interest in purchasing either the interest of Totalcare in the joint venture or in purchasing the entire quarry business and assets;
- (2) If a process involving a public tender to establish interest in buying either Totalcare's share of the joint venture or the entire business was not undertaken, what was the reason for not calling for public expressions of interest or for offers;
- (3) Of the four offers that were received to buy Totalcare's share in the joint venture, how many of these parties were interested in buying the entire operations of the joint venture;
- (4) Was a separate process initiated to seek expressions of interest in buying the entire business of the joint venture; if so, what was the outcome of this process; if not, why not.
- (5) Is there any relationship between the purchaser of the business and assets of the joint venture, Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Limited, and any of the entities involved in the joint venture; if so, what is the nature of this relationship.

1336 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to the reply to a Question Without Notice of 10 February 2004 and in relation to structure of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture, (a) what was the formal structure of the joint venture, (b) what were the entities that had an interest in this joint venture and (c) what was the extent and nature of their interest;
- (2) What entities were established within the structure of the joint venture and in each case, (a) when was each entity established and (c) what was its role;
- (3) What were the interests of the joint venture partners in the entities identified in part (2), what was the extent, where relevant, of any interest from parties external to the joint venture in any of these entities and what changes, if any, occurred in the interests involved in entities established within the joint venture during the life of the joint venture;
- (4) How were the initial financial contributions into the joint venture from the joint venture partners determined and were there any changes in the proportions of these financial contributions during the life of the joint venture;

- (5) At the time the joint venture was established, did all partners pay all the funds into the joint venture that were committed to be paid.

1338 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –

- (1) Was the position of Chief Police Officer (CPO) advertised when the Government was given notice that Mr John Murray was resigning;
- (2) If so, where was the position advertised and on what dates; if not, why not;
- (3) What recruitment process was undertaken in hiring Mr John Davey as the new CPO;
- (4) Who was on the selection panel for the appointment of Mr Davey;
- (5) How many other people applied for the position of CPO;
- (6) Were others in the police force alerted to the opening of the position enabling them to apply for the job of CPO;
- (7) When was the Minister first made aware that Mr Murray was resigning;
- (8) On what dates did Cabinet discuss the resignation of Mr Murray and or the appointment of a new CPO;
- (9) When did the Minister sign off on the appointment of Mr Davey to the position of CPO;
- (10) What is the length of the new contract signed by Mr Davey;
- (11) What is the salary of the new CPO and does this salary differ to the former CPO's salary; if so, by how much.

1343 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (1) How many (a) enrolled and (b) registered nurses are currently employed in the A.C.T. public hospital system;
- (2) How do the figures in (1) above compare to the figures for March and August 2003, please provide figures;
- (3) How many (a) enrolled and (b) registered nurses have left the A.C.T. public hospital system in the last 12 months;
- (4) What reasons, if any, were given by nurses for leaving the A.C.T. public hospital system;
- (5) How many (a) enrolled and (b) registered nurses have been recruited in the last 12 months;
- (6) How many of these recruits have come from the University of Canberra.

1344 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – What action, if any, is being taken or is being considered in relation to the rent payable by (a) aged pensioners, (b) war widows and (c) people living below the poverty line of \$20 000 per annum, to address the issue that they are currently being severely financially disadvantaged by having to pay up to 25% of their income.

- 1348 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) How much money is currently being spent on (a) supporting and (b) promoting, *Parent Link* to the Canberra Community;
 - (2) How many calls has *Parent Link* received and dealt with in (a) 2001-02, (b) 2002-03 and (c) 2003-04;
 - (3) What was the nature of the calls received by the service;
 - (4) What current strategies are in operation to advertise and promote the *Parent Link*;
 - (5) In what ways was the service able to assist the people who called and what services were callers most referred to;
 - (6) Where do parents go to receive help on public holidays when the service is not in operation.
- 1349 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) What is the average fee structure for placing a child in a childcare centre, (a) per week and (b) per day;
 - (2) How many children are enrolled or are on the books to utilise the new childcare centre at Gungahlin;
 - (3) What is the capacity of the Gungahlin Childcare Centre.
- 1350 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –
- (1) In relation to the Long Service Leave Fund for the Cleaning Industry, how much money has the fund collected from employers to date;
 - (2) How many (a) employers are currently involved in the scheme and (b) employees are currently registered with the scheme;
 - (3) How much money has been paid out to members of the scheme since its commencement;
 - (4) How many employees, who have had contributions paid into the scheme via their employer, have left the industry without accessing their long service leave entitlements due to forwarding details not being provided;
 - (5) What happens to the unclaimed funds;
 - (6) What is the balance of unclaimed funds to date.
- 1352 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) How many complaints were made by young persons detained in the Quamby Youth Detention Centre against staff between 1 July 2003 and 31 December 2003;
 - (2) How many of those complaints were substantiated.

- 1353 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) How many team leaders at Quamby Youth Detention Centre are permanent;
 - (2) How many staff at Quamby Youth Detention Centre are (a) permanent and (b) on temporary contracts.
- 1354 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Is it correct that recently a young person assaulted another inmate with a caste iron brevell and both offender and victim were placed in the special needs unit; if so, why was this allowed to happen;
 - (2) Is it correct that a young person who is placed in that unit for disciplinary reasons can only be kept in there for a maximum of two weeks;
 - (3) If so, why and what Act, regulation, by-laws or rules are relied on to ensure a young person in this situation is only allowed to stay for two weeks in this particular unit.
- 1355 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) In relation to the Quamby Youth Detention Centre, what plans are there to expand the centre beyond the current footprint it occupies;
 - (2) If the upgrade includes acquiring additional land, can you give details of exactly what additional land is to be required and what area is to be taken up with the expansion of the Quamby Youth Centre.
- 1356 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) In relation to complaints by detainees at the Quamby Youth Detention Centre against staff, has a staff member lost access to higher duties whilst the complaint is being investigated; if so, why;
 - (2) Are staff left with the idea that their positions are in jeopardy as a result of a complaint against them by a young detainee; if so, why.
- 1357 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) What is the break-up in relation to the living arrangements of detainees at Quamby Youth Detention Centre, for example, how many units and how many detainees are in each unit;
 - (2) What are the guidelines for placing the detainees in each of the units.

1358 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Did a couple of young persons recently escape over the electric fence of the Quamby Youth Detention Centre; if so, how did this occur;
- (2) What steps have been taken to ensure that the perimeter of Quamby, and in particular the Quamby fence is secure;
- (3) Was there any fault detected with the electric fence; if so, has that fault been repaired; if not, why not.
- (4) What steps are being taken to increase perimeter security at Quamby in relation to further improvements to the electric fence.

1360 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) In relation to No Waste by 2010, why did the Government commission a consultancy to review the A.C.T.'s No Waste Strategy;
- (2) What advice did the Minister receive in the consultancy undertaken by the Centre for Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd reviewing the A.C.T. No Waste Strategy;
- (3) Did this review give any advice on how to better dispose of putrescible waste; if so, what was that advice; if not, why not;
- (4) Are there any plans to extend the achievement of the strategy time frame beyond 2010; if so, why will the Government not be able to achieve the target by 2010.

1361 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Have any bus drivers recently taken action in court against ACTION buses regarding flexibility of work rosters;
- (2) If so, what are the implications of the court case on the way ACTION buses now structures its roster system;
- (3) If not, have there been any changes to the roster system at ACTION;
- (4) What is meant by the term “seniority” within ACTION and in relation to the roster system;
- (5) Is there any concern currently among ACTION bus drivers regarding changes to the rostering system;
- (6) Are you aware of any possibility of industrial action on the part of ACTION bus drivers relating to (a) the rostering system and (b) any other matters.

9 March 2004

(30 days expires 8 April 2004)

1363 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Is the career education support services operational; if so, when did it become operational; if not, why not and when will it be operational;

- (2) Of the \$384 000 allocated in the 2003-04 Budget for this program, what amount of funding has been expended;
- (3) What is the breakdown of any expenditure and what has been delivered for that expenditure;
- (4) How many people are employed to work as part of the career education support service and at what level are they employed;
- (5) How will the service operate;
- (6) What is the job description of the career education support service.

1364 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Further to your reply to Question on notice No 1041 in which you stated that an evaluation of drug education programs in A.C.T. government schools and colleges will be conducted in 2004, when will that evaluation (a) begin and (b) be completed;
- (2) Who will undertake the evaluation;
- (3) What will the evaluation look at;
- (4) How will the evaluation be funded.

1366 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Are any ovals in the A.C.T. being considered for redevelopment; if so, which ovals;
- (2) Would the Government ever consider using any ovals in the A.C.T. for redevelopment purposes;
- (3) What is the Government's policy on ovals in regards to maintaining them for public open space;
- (4) Have any low maintenance ovals been brought back to full maintenance since Labor took office in 2001; if so, how many and which ovals; if not, why not.

1367 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1195 in which you stated that a revised completion and handover date for upgrades to Chisholm oval had been programmed for 1 March 2004, has this deadline been met and the new works completed;
- (2) If so, when were the works completed; if not, when will the works be completed;
- (3) Has the handover taken place; if so, when did it take place; if not, when will it take place and why did this not occur as programmed on 1 March;
- (4) What was the final cost of this project and was that cost met from within budget; if not, where did any additional funds come from to finalise the project.

1368 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1194 in which you stated that there was an anticipated March 2004 launch of the Art and Soul, City Walk Sculpture after delays in the approval process, will there be a March launch of this artwork;
- (2) If so, when will the artwork be officially launched; if not, why will it not be launched in March and what is the anticipated launch date now;
- (3) What will be the total cost of this project and will that cost be met within the original budget forecast.

1370 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment –

- (1) Why was the Molonglo River opened and then closed within the space of only a few days recently;
- (2) What evidence was (a) presented to allow for the reopening of the river and (b) then presented forcing another closure;
- (3) Should the river have just remained closed altogether;
- (4) What measures, if any, are being taken by Environment ACT to ensure the river can be reopened as soon as possible; if no work has been undertaken, why not;
- (5) How many water skiing events have been cancelled due to the closure of the river;
- (6) How many of those water skiing events would have included competitors from interstate;
- (7) How many boat bookings have been cancelled during the time of the river's closure.

MRS DUNNE: To ask the following Ministers:

1371 Treasurer

1372 Minister for Health

- (1) In relation to a recent article in the *Canberra Chronicle* reporting that Canberra residents have noticed a stronger smell or taste of chlorine in their drinking water in recent weeks, what is the reason for an increase in taste and smell of chlorine in the water supply;
- (2) How many complaints has the Government received regarding a problem with smell or taste of water;
- (3) What water testing does the Government conduct to monitor the safety and potability of the water supply;
- (4) What are the main constituents looked for in water testing;
- (5) How often is testing carried out;
- (6) What have been the average readings for the constituents tested in our water supply each month for the last 18 months;

- (7) Are there any concerns regarding an increase in turbidity of the water supply; if so, please provide details;
- (8) Have there been any persons in the A.C.T. with any sort of health condition due to problems with water; if so, how many were detected and what caused the illness;
- (9) For each of the constituents above, at what levels does the Government inform the public of problems with water supply;
- (10) At what level of turbidity does the Government inform the public of problems with water supply.

10 March 2004

(30 days expires 9 April 2004)

- 1373 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) Why was a consultant hired to do a review of the Hotel Kurrajong's Conservation Management Plan and Condition Audit;
 - (2) What information or advice does the Government hope to receive through this review;
 - (3) Has the review been completed;
 - (4) If so, where can copies be obtained; if not, why not, and when will it be completed.
- 1374 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – What other costs did the Government incur in regards to the condemned Karralika redevelopment, excluding the two consultants fees as outlined in response to Question on notice No 1006.
- 1375 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) In relation to the A.C.T. Government settlement payments for insurance claims against The Canberra Hospital (TCH), how many people currently have insurance claims lodged against TCH;
 - (2) How many claims were lodged against TCH in (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002 (e) 2003 and (f) 2004 to date;
 - (3) How many of the claims in part (2) are (a) settled and (b) ongoing;
 - (4) How much has the A.C.T. Government paid out in the settlement of the claims in the years listed in part (2).
- 1377 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to Ministerial functions for all Ministers:
- (1) How many functions have been held by each Minister, by portfolio, in the period September 2003 to the end of February 2004 that have been paid for through the Executive Budget, including private functions for occasions like the farewell of staff;

- (2) For each function what was the (a) purpose, (b) date, (c) cost, (d) number of guests attending, (e) venue used and (f) entertainment hired.

1378 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –

- (1) How many people are currently employed in the Workcover Information and Education Unit;
- (2) Are there any plans to close or reduce the operations of this unit;
- (3) How many (a) workplace visits have taken place and (b) education sessions been held, each month, for the last six months.

1380 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –

- (1) How much of the \$1.076m allocated in the Department of Justice and Community Safety crime prevention budget for 2003-04 has been expended to date;
- (2) What has been delivered for the expenditure;
- (3) Further to your response to Question on notice No 904, regarding juvenile crime, in which you stated that government agencies had been asked to develop a range of significant new strategic program approaches which either directly or indirectly address youth crime, what new strategic and program approaches have been developed;
- (4) Have any of the new strategic and program approaches developed in part (3) been implemented; if so, (a) which approaches, (b) how long will they run for and (c) how have they been funded.

1382 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Further to your response to part (4) of Question on notice No 1162 in which you stated that local research was commissioned to inform about the High School Development Program (HSDP) and the education of boys, why was this research commissioned and did the Government receive two reports, one for HSDP and one for boys education;
- (2) If the Government did receive reports on both areas, what information was provided to the Government regarding (a) the HSDP and (b) boys education;
- (3) What other work, if any, has been undertaken by the current Government regarding boys education and have any measures to improve boys education been implemented; if so, what measures have been implemented and when.

1385 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Are all private A.C.T. Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) complying with the Australian Quality Training Framework;
- (2) What action does the A.C.T. Accreditation and Registration Council (ARC) take against any RTOs that are not compliant;
- (3) How many RTOs who are operating in Canberra are national companies and who are they;

- (4) Are there currently any RTOs, or their sub-contractors, advertising in the (a) print media, (b) television (c) radio, (d) Yellow Pages or (e) in any other way who are contravening (i) Standard 11, Use of National and State or Territory logos and (ii) Standard 12, Ethical Marketing and Advertising;
- (5) To what level is the ARC currently funded and resourced;
- (6) Does this level of funding adequately ensure that full and complying audits are conducted;
- (7) Does the ARC conduct spot check audits on RTOs; if so, what is the frequency; if not, why not;
- (8) How many internal audits have been carried out by the ARC during (a) 2002, (b) 2003 and (c) 2004.

1386 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) As a result of recent child abuse claims, what will the Minister be doing to address a declining corporate culture within the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services;
- (2) With regard to children in foster care, how many front line case workers does the Department employ;
- (3) What employment qualifications are necessary to become a front line case worker within the Department;
- (4) In relation to children in foster care, how many front line case workers have (a) resigned from the Department within the last 6 months and (b) been employed by the Department since 30 November 2003;
- (5) Were concerns raised by the Office of Community Advocate, Heather McGregor on 11 February 2004, that the lack of a state of the art computerised file management system contributed to cases of child abuse not being reported; if so, why has the Department not fully implemented the Looking After Children Electronic System, the electronic management tool for the Looking After Children model.

11 March 2004

(30 days expires 10 April 2004)

1387 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Is the community consultation register still available via the website;
- (2) If so, is the community consultation register currently being maintained online;
- (3) Is all the most up-to-date information provided on this web page;
- (4) Are there any plans to downgrade the community consultation register in any way.

- 1388 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney-General –
- (1) In relation to prisoner remandee numbers, how many A.C.T. (a) prisoners and (b) remandees, have been sent interstate, each month, in the last six months;
 - (2) What was the total cost of transfers for each category during this period;
 - (3) How many remandees have been housed at the Temporary Remand Centre (TRC) at Symonston, each month, for the last 12 months;
 - (4) On a monthly average, what has been the operational cost of the TRC at Symonston;
 - (5) Have the (a) Belconnen Remand Centre and (b) the Court House cells been at capacity at any time in the last 12 months; if so, when and what was the number of remandees held;
 - (6) How many Canberrans are currently serving home detention.
- 1389 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –
- (1) How many Act of Grace payments has the Government signed off on under part 9, section 64, of the *Financial Management Act 1996*, since coming to Government;
 - (2) Of those Act of Grace payments what was the amount of the payment, over what length of time and for what purpose.
- 1390 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism –
- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1150 in which you stated that Australian Capital Tourism was awaiting formal ratification of the contract for Subaru to again sponsor the Rally of Canberra, has this contract been finalised;
 - (2) If so, when was it finalised and is the contract any different to past years; if not, when will the contract be finalised and do you expect any change to the terms in the contract from previous years.
- 1391 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism –
- (1) How many entry nominations have been received for this year's Rally of Canberra;
 - (2) When do entry nominations close;
 - (3) From what countries and Australian States have nominations been received;
 - (4) What is the total field of competitors expected for this year's event;
 - (5) What was the total field of competitors for the last three years' events;
 - (6) When will tickets go on sale to the public;
 - (7) Will tickets be cheaper, more expensive or the same as last year;
 - (8) Where will this year's super special stage be held.

- 1394 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to pay parking in Belconnen, what advice did the Government receive in the \$78 000 study it commissioned, undertaken by Hughes Truman, regarding services in relation to the introduction of pay parking in Belconnen.
- 1395 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the evaluation of red light camera operations, what advice did the Government receive in advice prepared by Maunsell Australia titled *Evaluation of red light camera operations*.
- 1397 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –
- (1) In relation to Industrial Relations reform, has the Government offered any Australian Workplace Agreements since being elected to Government;
 - (2) How many enterprise bargaining agreements are currently in operation;
 - (3) Is this an increase or decrease in the number operating in the last year of the former Liberal Government; if so, please provide figures;
 - (4) Has the Government pursued any non-union enterprise bargaining agreements since being elected to Government;
 - (5) Has the Government maintained the public sector superannuation scheme;
 - (6) Has the Government increased or decreased the number of consultants and contractors used in the Public Sector since being elected to Government; if so, please provide figures.
- 1398 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) In relation to the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), what is the Government currently doing to promote traineeships and apprenticeships in traditional trade areas and emerging industries;
 - (2) What level of funding has the Government specifically allocated to CIT for the provision of traditional trade areas and emerging industries;
 - (3) How is the funding allocated across these areas;
 - (4) Has the fitting and machinery workshop been closed down at the CIT due to occupation, health and safety concerns;
 - (5) Did a first year engineering mechanical apprentice turn up to CIT in January 2004, was given a pile of books and told to come back on 20 July 2004 for tests;
 - (6) If so, what explanations were given to the students as to why this action was taken.
- 1399 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Year 12 trends and further to your response to Question on notice No 1038 in which you stated that the figures from 2003 would be available in February 2004, what were the overall participation rates for Year 12 in the A.C.T. in 2003.

- 1400 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) What is the current percentage goal that the Government aims for when information communication technology (ICT) competency testing takes place in A.C.T. Government schools;
 - (2) In relation to a standard set in 2001, the first year of ICT testing, by the former Liberal government which indicated that the ICT testing supports a key Government result area, which states that 95% of Year 10 students in A.C.T. Government schools will receive certification for their ICT competencies by 2001, has the current Government increased the percentage goal of students to achieve ICT competency certification; if not, why not;
 - (3) Has the Government considered broadening the testing since the former Liberal Government introduced ICT competencies; if so, what other areas could be tested; if not, why not;
 - (4) Has the Government considered introducing ICT competency testing for Year 6 students.
- 1401 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the number of students in classrooms, what was the average number of students per teacher in (a) Kindergarten, (b) Year 1, (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3 classes in A.C.T. Government schools in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003 and (v) 2004 to date;
- 1403 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) How many students, in each grade, are enrolled at the new Amaroo Primary School;
 - (2) What is the average class size for (a) Kindergarten, (b) Year 1, (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3;
 - (3) When will enrolments begin to be taken for the High School;
 - (4) What is the programmed opening date for the High School and are plans running according to schedule for that timeline to be met.
- 1404 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Are there any Government (a) primary schools, (b) high schools or (c) colleges in the A.C.T. that do not employ a male teacher;
 - (2) If so, which school/s do not currently have any males employed at their schools; if not, has there even been a time in the last 10 years where a school has not had a male teacher teaching at that school.
- 1405 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) In relation to pay parking in Tuggeranong and complaints received by the Opposition can he confirm the decision to turn a current dirt car park near the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, which allows around 100 cars access to park, into grassland area;

- (2) If so, where does the Government propose the 100 to 150 vehicle owners who currently park there to park now, given that pay parking has been introduced in the area and does the loss of this area to grassland mean there are less car park spaces in the area;
- (3) Have there been any issues in Tuggeranong, similar to those in Belconnen, where not all of the machines had arrived for the introduction of pay parking;
- (4) Has the Government received any complaints about pay parking in Tuggeranong since its introduction on 1 March; if so, how many complaints have been received and what aspect of pay parking was the complaint about.

1406 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) What is the intended purpose of the annual Road Rescue fee of \$16.00 and the Road Safety Contribution of \$2.00 charged upon A.C.T. vehicle registration renewals;
- (2) How are these fees currently used;
- (3) How much revenue was raised in 2002-03 from each of these fees.

1408 MS TUCKER: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage –

- (1) How many Aboriginal heritage places and objects were discovered as a result of the 2003 fires;
- (2) What were the dates when they were discovered;
- (3) Where is the registration process up to for these places and objects;
- (4) What is the timeframe for bringing that registration up-to-date;
- (5) How many places and objects are at risk of damage or destruction given their registration has not been processed.

1409 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Attorney-General – Further to a Question on notice of 8 December 2003 from the Community Services and Social Equity Committee which asked could the Attorney-General please comment on the Government's approach to Chief Executive Officers that are reported to have failed to comply with their statutory obligations, was it his office or his Department who advised the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services' Department about the above Question on notice.

30 March 2004

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 3 April 2004)

1328 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –

- (1) Have there been any safety regulations put in place that state that it is mandatory for all gas bottles attached to residential dwellings and other buildings to have their safety valves pointing away from the dwelling or building and in the safest possible direction;

- (2) If so, when were they put in place and how are they enforced;
- (3) If not, why not.

1359 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) In relation to crimes committed in the Quamby Youth Detention Centre or as a result of escapes from the Quamby Youth Detention Centre, between 1 January 2003 and 3 March 2004 how many young persons were convicted by the Children's Court of offences committed whilst at the Quamby Youth Detention Centre;
- (2) In relation to those young persons convicted of offences committed whilst at the Quamby Youth Detention Centre, for the above period, please list those offences together with details of any penalties imposed;
- (3) How many young persons escaped from the Quamby Youth Detention Centre between 1 January 2003 and 3 March 2004;
- (4) In relation to the young persons who escaped from the Quamby Youth Detention Centre between 1 January 2003 and 3 March 2004, how many, if any, offences were committed by those young persons whilst at large;
- (5) If there were offences committed in relation to young persons who escaped from the Quamby Youth Detention Centre during the above period, can you list those offences together with details of any penalties imposed.

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 10 April 2004)

1402 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) On how many occasions has the security system or alarm been activated at the new Amaroo school since it was installed;
- (2) Have any thefts occurred at the school (a) before and (b) since its official opening;
- (3) If so, what goods were stolen and to what value;
- (4) Are there any plans to upgrade fencing around the school along the Burdekin Avenue footpath.

1407 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – Further to his answer to a Question without notice on 9 March 2004 concerning a briefing given to him by the Community Advocate on 3 October 2002 in which he stated that he received written advice from the Department in response to the issues that were raised and he was advised in a written brief signed by the Chief Executive of the Department that things were being done, can he provide (a) any specific written advice from the Department to the Minister, addressing the issues raised by the Community Advocate and (b) any written advice to the Minister at the time, signed by the Chief Executive, addressing the criticisms raised the Community Advocate.

New Questions*(30 days expires 29 April 2004)*

- *1410 MR BERRY: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to contracts for the financial year 2003-2004 to date, for each agency the Minister is responsible for, could he provide the following information:
- (1) number of contracts;
 - (2) number of consultants;
 - (3) number of contractors;
 - (4) number of labour hire firms;
 - (5) number of contracts containing labour hire component;
 - (6) number of contracts with no labour hire component;
 - (7) types of services provided;
 - (8) number of contracts needing extension after 2003;
 - (9) numbers of each type of contract used, in the following categories (i) standard (ii) schedule of fees, (iii) quote/lump sum, (iv) invoice and (v) other;
 - (10) number of services outsourced in the following categories (i) whole, (ii) in part or (iii) unidentified;
 - (11) number of contracts directing appropriate award usage;
 - (12) number of contracts where there is subcontracting occurring;
 - (13) number of contracts with permission or non-permission clause for subcontracting;
 - (14) number of contracts requiring award usage for subcontractors.

MR BERRY: To ask the following Ministers:

- *1411 Treasurer
- *1412 Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism
- *1413 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming
- *1414 Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
- *1415 Minister for Urban Services
- *1416 Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- *1417 Minister for Arts and Heritage
- *1418 Minister for Health
- *1419 Minister for Planning
- *1420 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
- *1421 Minister for Women
- *1422 Minister for Industrial Relations

In relation to contracts for the financial years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 to date, for each agency the Minister is responsible for, could the Minister provide the following information:

- (1) number of contracts;

- (2) number of consultants;
- (3) number of contractors;
- (4) number of labour hire firms;
- (5) number of contracts containing labour hire component;
- (6) number of contracts with no labour hire component;
- (7) types of services provided;
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- (12) number of contracts where there is subcontracting occurring;
- (13) number of contracts with (a) permission or (b) non-permission clause for subcontracting;
- (14) number of contracts requiring award usage for subcontractors.

*1423 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) In relation to Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 (No 3), Department of Urban Services Output 1.1, Customer Services and Information and the new measure “average queue wait time” for Shopfront service, does the target of 12 minutes or less reflect the Government’s own desired target for waiting times, or is it representative of the average actual waiting time to date for the current financial year;
- (2) If it is the Government’s own target waiting time, why is a target waiting time of up to 12 minutes acceptable, when previously a waiting time of up to only 7 minutes was used as a benchmark against which waiting times were measured as acceptable;
- (3) If 12 minutes is representative of the average waiting time to date for the current financial year, why has this increase occurred.

*1424 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Regarding the offer from the Commonwealth Government of funding of \$49 000 in 2003-04, \$50 000 in 2004-05 and \$53 000 in 2005-06 for reciprocal State and Territory seniors transport concessions, has the A.C.T. Government signed the agreement accepting the Commonwealth’s offer;
- (2) If not, why not and when will it do so.

*1425 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) What controls exist for the collection of donations in the A.C.T. by overseas charities, and to whom are these charities accountable;

- (2) If there are no controls in the A.C.T. applicable to overseas charities, why not.

*1426 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to the recent Transact merger with ActewAGL and further to an interview on ABC Radio Canberra on Thursday, 18 March between presenter Chris Uhlmann and Chief Executive of ActewAGL, John Mackay, which services has Transact been forced to trim in its latest roll-out and why;
- (2) Will Transact be able to offer to new subscribers the full range of services including the broadband component of internet, telephone, TV and video services enjoyed by current Transact subscribers; if not, why not.
- (3) In regards to the fibre optic technology used in previous roll-outs, (a) why is it now not to be used by Transact and (b) will its use discontinue; if so, when;
- (4) Is the fibre optic technology now deemed obsolete by industry standards and has it been superseded by other technologies; if so, will this affect existing Transact subscribers, for example, will they lose some of the services available to them currently; if so, how and when will this happen;
- (5) Will existing Transact subscribers be able to access all four services listed part (2) in both the short and long term; if not, why not;
- (6) Will new Transact subscribers be charged at a lesser rate for the provision of Transact services if they are not to receive the full range of services enjoyed by current Transact subscribers; if so, what will the cost difference be;
- (7) If new subscribers will not be charged at a lesser rate if the full range of services are not offered, why not;
- (8) Will the full range of services be offered by Transact to new subscribers in the future even if it is unable to do so currently;
- (9) In what A.C.T. suburbs has Transact fibre optic cabling been installed to date;
- (10) What (a) A.C.T. suburbs will be guaranteed to receive fibre optic cabling in the future before Transact ceases to install this technology and (b) A.C.T. suburbs will miss out on fibre optic cabling altogether;
- (11) Does the current roll-out in Tuggeranong, to be completed at the end of April, include the fibre optic technology offering the four services listed in part (2);
- (12) If the decision to cease Transact's fibre optic cable rollout to A.C.T. suburbs has been made for financial reasons, what assurances can be given to ensure that Transact remains a viable entity in the future;
- (13) Are there any plans for Transact to cease operations completely, or for those operations to be completely assimilated into ActewAGL's services; if so, why and how.

*1427 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Is the Monaro Highway at the intersection with Lanyon Drive still a reduced speed limit of 80km/h;

- (2) If so, how much longer will this interim road safety measure be in place; if not, when did the speed limit return to 100km/h;
- (3) Has the Government given any consideration to making that section of the road 80km/h permanently;
- (4) If so, when will a decision be made regarding permanency of 80km/h; if not, would the Government give consideration to a permanent 80km/h zone in this area;
- (5) Has the Government received any representations from outside Government to leave this stretch of the road at 80km/h; if so, from whom;
- (6) When will a decision be made on the extension of the acceleration lane and how will that extension be funded.

*1428 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to ActewAGL recently celebrating reaching 5 000 GreenChoice customers, over what length of time has it taken ActewAGL to bring those customers on board;
- (2) What percentage of electricity supplied to the A.C.T. is from a renewable source;
- (3) How many customers were signed up to GreenChoice each year that GreenChoice has been in place;
- (4) Does ActewAGL have a goal of a certain number of GreenChoice customers it wishes to bring on board; if so, what is the goal and when is that target date to achieve it; if not, why not;
- (5) Is it known what the A.C.T. Conservation Council will do with the \$5 000 donation given to the organization by ActewAGL; if so, how will that money be spent; if not, will the Government inquire to find out how that money will be spent;
- (6) What are the estimates of reducing greenhouse gases and other harmful elements into the environment by signing up 5 000 customers to GreenChoice;
- (7) What number of customers are needed to sign up to GreenChoice to make a significant difference to the environment.

*1429 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Treasurer – What details are available regarding ActewAGL's investigations to establish a wind farm in the A.C.T. and where can information be obtained regarding these plans.

*1430 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) How many (a) hybrid vehicles and (b) gas converted cars form part of the A.C.T. Government fleet;
- (2) Are there plans to increase the number of environmentally friendly vehicles in the Government fleet;

- (3) Has any target been set for the number of environmentally friendly vehicles the Government wishes to have in the Government car fleet; if so, what is that target and timeframe; if not, why not.

*1431 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) In (a) 2002-03 and (b) 2003-04 how many dual occupancies were (i) approved and (ii) rejected for development and in which suburbs;
- (2) How many dual occupancies are currently pending development approval and in which suburbs are the applications for.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Fifth 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 12 November 2001*): The Speaker (*Presiding Member*), Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Mr Hargreaves.

Pursuant to resolution

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY: (*Formed 11 December 2001*; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002): Mr Hargreaves (Chair), Mr Cornwell, Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas.

EDUCATION: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms MacDonald (Chair), Ms Dundas, Mr Pratt.

HEALTH: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Tucker (Chair), Mrs Burke, Ms MacDonald.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Stefaniak (Chair), Mr Hargreaves, Ms Tucker.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: (*Formed 11 December 2001*; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002): Mrs Dunne (Chair), Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Smyth (Chair), Ms MacDonald, Ms Tucker.

Select

ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 3): (*Formed 11 March 2004*): Mrs Cross (Chair), Ms MacDonald, Mr Smyth.

PRIVILEGES 2004: (*Formed 10 February 2004*): Mr Cornwell, Ms MacDonald, Ms Tucker.

Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2001-02: (*Formed 19 February 2002*): Mr Humphries (Chair), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. (*Presented 9 April 2002*).

ESTIMATES 2002-03: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Mr Humphries (Chair), Mr Hargreaves, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Ms Gallagher. (*Printing, circulation and publication authorised 19 August 2002; presented 20 August 2002*).

ESTIMATES 2003-04: (*Formed 3 April 2003*): Mr Smyth (Chair), Mrs Cross, Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Dunne, Ms MacDonald. (*Presented 17 June 2003*).

ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 2): (*Formed 19 August 2003*): Mr Smyth (Chair), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. (*Presented 23 September 2003*).

PRIVILEGES: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Ms Tucker (Chair), Mr Hargreaves, Mr Smyth. (*Presented 14 November 2002*).

PRIVILEGES: (*Formed 26 June 2003*): Ms Dundas (Chair), Mr Quinlan, Mr Stefaniak. (*Presented 18 November 2003*).

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Gallagher (Chair), Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas. (*Presented 21 November 2002*).
