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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 52

Thursday, 13 March 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to regulate agents, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 12 March 2003*).
- *2 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend *the Legislation Act 2001*. (*Notice given 12 March 2003*).
- *3 MR QUINLAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gaming Machine Act 1987*. (*Notice given 12 March 2003*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 MRS CROSS: To move – That notwithstanding Standing Order 16, the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure for consideration and report by the first sitting day in May 2003: An amendment to Standing Order 210 to allow a Member of the

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

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Assembly who is breastfeeding an infant to be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 210. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 2 – ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR HOMELESS MEN AND THEIR CHILDREN – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 2 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 9 – PLANNING AND LAND BILL 2002 AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 19 November 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 3 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE – STANDING COMMITTEE (FOURTH ASSEMBLY) – REPORT NO. 11 – ELDER ABUSE IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 5 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.
- 6 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.

- 7 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – THE OPERATION OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975 WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
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- 8 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Crimes (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2002 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 December 2002.
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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGISLATION (GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Attorney-General*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – amendment No 4 moved by Mr Stanhope (*from 11 March 2003 – Mr Wood*).
- 2 DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2003 – Ms Tucker*).
- 3 CONSUMER AND TRADER TRIBUNAL BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 5 STATE OF THE TERRITORY'S FINANCE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 6 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO COMPETITION IMPLICATIONS OF PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES BY A SINGLE NETWORK – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 December 2001 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT – CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 8 GAMING MACHINE ACT – ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 9 PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO RESTORE SECURITY OF TENURE TO PUBLIC TENANTS – STATEMENT BY MINISTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle.
- 11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ACT: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 12 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.
- 13 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – FOURTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003 – Ms Gallagher – in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).

Notices - continued

- 4 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 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*).
- 2 MR PRATT: To move – That the ACT Legislative Assembly condemns Labor for blocking the suspension of Downer Preschool in October 1998 and now having to admit that it was wrong to do so given that it wants to suspend Lyneham Preschool for the same reason. (*Notice given 24 September 2002*).

- 3 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that the Department of Education will vacate the O’Connell Education Centre of the site of the old Griffith Primary School site by the end of this school year;
 - (2) notes that the Blue Gum School is currently in unacceptable accommodation and needs to move into more acceptable accommodation at the end of the current school year;
 - (3) calls on the Minister for Education to explore all educational options (Departmental, government and non government) for the O’Connell Centre before it is made surplus to requirement. (*Notice given 25 June 2002*).
- 4 MR SMYTH: To move – That the Government acknowledge the importance of openness and accountability and their election commitment to this end and calls on the Government to table the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospitals’ information bulletin – patient activity data, monthly reports at the first Assembly sitting after they have become available to the Government. (*Notice given 7 May 2002*).
- 5 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*).
- 6 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to immediately remove heavy vehicle diversions from Chuculba Crescent, Giralang and any other suburban streets and ensure that all heavy vehicle routes avoid suburban streets. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 7 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to enter into immediate negotiations with the National Capital Authority about the duplication of Caswell Drive to ensure that unoccupied land to the east of the existing road reserve is utilised so that the road does not encroach unnecessarily on the amenity of Aranda. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Legislative Assembly dissents from Speaker Berry’s ruling that the matter of public importance lodged by Mrs Cross concerning the Katie Bender tragedy is out of order as it is sub-judice. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 10 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*).
- 11 MRS DUNNE: To move – This Assembly:
- (1) notes the Minister for Planning’s decision of 27 November to extend the 5% interim limit on dual and triple occupancy, embodied in Draft Variation 192, until May 2003; and
 - (2) notes the creation of an overlapping and contradictory conditions between Draft Variation 192 and Draft Variation 200, which gained interim effect in September 2002;
 - (3) calls on the Minister to immediately suspend the operation of Draft Variation 192 as was initially intended. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 12 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the Assembly:
- (1) notes the high levels of demand for public and community housing in the Tuggeranong area;
 - (2) supports moves by the Government to ensure that more public and community housing is available in Tuggeranong; and
 - (3) in particular, welcomes the Government’s commitment to regularly update and turnover of the housing stock to meet the changing needs of the community. (*Notice given 18 February 2003*).
- 13 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*).

- 14 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*).
- 15 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*).
- 16 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister:
- (1) to table Howard McBeth's 1994 report into the adequacy of the Territory's fire prevention strategies;
 - (2) to incorporate the McBeth report into the Government's operational response to the 18 January 2003 bushfires. (*Notice given 5 March 2003*).
- 17 MRS CROSS: To move – That Standing Order 210 be amended as follows: add the following new paragraph: (a) Standing order 210 shall have no application to a Member who is breastfeeding an infant. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).
- 18 MRS CROSS: To move – That, the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory:
- (1) noting:
 - (a) the reported decision of the Australian Government to deport from Australia 1600 East Timorese people;
 - (b) the fact that most of these people have been in Australia for a time exceeding 10 years;
 - (c) the contribution of the East Timorese community to the fabric of multiculturalism ; and
 - (2) recognising
 - (a) the pain and suffering of the people of East Timor, particularly those who fled their country to escape persecution including threats of torture; and
 - (b) the cruelty of uprooting children of East Timorese who have grown up as members of the Australian Community; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to write to the Prime Minister, Mr Howard and the Minister for Immigration and multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Mr Ruddock, expressing these concerns. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).

- 19 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to empower the Gaming and Racing Commission to reduce the current number of gaming machines in the ACT to 3000, in line with the national per capita average, during the financial year 2003-2004. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).
- 20 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly expresses disappointment in the ACT Government's appointed Connor's Inquiry into education funding in that:
- (1) The inquiry reported on issues which this Assembly had already known to be the case, that is, the ACT education system is essentially one of the best in the country and whilst there are issues which need to be addressed these did not need this inquiry to point these out;
 - (2) The inquiry was therefore unnecessary, a waste of time and a waste of \$250,000, money which could have been well spent inside the school gate;
 - (3) The inquiry has allowed the government to prevaricate on the timely expenditure of \$7.4m funding denied to our children for a period of 10 months;
 - (4) The inquiry has exacerbated concerns that the government will diminish funding to the non-government sector, thereby attacking the principles of diversity and choice on which the ACT education system rests. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 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 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 9 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 10 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 11 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 14 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 15 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:
(Mrs Dunne): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell).
- 16 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (Ms Tucker): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell).
- 17 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (Ms Dundas): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan).
- 18 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (Mr Humphries): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan).
- 19 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (Mr Humphries): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan).
- 20 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (Mrs Dunne): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope).

**Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on
12 December 2002**

CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) BILL 2002:
(Minister for Industrial Relations): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle
(Mr Pratt).

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

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(Redirected question – 30 days expires 11 April 2003)

- *466 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to facilities for disabled bathers at Canberra swimming pools:
- (1) Which government owned and private swimming centres have hoist facilities for disabled bathers;
 - (2) Which centres in Canberra offer hydrotherapy services for disabled bathers;
 - (3) Does the government plan to develop any more hydrotherapy pools in Canberra in the current term in office;
 - (4) Does the government plan to equip any other swimming centres with hoists for disabled bathers;
 - (5) Has the government received any requests from the department or constituents for improved facilities for disabled bathers.

New questions

(30 days expires 12 April 2003)

- *476 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to allowances for jury duty and witnesses at court:
- (1) What was the total cost of providing allowances for witnesses and jury members attending the:
 - (a) Supreme Court in 2001-2002;
 - (b) Magistrates Court in 2001-2002
 - (2) How many witnesses or jury members claimed allowance for their attendance at:
 - (a) Supreme Court in 2001-2002;
 - (b) Magistrates Court in 2001-2002;
 - (3) Is any demographic data kept on jury members.
 - (4) Do you have statistics on the gender of people attending jury duty in 2001-2002;
 - (5) Do you have statistics on the ages of persons performing jury duty, if so, could you provide the information kept.

*477 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the ACT Public Service:

- (1) How many public servants have voluntarily left the ACT Public Service (a) to date this financial year, (b) in 2001-02;
- (2) How many public servants have been offered redundancies in the ACT Public Service (a) to date this financial year, (b) in 2001-02;
- (3) What was the number of ACT Public Servants for (a) the current day this financial year, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2000-01, (d) 1999-2000
- (4) How many additional Executives have been employed in the ACT Public Service from the number of employees as at June 30 2001 (a) to date this financial year, (b) in 2001-02;
- (5) What was the total number of Executives in the ACT Public Service for (a) the current day this financial year, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2000-01, (d) 1999-2000.

*478 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to information management:

- (1) Given that *The Australian Financial Review* reported on 7 February 2003 that ACT Forests kept a back-up set of data in a fireproof safe in its Duffy office, and that office was burnt in the fires, was any documentation able to be saved;
- (2) If documentation was destroyed, why did a fireproof safe also burn in the 18 January firestorm;
- (3) What percentage of documentation was lost in the Duffy ACT Forests office;
- (4) What percentage of the documentation lost can be retrieved from back up sources;
- (5) Are there any concerns about information that cannot be retrieved in regards to the (a) day to day functioning of ACT Forests (b) future planning (c) other;
- (6) What is the Government doing to protect invaluable information against any future natural disasters.

*479 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to works on the corner of Mirrabai Drive and Gundaroo Drive, Gungahlin:

- (1) Can the Minister explain what works are taking place on the roundabout on the corner of Mirrabai Drive and Gundaroo Drive in Gungahlin;

- (2) When will the works be completed;
- (3) Will a new light be erected on the roundabout, if not, why not;
- (4) If a new light is to be erected will the government consider installing mobile telephone facilities to the light, if not, why not;
- (5) There also appears to be works on the land diagonal in the direction of the Lake and skate park, can the Minister explain what works are taking place there.

*480 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to a Request for Tender No. T02358 concerning the supply and delivery of compressed natural gas powered buses:

- (1) Why was the assessment of bus bodies in the context of this request for tender considered outside the formal tender process;
- (2) Why was a particular company specified in Request for Tender No. T02358 as the supplier of bodies for the buses being sought in this request for tender;
- (3) What process was undertaken to evaluate the capabilities of the company specified in clause 4.4.2 (c) of the request for tender;
- (4) What other manufacturers of bus bodies were identified during the assessment process;
- (5) Was any advice sought from relevant industry associations or similar organisations to assist in identifying companies that could be considered to supply bus bodies. If so, which of these organisations provided advice;
- (6) Were all these companies contacted as part of the assessment process. If not, why not;
- (7) What contact was made with each company that was considered to have the capability to supply bodies for the buses being sought in this request for tender;
- (8) If any companies were not contacted, were they or any bus bodies they had made subject to assessment to establish their capability to supply bus bodies;
- (9) Why were all these other companies determined as being unable to be considered to supply bus bodies as part of this request for tender;
- (10) On what basis did ACT Procurement Solutions and the ACT Procurement Board accept that Clause 8 (c) of the Government

Procurement (Principles) Guidelines 2002 (No. 2) should not apply to the supply of bodies being sought by Request for Tender No. T02358;

- (11) What process was undertaken to determine whether a particular material was more suitable than other materials for the bus bodies;
- (12) If a particular material has been preferred, on what basis was this decision reached and why were other materials not preferred;
- (13) What existing Government contracts, if any, were identified as being relevant to this request for tender;
- (14) Has it been possible to utilise any of these contracts in seeking the supply of the buses specified in this request for tender;
- (15) Have there been any other tenders for the supply of buses to ACTION that have specified a particular company to be the supplier of any components of the buses;
- (16) If so, which companies have been specified and why were these particular companies so specified;
- (17) What action will be taken to ensure that the price at which bus bodies are supplied, following the finalisation of Request for Tender No. T02358, will be competitive.

*481 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to light rail:

- (1) Will the Public Transport Futures Feasibility Study be finished in time for consideration as part of the coming Budget, if so, when do you expect to be able to release details, if not, why not;
- (2) Will the Minister conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of this expensive project before committing Government funds to such a project.

*482 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to ACTION bus services:

- (1) What is the percentage of accurate ACTION bus arrivals at all routes across Canberra;
- (2) What is the percentage of arrivals in operation records that are (a) 1 minute late (b) 2 minutes late (c) 3 minutes late (d) 4 minutes late; (e) 5 minutes late (f) more than 5 minutes late but less than 10 minutes late (g) more than 10 minutes late;
- (3) What are the total patronage statistics each month of this financial year, including February (if February figures are available);

- (4) What is the percentage increase or decrease in patronage from the beginning of the financial year to the current day;
- (5) A new timetable with 'improved' services for Gungahlin, Campbell Park and the Hospice was announced in April last year, from that time can you please provide the number of patrons for each month for each route of these new services (ie: April 2002 to February 2003).

*483 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the 2003 State of the Environment Report:

- (1) How much funding has been expended to date on the 2003 State of the Environment Report;
- (2) Can the Minister advise how much work has been completed on this report to date;
- (3) How many people have been employed, if any, to date for research and compilation of this report;
- (4) How much of the Budget allocation will be used on wages for those involved in preparing the report or will this be covered from within the Department of Urban Services Budget;
- (5) Is funding granted each year for this project in anticipation of the triennial report, if so, why is there no out year funding in the 2004-05 financial year;
- (6) Can you advise when the Report will be released given the due date of the period ending 30 June 2003.

*484 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to free plant issues from the Yarralumla Nursery to new home owners:

- (1) What is the current (a) price limit and (b) number of plants that can be obtained by residents who have bought a new home;
- (2) Is this plant issue for home owners on a new block or can new home owners of an established block also apply for plants;
- (3) Will this offer be open to (a) new homes constructed following the Canberra bushfires and (b) gardens damaged following the Canberra bushfires, if so, what impact will this have on the budget;
- (4) Will the same restrictions to price and number of plants that can be obtained apply to Bushfire victims who have lost their homes or have had gardens destroyed or burnt.

*485 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to funding for nature conservation:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how much of the \$500,000 allocated this financial year for nature conservation has been expended;
- (2) Can a detailed list be provided of where money has been expended to date and for what purpose;
- (3) If there is money still unexpended from this program how will the remainder be spent this financial year;
- (4) Will there be a change of focus for the expenditure of any left over funds following the January bushfires;
- (5) Will there be a change of focus for this spending in the future (ie: out year funding) following the January bushfires.

*486 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to the enforcement of noise pollution regulations :

- (1) How many complaints were received by the Environment Management Authority to date this financial year;
- (2) Have any warnings have been issued by the Environment Management Authority to date this financial year, if so how many and for what reasons;
- (3) How many complaints were received by the Environment Management Authority in (a) 2001-02 (b) 2000-01;
- (4) Were any warnings issued by the Environment Management Authority in (a) 2001-02 (b) 2000-01;
- (5) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the reason for the complaint (a) to date this financial year (b) in 2001-02 (c) in 2000-01;
- (6) Can the Minister list how many complaints were received by suburb;
- (7) Have there been any court actions against noise polluters (a) to date this financial year (b) in 2001-02 (c) in 2000-01.

*487 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Consumer Law Centre:

- (1) How many requests for assistance did the Consumer Law Centre receive in its first month of operation;

- (2) How many of these assistance requests related to the 18 January bushfires;
- (3) Of these requests what percentage of people was the centre able to assist with (a) success, (b) no success, (c) cases still pending;
- (4) What are the top ten issues that the centre has dealt with;
- (5) How many staff are employed to work at the centre;
- (6) What were the operational costs of the centre in the first month.

*488 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Youth Legal Referral Service:

- (1) How many requests for assistance has the Youth Legal Referral Service received in its first month of operation;
- (2) In what percentage of requests has the service been able to (a) assist, (b) not assist, (c) cases are still in progress;
- (3) Can the Minister provide any details about what are the five most talked about issues of youth who use the service;
- (4) What were the running costs of the service in the first month;
- (5) How many staff are employed to work at the service.

*489 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to sportsgrounds:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of:
 - (a) sportsgrounds that have been upgraded under the \$1m allocated to the sportsground/facilities management program;
 - (b) What the allocation was for; and
 - (c) How much the allocation was.
- (2) Has the Government received any requests to bring more low maintenance ovals back to full maintenance, if so, are any ovals being considered and can you list which ones.

*490 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the student war protest on 5 March 2003:

- (1) Did the Government provide bus services to transport students to Civic to attend the protest on 5 March 2003;

- (2) Were bus services organised by school administrations to transport students to Civic to attend the protest;
- (3) How many bus services were provided by the Government to transport students to the protest on 5 March 2003;
- (4) What was the cost to ACTION to provide additional bus services on 5 March 2003;
- (5) What impact will this have on the ACTION budget.

*491 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the student war protest last week:

- (1) What was the cost to ACT Policing of overseeing the student war protest on Wednesday 5 March;
- (2) How many ACT Australian Federal Police (AFP) Officers were involved in the security arrangements for the protest;
- (3) Were any officers injured during the protest;
- (4) Was any force needed by police during the protest;
- (5) How much of an impact will this protest have on the ACT AFP budget.

*492 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Community Affairs – In relation to the development of a Multicultural Centre:

- (1) Where is the government up to with plans to establish a Multicultural Centre in Canberra;
- (2) Are any detailed plans available in relation to the government's plans for a Multicultural Centre in Canberra;
- (3) Are there any ideas circulating as to where the government would build or house a Multicultural Centre.

M J McRae

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 *(from 18 February 2003)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald *(during the absence of Mr Hargreaves from 11-27 May 2002)*.

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 *(from 21 November 2002)*, 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 *(from 18 February 2003)*, 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 *(from 21 November 2002)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves *(from 30 January 2003)*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Mr Smyth *(Chair)*, Ms MacDonald *(from 30 January 2003)*, Ms Tucker.

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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 *(Deputy Chair)*, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Ms Gallagher. *(Printing, circulation and publication authorised 19 August 2002; presented 20 August 2002)*

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

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