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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 48

Wednesday, 5 March 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

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### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

- \*1 MR STEFANIAK: To present a Bill for an Act to protect people making statements to the inquiry announced by the Chief Minister on 10 February 2003 into the operational response to the January 2003 bushfires in the ACT, headed by Mr Ron McLeod AM, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- \*2 MRS DUNNE: To present a Bill for an Act to establish a Bushfire Reconstruction Authority and for other purposes. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- \*3 MR SMYTH: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister to incorporate the McLeod Inquiry into the Operational Response to the 18 January 2003 bushfire under the *Inquiries Act 1991*, with the following terms of reference, as issued previously by the Chief Minister:

#### Terms of reference

The disastrous ACT bushfires of January 2003 caused the deaths of four people and a heavy loss of private and public property. The Government proposes to undertake an Inquiry into the preparation for and operational response to those bushfires by the ACT's emergency services in order to identify improvements that might enhance the capacity to respond effectively to large scale events of that kind.

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

The Inquiry will examine and report on the adequacy of the response to the bushfires by the ACT Emergency Services Bureau and its components (ACT Bushfire Services, ACT Emergency Services, ACT Fire Brigade and ACT Ambulance Service) and other relevant agencies, including ACT Policing, Environment ACT and ACT Forests with particular reference to:

- (a) the preparation, planning and response to the bushfires and of strategies for the evaluation and management of bushfire threat and risk;
- (b) ESB's management structure, command and control arrangements, and public information strategy;
- (c) the coordination and cooperative arrangements with other ACT and interstate, Commonwealth and non-government agencies, including utility providers, for managing such emergencies; and
- (d) the adequacy of ESB's equipment, communications' systems, training and resources.

In undertaking its work, the Inquiry Team will consult closely with the Coroner conducting inquests into the deaths caused by the bushfires to avoid any interference with the process of inquiry being directed by her.

The Inquiry is also to advise the Government on the ACT's overall structure for dealing with emergency situations, given the Territory's unique context (geographic, population, financial and administrative), including the operation of the Emergency Management Act. In providing this advice, the Inquiry should make reference to arrangements that exist in other jurisdictions for dealing with emergencies.

The Inquiry Team will report to the Chief Minister by 30 June 2003, in order that relevant recommendations that may result from the Inquiry may be fully implemented prior to the onset of the 2003-04 bushfire season. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

\*4 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) applauds the government's proposed investigation of a light rail system for Canberra;
- (2) notes the recommendations of its first stage being a network linking Civic, Barton, Russell and the Parliamentary Triangle;
- (3) calls on the government to:
  - (a) make the public transport needs of Gungahlin residents the first priority for its sustainable transport plan;
  - (b) explore a range of innovative public transport options, including a trial of ADART services and bus-only lanes between Civic and Gungahlin;
  - (c) ensure that Gungahlin residents enjoy significantly improved public transport services before a light rail network is operational, and that extension of the network to Gungahlin is time tabled into later expansion. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

- \*5 MR HARGREAVES: To move – The Assembly requests the Chief Minister to advise the Federal Government that the Assembly supports the triennial funding submission 2003-2006 of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS). (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 6 MR PRATT: To move – That noting the Chief Minister's call for more education on fire prevention, and noting that the ACT bushfire season remains current, that this Assembly calls on the Government to immediately implement the following:
- (1) Emergency Services Bureau bushfire prevention information and emergency management briefing programs in those bushland suburbs deemed vulnerable to bushfire; and
  - (2) mandatory Emergency Services Bureau/Education Department bushfire prevention and safety measures programs in all schools. (*Notice given 18 February 2003*).
- \*7 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for more Mental Health Outreach Workers to provide support for people leaving emergency accommodation, calls on the ACT Government to make the recruitment of more Mental Health Outreach Workers a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 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*).
- 10 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*).

- 11 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*).
- 12 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*).
- 13 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*).
- 14 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*).
- 15 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*).
- 16 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*).
- 16 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*).

17 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*).

18 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*).

\*19 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*).

\*20 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to complete a master plan for Kippax by the end of the 2003-2004 financial year, and to fix a firm date for beginning the construction of a permanent Kippax Library and community facility. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

\*21 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*).

\*22 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*).

## 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.
- 9 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).

- 10 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
  - 11 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
  - 12 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
  - 13 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
  - 14 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
  - 15 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
  - 16 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
  - 17 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
  - 18 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
  - 19 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
  - 20 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
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## EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES ACT – BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 2 APPROPRIATION BILL 2002-2003 (NO 2): (*Treasurer*): Resumption of debate - Agreement in principle (*from 20 February 2003 - Mr Smyth*).
- 3 HAWKERS BILL 2002: (*Minister for Urban Services; presented by Deputy Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 4 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Minister for Urban Services; presented by Deputy Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 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 DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*).



- 10 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.
- 11 LEGISLATION (GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Ms Dundas*).
- 12 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle.
- 13 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.
- 14 TAXATION (GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES) BILL 2002: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 15 CONSUMER AND TRADER TRIBUNAL BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 16 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 17 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.
- 18 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.

## 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*).

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## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 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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**1 April 2003**

- 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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**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*).

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## 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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- \*411 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the effects of the bushfire disaster on mental health:
- (1) Have any new cases of mental health conditions been reported to the Health Department following the Canberra bushfires;
  - (2) Have any cases of a mental health condition been reported to the Department of Health and Community Care where the apparent cause of the condition is related to the Canberra bushfires;
  - (3) Will the Government ask for regular updates from the Centre for Mental Health Research on the study it has begun on the effects of the bushfires on mental health;
  - (4) Is there any ability to share or use interim information from this study to assist those who have formed a mental health condition following the Canberra bushfires.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

- \*412 Chief Minister
- \*413 Attorney-General
- \*414 Minister for Environment
- \*415 Minister for Community Affairs
- \*416 Treasurer
- \*417 Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism
- \*418 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming
- \*419 Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
- \*420 Minister for Urban Services
- \*421 Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- \*422 Minister for Arts and Heritage
- \*423 Minister for Health
- \*424 Minister for Planning
- \*425 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
- \*426 Minister for Women
- \*427 Minister for Industrial Relations

In relation to consultants used to date this financial year:

- (1) What was the (a) name of the consultant; (b) address of the consultant (c) cost of the consultancy and (d) service provided by the consultants.
- (2) Was a report prepared by the consultants and, if so, where may copies be obtained.

\*428 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to rebates for solar hot water heater installations:

- (1) How many Canberrans have taken up the Government's offer to install/purchase solar hot water heaters receiving the Government rebate between \$700-\$1,000 per household;
- (2) How does the process of rebate work for Canberrans who purchase a solar hot water heater;
- (3) How much has this scheme cost the Government in total so far, that is in rebates, advertising of the scheme and any other associated costs;
- (4) Have more people purchased solar hot water heaters this financial year than was budgeted for in 2002-03;
- (5) What will happen if there are more people purchasing solar hot water heaters than what has been budgeted for in rebates ie: will some people miss out on a rebate;
- (6) How many extra employees, if any, were needed in the Department of Urban Services to process these rebates.

\*429 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to rebates for water efficient shower heads:

- (1) How many Canberrans have taken up the Government's offer of buying water efficient shower heads and receiving the \$30 Government rebate;
- (2) How much has this scheme cost the Government in total, that is in rebates, advertising of the scheme and any other associated costs;
- (3) Is there a budget for this program and if so, has it been exceeded, or not;
- (4) How many extra employees, if any, were needed in the Department of Urban Services to process rebates;
- (5) Is this offer still open to Canberra residents, if so, how much longer is the offer open for, if not, when did the offer close.

\*430 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to the Ministerial Travel Report July to September 2002:

- (1) What was the program of the Australian Liquor Ministers Conference held in Sydney from 15 - 18 August 2002;
- (2) What other business did the Minister and his accompanying staff conduct while in Sydney for this meeting;
- (3) Is it usual for a Ministerial Council meeting to last 2.5 days.

\*431 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Chief Minister – In September 2002 there is travel recorded for a passenger to attend an interview for the position of Chief of Staff to the Chief Minister:

- (1) From where did the applicant fly;
- (2) How long did the interview take;
- (3) Did the passenger conduct any other business on behalf of the ACT during this trip;
- (4) Why was it necessary to pay for 2.5 days travel allowance in order to attend an interview;
- (5) Was the option of a telephone interview considered;
- (6) Why was the interview not conducted by telephone.

\*432 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to tip fees:

- (1) Are their guidelines issued to staff at the weigh bridges at the Mugga Lane Landfill and the Mitchell Resources Management Centre to help them determine whether a load is small, medium or large;
- (2) Are their specific guidelines that help staff determine whether a trailer-load is medium or large;
- (3) If such guidelines exist, when were they issued;
- (4) If such guidelines exist, are they available to the public.

- \*433 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to my FOI request to Planning and Land Management (PALM) in relation to a video on High Quality Sustainable Development (HQSD):

In December 2002 I made an FOI request seeking a copy of a video on HQSD shown at a planning briefing on Tuesday 17 December. On 10 January 2003 I received a decision from the authorised officer, formally refusing me the document on the grounds that no document was in the possession of PALM.

Given that the video, which reportedly depicted members of PALM staff dressed as the Village People singing a song about HQSD to the tune of “YMCA”, was seen by at least 100 at the briefing at the Albert Hall on 17 December:

- (1) Was the segment on HQSD shown on 17 December part of a longer video;
- (2) When was the video or segment on HQSD made;
- (3) For what purpose was it made;
- (4) What was the cost of production;
- (5) If it no longer exists, when was it destroyed;
- (6) If it was destroyed, why was it destroyed;
- (7) If it was destroyed, was it done so in accordance with the Territory Records Act.

**M J McRae**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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## 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.

## Select

### 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)*.