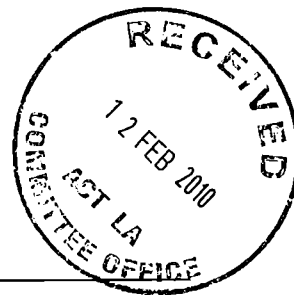




Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
142	LAPS	How will you relate to the new Department of Land and Property Services?

MR BARR:

The ACT Planning and Land Authority will have a close and co-operative working relationship with the new Department of Land and Property Services as it does with all Government agencies. The new Department provides a focus for land release and where determined through its approved program, development of land, which is complemented by the work that ACTPLA undertakes in strategic land use planning, land supply and assessment of estates development plans.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

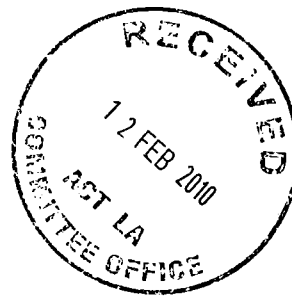
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
138	Review of leasing procedures and processes	What were the key findings and recommendations of the review of leasing procedures and processes?

MR BARR:

In pursuit of the closer integration of Development Assessment and Leasing, a Leasing DA unit was established in September, 2007. Ernst Young completed a review of Leasing DA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) at the end of 2009. The outcome of the review is a documented set of 13 new SOPs for post DA leasing processes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

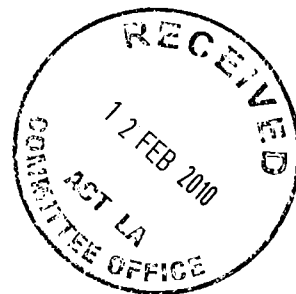
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
23	Reduction change of use charge	What has been the take-up of commercial projects so far this year, given the reduction of change of use charge?

MR BARR:

In the current 2009-10 Financial Year, the ACT Planning and Land Authority has received payment of Change of Use Charge (CUC) for 138 applications to the value of approximately \$6 million. Approximately 23% of these (32 applications) were entitled to the 25% further reduction.

The amount of CUC foregone under this incentive is approximately \$2.4million.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

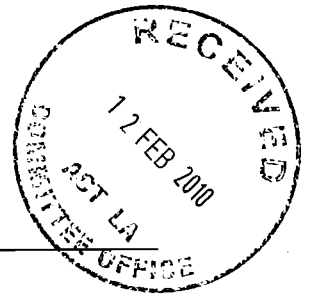
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
20	Leasing and DAs	How has the integration between leasing and development approvals been improved?

MR BARR:

A Leasing DA Unit (Unit) was established in the Development Services Branch in September 2007. The leasing characteristics of every DA are reviewed by specialist officers in the Unit at completeness check before the application is accepted for lodgement.

Co-location of all Development Services staff has encouraged close co-operation between Leasing and DA officers in the assessment and conditional approval of all applications with a Lease Variation component. There exists a collective responsibility in the Branch for individual DA outcomes, resulting in improved and timely decisions for industry and the community.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
140	Industrial Estate Plan	What was the industrial Estate Development Plan which was refused, and on what grounds was it refused?

MR BARR:

The industrial Estate Development Plan at Section 26 Fyshwick was refused on 25 September 2008. The proposal was refused as a result of the traffic study not being endorsed by the Department of Territory and Municipal Services, particularly the operation of the Gladstone and Newcastle Street intersection.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10. 2. 10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
140	EIS exemptions	How many EIS exemptions were approved by the Minister in this FY?

MR BARR:

A total of four EIS exemptions were granted under s211 of the Planning and Development Act 2007 during the 2008/2009 financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10. 2. 10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
14	Status of plans	What is the status of the local and neighbourhood plans referred to on p.14? How do these relate to the Territory Plan? How do they relate to Precinct Codes? (do they get integrated into the TP as codes?)

MR BARR:

The local and neighbourhood plans referred to on p.14 are local area strategies that coordinate urban development policies and actions. They may make recommendations regarding:

- changes to the relevant precinct codes and zoning within the Territory Plan
- capital works
- land releases

Under the previous planning system neighbourhood plans were nominated as planning guidelines under the Territory Plan prior to 31 March 2008. Planning guidelines have no formal status or statutory effect under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*.

Some of the residential and commercial development codes and precinct codes in the new Territory Plan refer to neighbourhood plans in criterion requiring consideration. The criterion states that where neighbourhood plans exist, proposed development is to demonstrate a response to the key strategies of the relevant neighbourhood plan.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

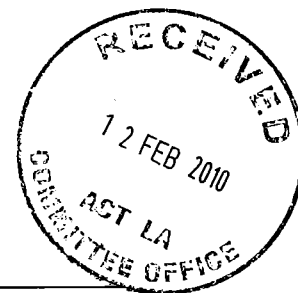
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
163	Woodland protection and offsets	What progress has there been in examining management, mitigation and offset measures for woodlands in Molonglo Valley?

MR BARR:

In response to the Members question, I advise that an Agreement was signed in September 2008 between the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and myself representing the ACT Government to undertake a strategic assessment of Molonglo Valley under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). To fulfil the Agreement, the ACT Government must demonstrate commitment to the implementation and monitoring of management, mitigation and offsetting strategies throughout the life of the assessment in Molonglo Valley (around 30 years).

ACTPLA is currently undertaking research into EPBC listed Box-Gum Woodland for offsetting options and management strategies as part of the strategic assessment process.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

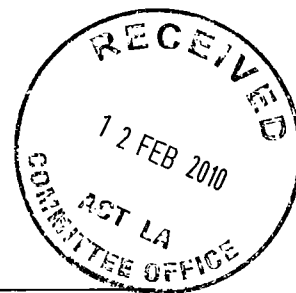
ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
124, 128	Affordable housing options	What other housing release options is ACTPLA planning for besides Greenfield land supply?

MR BARR:

Land release options are prepared for Government consideration by the Department of Land and Property Services. Greenfields land supply represents part of a suite of land supply options examined by ACTPLA as part of its overall planning for growth in the ACT. This includes infill development where vacant land is available close to town and group centres and along transport corridors, and redevelopment of strategic sites that are already leased.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
143	Attendant's cottage – Weston	What role does ACTPLA play in heritage assessment of buildings such as the Attendant's Cottage at Weston Creek?

MR BARR:

ACTPLA typically engages heritage consultants to undertake both pre-and post European settlement surveys of land where future land development may occur. Actual assessment of the significance of a place or object is undertaken by the Heritage Council.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
143	Beard	Can you tell us where the Beard development is up to – especially regarding the removal of what must be thousands of old trees out there? What environmental assessment processes were done before those trees were removed? Did the Minister approve an exemption to an EIS for the site? Why was this area of land at Beard chosen? Obviously it was one of the few vegetated sites in this area, and it required the removal of 1000s of trees. Were there not other suitable areas that did not require the same level of clearing? When will ACTPLA be introducing vegetation layers to overlay on ACTmapi, so that vegetation type and significance gets a higher priority in land planning in the ACT?

MR BARR:

1. The industrial subdivision at Beard was conditionally approved on 14 July 2009. The *Tree Protection Act 2005* does not apply to this site as it is outside the built-up urban area specified in Section 7 of the Act. The approval included the retention of 71 medium, high and exceptional value trees and the removal 86 medium and high value trees. The remaining trees on the site were assessed as poor quality. The design of the industrial estate ensured that significant areas of the White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and derived native grassland community were retained.
2. An environmental assessment was undertaken for the site and was considered as part of the estate development plan.
3. An exemption from the requirement to prepare an EIS was granted on 13 August 2008 on the basis of the previous studies undertaken for the site in relation to contamination and native vegetation. The applicant also referred the

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

proposal to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act who deemed that it was not a controlled action.

4. The site is leased land. The site's redevelopment into an industrial subdivision was consistent with the provisions of the Territory Plan and particularly Non-Urban Zone 1 (Broadacre Zone) that permits additional specific development uses, subject to an assessment (under the Harman Industrial Area, Jerrabomberra).
5. Vegetation is thoroughly considered in the planning process. Environmental assessments are undertaken as part of a range of investigations to inform structure planning (district level) and/or at the concept planning (suburb level) processes. Environmental action plans are also utilised and advice sought from Territory and Municipal Services.

Zonings are graphically represented on the Territory Plan map, which is available on ACTMAPi. Notwithstanding, vegetation is identifiable on the aerial imagery currently available on ACTMAPi with the most recent being captured in March 2009. Aerial imagery is updated every two years.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.



Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
163	Conservation leases	What progress has been made on forwarding the concept of conservation leases in planning legislation?

MR BARR:

In response to the Members question I advise that no progress has been made on this matter at present as it does not represent an immediate threat and therefore priority. Central Molonglo has been ruled out from future development and both here and elsewhere within the ACT, rural leases that have important conservation values contain Land Management Agreements between the Department of Territory and Municipal Services and the lessee.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr
Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
163	Raptor surveys	Has there been progress on studying raptors over the four seasons of the year to help with relevant planning decisions?

MR BARR:

In Molonglo, the Preliminary Assessment relied on surveys done over an extended period. These showed a small number of raptor nests and associated foraging areas in the Molonglo East development area but also noted that most raptor sites are located in the Molonglo Gorge downstream of the development area.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
23, 128	COAG - NSEE	What progress is there on the National Strategy for Energy Efficiency through COAG?

MR BARR:

All 37 measures in the strategy were allocated to relevant bodies for implementation, with reporting co-ordinated by the Senior Officials Group on Energy Efficiency under COAG. The Department of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water represents the ACT on this body. Implementation plans for items given initial priority were completed in 2009, with the remainder of plans for new items and those allocated to individual jurisdictions to be completed early this year.

Specific subgroups were convened on Measures 2.2.2 and 3.1.1. The subgroup on Measure 3.11 will develop a new building standard setting an assessment framework, while the subgroup for Measure 2.2.2 will improve inter-jurisdictional arrangements for minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for equipment and appliances.

Both subgroups are consulting with industry and a consultation regulatory impact statement was recently released on the MEPS measure. ACTPLA is represented on both subgroups,

Of the other measures directly involving ACTPLA, all are currently proceeding on time against the agreed project plans, including the measures to increase the energy efficiency standards for all classes of buildings in the Building Code of Australia.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
127	COLA regulation – EER assessors	What is the progress of legislation being drafted to certify EER assessors? Why wasn't it part of the COLA Bill tabled yesterday

MR BARR:

I am preparing a separate Bill to certify EER assessors.

The COLA Bill tabled in 2009 related to a different class of occupation and scope of work. Energy assessors will require a head of power and occupation-specific regulation distinct to that of 'works assessors' and will be subject to a separate bill.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
216, 218	COLA disciplinary action	Why do electricians and plumbers have their names printed if their licence is revoked, but not builders and building surveyors?

MR BARR: The answer to the members question is as follows:

There was no builder or building surveyor named in the report because there were no occupational discipline actions relating to those occupations during the reporting period.

This information can be found on the lower half of page 218 of the annual report.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 10.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
14		What is the current status of the Canberra City Master Plan?

MR BARR:

The Chief Minister's Department has prepared a draft Greater Canberra City Area Co-ordinated Action Plan 2010 -2016.

This document was released for public consultation on 12 February 2010.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 11.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

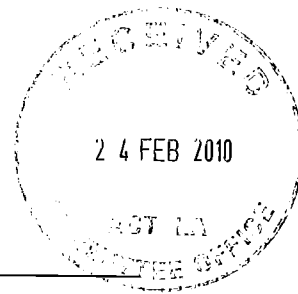
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
12, 21	Eastern Broadacre Study	When can we expect to see the draft of the Eastern Broadacre Study?

MR BARR:

I anticipate the Eastern Broadacre Planning Study will be reported to Cabinet in the first half of 2010.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 17.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

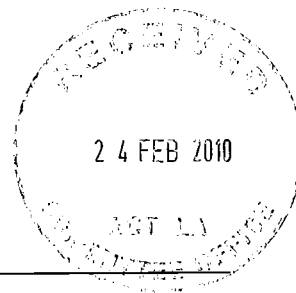
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
126	NCA Interdepartmental c'tee	What are the key outcomes coming out of the Interdepartmental Committee work on reducing duplication in planning and land management in the ACT? Will this work be coordinated by the new Land and Property Services Department now?

MR BARR:

In response to the members question I can advise as follows:

1. It will be the responsibility of the Federal Minister for Home Affairs to disclose what comes out of the work of this Committee when it has finished its work and reported to him.
2. No.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
131	Costs	How much did ACTPLA spend on advertising in 2008-09? How much was spent on travel in 2008-09? Please break this down by transport, accommodation and any allowances paid to staff. How much did ACTPLA spend on professional development, and did this include any training in economics?

MR BARR:

ACTPLA spent the following in 2008-09:

Advertising:

\$326,389, including \$225,547 for public notification of development applications, draft EIS and Territory Plan variations which is required under the provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*.

Travel:

Transport ⁽¹⁾	\$69,427
Accommodation	26,510
Allowances ⁽²⁾	0
Incidentals ⁽³⁾	7,330

Total travel \$103,267

- (1) Transport includes taxi fares to attend meetings in Canberra.
- (2) No allowances are paid to travellers.
- (3) Incidentals (approved travel costs including meals, internet, etc) are reimbursed on provision of receipts.

Professional Development:

\$238,968 in total on staff development. Under the ACTPLA initiative, 119 staff participated in an 'Economics of Development' training program.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

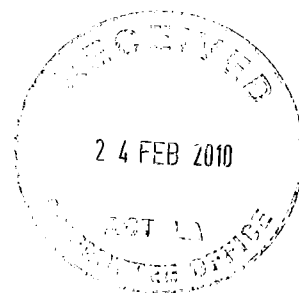
ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
119, 124	Weathering the change	What has been ACTPLA's contribution to the Government's <i>Weathering the Change</i> Strategy? What are the key actions in the Strategy it is working on?

MR BARR:

The Sustainable Future program is the ACT Planning and Land Authority's (ACTPLA) key contribution to the Government's *Weathering the Change* Strategy.

The program has considered what policy changes can be incorporated into the review of the residential codes to improve solar access and as part of the Spatial Plan evaluation ACTPLA will prepare a vulnerability assessment report identifying what capacity there is for adaptation in Canberra's strategic planning.

ACTPLA has also contributed to Weathering the Change through mandatory disclosure of residential energy ratings.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

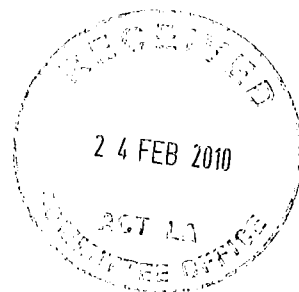
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
148	Spatial plan, compact city	What work is being done to identify scenarios to create a more compact city?

MR BARR:

The evaluation of the Spatial Plan is a key outcome of the Sustainable Future program and will specifically consider what implications and strategies there are for establishing a more compact city.

A key element of the work is to develop detailed scenarios to explore what urban planning interventions will create a more compact city without compromising amenity and accessibility.

Some preliminary modelling has already commenced to explore this and in support of the Sustainable Transport Action Plan.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
12	Review of the Spatial Plan	What will the review of the Spatial Plan involve? When will it be?

MR BARR:

The evaluation of the Spatial Plan is a key outcome of the Sustainable Future program.

This program, through a series of workshops and a report on those workshops, has already begun to canvas the values and priorities of stakeholders and the community in regard to climate change and how Canberra's urban planning could respond.

The next steps in the program will build on this input as well as:

- Firstly, preparing a vulnerability report in regard to what are the inherent threats and opportunities in Canberra's existing form and in the Spatial Plan. This report will identify likely impacts as a consequence of average temperature increases.
- Secondly, the review will test, through urban planning and design scenarios, what interventions can be made to improve adaptation and mitigation measures and what implications these have for land use and infrastructure planning, residential densities, environmental diversity and resilience.

This work will be encapsulated in a public discussion paper to be released by the end of 2010.

In producing this work there will be specific engagement with stakeholders and with the community on the broader issues and implications through the Chief Ministers Department's program of Community Conversations.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

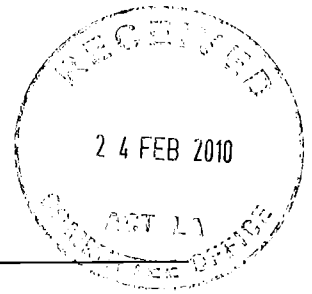
ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
147	Rail access at Eastlake	What future rail access will there be at Eastlake?

MR BARR:

A passenger station is to be retained in the East Lake area, either developing a new station or retaining the existing station and integrating with new urban development.

The ACT Planning and Land Authority released the Railway Masterplan for the ACT in 2009. This confirms the ACT Government's intentions for heavy rail.

A passenger station in East Lake would be integrated with public transport and walking and cycling networks. A station in the future East Lake would be located in a mixed-use area with a range of shops and services within a short walking distance.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

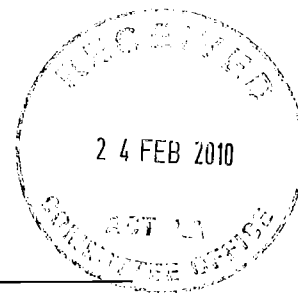
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
146	Licensed club report	Is the report which looked into the Territory's licensed club sector available publicly? If not, what are its key findings and recommendations?

MR BARR:

The report is not available publicly.

The report found that clubs enjoy widespread popularity across the Canberra community and that appropriate sites should continue to be provided for clubs in new greenfield areas.

Accordingly, several general principles for future greenfield planning were identified, including around land release processes. The report also noted that existing planning guidelines within the Territory Plan for the location of clubs appear to be adequate.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 17.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
142	Greenfield Developments	What planning features are in place for suburbs currently under construction to support public transport usage? Will suburbs currently under construction have planning features which differ from recently completed suburbs to support public transport usage?

MR BARR:

The provision of public transport is embedded in the design of all new areas. The intent is for services to be available as early as possible, once people move in. Considerations include route provisioning and capacity and consideration of walking distances.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 11.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

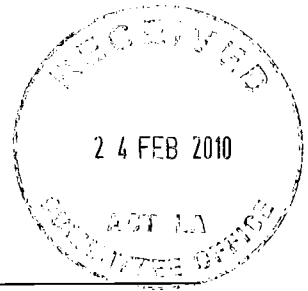
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
146	Employment Location paper	Is the paper on Employment Location in Canberra available? If so, could we please get a copy?

MR BARR:

Yes. It is available on the ACTPLA web site:

http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/tools_resources/research_based_planning_for_a_better_city.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 17.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

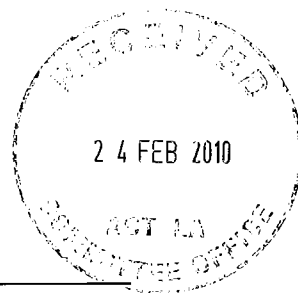
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
161	Cat containment in North Watson	Will North Watson be declared as a cat containment area?

MR BARR:

A draft cat containment policy is being produced for consideration by ACT Government. Cat containment areas can be declared under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, which is administered by Territory and Municipal Services.

Application of cat containment to North Watson is being considered as part of the wider consideration as to where cat containment should be applied, the resources that will be required and the environmental, cat welfare and social benefits that may eventuate.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.2010

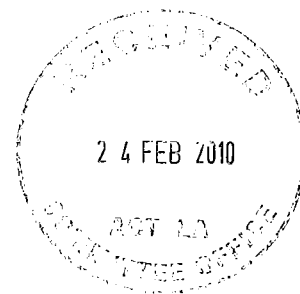
ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
23, 148	Tune Up Canberra	What is the current progress of the Tune-up Canberra program?

MR BARR:

ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) has engaged a consultant to compare various incentive schemes that will encourage building owners to improve the efficiency of their commercial buildings and to recommend a suitable model for the ACT.

A draft report and a recommended scheme have now been received and are currently being considered by ACTPLA.

It is expected that applications for the first round will be advertised in April.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 19.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

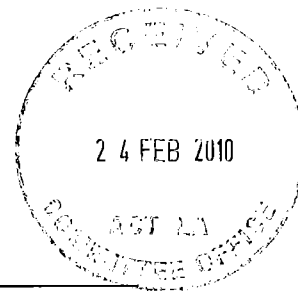
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
12	Apartment buildings in the City	Is ACTPLA satisfied with the urban design and appearance of recently completed apartment buildings in the city?

MR BARR:

Not all the recent completed apartment buildings in the City are subject to the ACT Planning and Land Authority's (ACTPLA) approval. The most recent developments in City West adjacent to Parkes Way require approval from the National Capital Authority.

ACTPLA is satisfied that those apartment buildings it approves are in context and do not adversely affect the overall amenity of the City.

The detailed architectural and or aesthetic merit of all of the apartment buildings is not a matter on which ACTPLA can refuse or approve applications.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 17.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
207	Waste	What percentage of waste paper was recycled in 2008-09? The annual report uses two different measures to compare waste paper to landfill and waste paper that is recycled. What processes are in place to sort paper for recycling?

MR BARR:

As noted in the ACTPLA Annual Report 2008-2009 (footnote 3, page 208), the data reported reflects that provided by the different collection sources and it is not possible to further clarify this information.

Nevertheless, it is estimated that around 90% of **all paper products disposed of by ACTPLA** goes to recycling, with only about 10% going to land fill. This is based on small-scale sample checks and similar estimates, but is considered to be broadly accurate.

In all ACTPLA office places, waste paper bins are provided into which staff are asked to place all waste paper. These bins are separately cleared and processed to recycling. Separate bins are also provided for security waste. This is collected and processed to waste under appropriate security control. Similar provision is made in other areas to enable waste paper products (including clean towelling) to be captured and processed to recycling. Staff are regularly reminded and encouraged to make the fullest use possible of these facilities and regular scrutiny and sample checks suggest that these processes are in general effective.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 24. 2. 2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

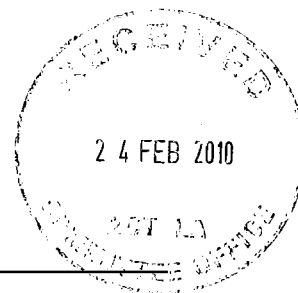
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
199-200	Sponsorship	Who initiated each sponsorship – was it the Department or was it the recipient? What role did the Department play in each event that received sponsorship money? What criteria was used to select each sponsorship? What guidelines does the Department use to determine which sponsorships to undertake? What was the purpose of each sponsorship – what specific activity was the money used for in each instance?

MR BARR: The response to the Supplementary Question is as follows:

Sponsorships are generally initiated by organisations. In the case of the sponsorships for the 2008–09 financial year each was initiated by the organisation sponsored. Details of these are as follows:

University of Canberra Australia/New Zealand Student Architecture Congress
University of Canberra Landscape Architecture Graduating Exhibition

ACTPLA provided a small amount of funding to assist with this event. ACTPLA staff were invited to attend the event and ACTPLA branding was incorporated in event material.

Master Builders Association Awards

This sponsorship was initiated by the MBA. ACTPLA has for several years provided some sponsorship of these awards. The sponsorship has generally been for developments that promote sustainability in design.

ACTPLA's staff attended the awards. ACTPLA's logo was also incorporated in awards material and its sponsorship is acknowledged before the event in communication to members.

Sponsorship criteria

ACTPLA has a set of sponsorship guidelines. Broadly speaking the objectives for entering into sponsorships are to:

- increase awareness of ACTPLA, its core business e.g. planning for Canberra's future; development assessment, regulation of industry, surveying etc and services
- develop relationships with the Canberra community, businesses and community groups
- communicate key messages and/or facilitate change in community attitudes towards ACTPLA and /or its businesses.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.



Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

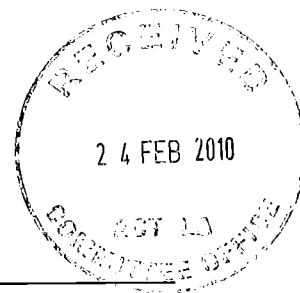
Date: 19.2.10



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
149	Consultation	What criteria or guidelines does ACTPLA use to place signage on the sites of proposed developments? What measures does ACTPLA have in place to ensure this signage remains in place, and to protect it from damage or removal by vandalism?

MR BARR:

The *Planning and Development Act 2007* and the *Planning and Development Regulations 2008* determine when a development application (DA) requires public notification and what category of notification is required:

- Minor notification – letters to lessees adjoining the development proposal only.
- Major Notification - letters to lessees adjoining the development proposal and other interested parties, a notice in the Canberra Times (and on ACTPLA's website) and a sign erected on the development site.

ACTPLA has engaged a contractor to erect and remove signage from proposed development sites.

For the majority of DAs that undergo major notification one sign (900cm x 600cm) is erected on the site. Larger signs (1200cm x 900cm) are used for DAs that meet any one or more of the following criteria:

- DAs that are to be assessed in the Impact Track;
- a building or structure intended to be higher than 25 metres;
- a building where the total floor space is intended to be more than 7000square metres; and
- a residential building intended to be higher than three storeys and consisting of 50 or more units.

If the proposed development site is large in area or covers more than one street frontage, extra signage will be erected as required.

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ACTPLA and its signage contractor keep records of how many signs were placed on a block and when the signs were erected and removed.

Signage is sometimes damaged or removed by vandals. If this occurs and ACTPLA is notified replacement signage may be provided. This only occurs where there is a significant amount of the notification period remaining.

Section 155 (2) (b) of the Planning and Development Act refers to provisions to deal with anyone caught altering, damaging, defacing, covering or preventing access to the sign while it is required to be displayed.

The validity of a development approval is not affected if a sign is removed before the end of the notification period (Planning and Development Act Section 153 (5)).

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.



Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

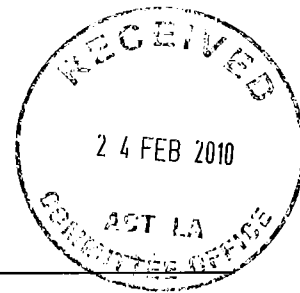
Date: 19. 2. 2010



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
12	DA appeals	What proportion of DAs have been appealed at ACAT? How many have been appealed to the Supreme Court, ie. judicial review? Of these, how many have: (a) reconfirmed ACTPLA's decision? (b) varied the decision? What is the cost of legal advice provided to ACTPLA, including (a) in house legal advice? (b) external provider advice? Could you please provide a table of appeals, including the subject of appeal, the appellant, and the outcome?

MR BARR:

Proportion of DAs appealed at ACAT 2008/09

2.9% of DAs lodged in 2008/09 have been appealed at ACAT.
(Of the 2419 DAs lodged in 2008/09, 71 were appealed to ACAT)

Number of DAs appealed to Supreme Court

No DA decisions were appealed to the Supreme Court during 2008/09.

Decisions reconfirmed/varied/set aside

Of the 54 decisions handed down by AAT/ACAT for DA matters during 2008/09:

- (a) 43 decisions were in favour of the ACTPLA decision either by reconfirming the decision, by a consent decision, or by dismissing the appeal; and
- (b) ten decisions were in favour of the ACTPLA decision but varied the conditions of the decision; one was against the ACTPLA decision, that is, the Tribunal set aside the ACTPLA decision.

The cost of legal advice provided to ACTPLA

This information is being obtained from the ACT Government Solicitor's Office.
It will be provided as soon as it is available.

Table of appeals

Refer to the table at Attachment A.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 17.2.10

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	A.C.A.T Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2007	52	Rob Paxevanos	11	100	Narrabundah	25/10/2007	Multi-unit Residential	Deemed Refusal	Set Aside - against	19/08/2008
2008	25	Brendan & Lydia Preiss	14	3	Griffith	21/02/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Affirmed	8/10/2008
2008	26	Anne Forrest	14	3	Griffith	21/02/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Affirmed	8/10/2008
2008	27	Ric Wells	12	24	Barton	22/02/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Affirmed	8/10/2008
2008	28	Noel & Wendy Egan	14	3	Griffith	22/02/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Affirmed	8/10/2008
2008	29	Edward & Morna Vellacott	14	3	Griffith	22/02/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Affirmed	8/10/2008
2008	45	P & J Hill	7	48	Farrer	16/05/2008	Order	Order - Refused	Affirmed	25/11/2008
2008	46	Land Architecture Australia P/L	3 & 4	22	Scullin	19/05/2008	Multi-unit Residential	Deemed Refusal	Remitted for Reconsideration - for	14/10/2008
2008	50	Alison Watson	18	21	Holt	3/06/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	1/10/2008
2008	51	Judy Thomson	1	53	Lyneham	5/06/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	24/10/2008
2008	55	P & J Hill	7	48	Farrer	24/06/2008	Single Residential	AS2C	Varied	25/11/2008



Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	ACAT Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2008	56	K Taylor & A Somerville	17	106	Ainslie	30/06/2008	Single Residential	AS2C	Dismissed - lack of jurisdiction	24/09/2008
2008	58	Kenyon Hopkins	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/07/2008	Building Surveyor	Disciplinary Action	Set Aside - for	29/10/2008
2008	59	Gianni Giordani	37	38	Braddon	10/07/2008	Single Residential	Refused	Consent Decision	10/12/2008
2008	60	Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia Canberra	9 & 13	12	Deakin	11/07/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Dismissed - lack of jurisdiction	8/08/2008
2008	61	Land Architecture Australia	1	19	Fraser	14/07/2008	Multi-unit Residential	Deemed Refusal	Affirmed	18/12/2008
2008	62	Dominic Maituro	3	41	Forrest	14/07/2008	Single Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	14/10/2008
2008	63	Craig McGregor - ACT Gas & Plumbing Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	16/07/2008	Gasfitter	Disciplinary Action	Dismissed (withdrawn by applicant)	20/10/2008
2008	65	T & J Sesella Pty Ltd & Basic Investments Pty Ltd	1 & 2	15	Mawson	24/07/2008	Multi-unit Residential	Refused	Consent Decision	15/09/2008



Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	ACAT Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2008	66	Brand Depot Pty Ltd	8	48	Fyshwick	25/07/2008	Order	Refused	Dismissed (withdrawn by applicant)	25/02/2009
2008	69	Greg & Mary Rutledge	7 & 24	7	Chifley	4/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	17/10/2008
2008	70	David Shearer	8	46	Turner	12/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	Refused	Set Aside - for	22/12/2008
2008	72	Helen Brewer & Greg Quinn	20	69	Evatt	17/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	73	John Maguire	20	69	Evatt	19/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	75	Raymond Walters	20	69	Evatt	19/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	76	Ian & Karen Garrity	20	69	Evatt	19/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	77	Peter & Maree Mitchell	20	69	Evatt	19/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	78	James & Jean Stoddart	20	69	Evatt	19/09/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	5/02/2009
2008	80	Melba Tennis Club Incorporated	4	26	Melba	8/10/2008	Land Rent	Land Rent Reappraisal 2008	Consent Decision	22/01/2009
2008	81	Upmarket Constructions P/L & Linel P/L ATF Whitall Unit Trust	12	61	Watson	15/10/2008	Land Rent	Land Rent Reappraisal 2008	Consent Decision	2/04/2009



Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	ACAT Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2008	85	Ozta Architects Pty Ltd	23	52	Lyons	16/10/2008	Multi-unit Residential	Refused	Consent Decision	10/03/2009
2008	86	Roslyn Prinsley & Andrew McNee	18	43	Aranda	30/10/2008	Single Residential	AS2C	Dismissed - lack of jurisdiction	9/12/2008
2008	88	Barry & Christine Roberts	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	89	Paul A & Irene H Elford	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	90	Eugene Olim	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	91	Carol Allnutt	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	92	Ian & Gaye Greed	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	93	Vicki & Peter Donnelly	10&11	132	Monash	7/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	94	B J Barton	10&11	132	Monash	10/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009
2008	95	Cathy & David Oswald	10&11	132	Monash	10/11/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Set Aside - for	18/05/2009



Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	ACAT Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2008	98	Glen & Christine Kilmann	27	11	O'Connor	21/11/2008	Single Residential	Refused	Consent Decision	19/02/2009
2008	102	Clive Williams	16	20	Forrest	3/12/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	10/02/2009
2008	104	A & G Eimerl	16	20	Forrest	4/12/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	10/02/2009
2008	108	Andrew Turnbull	15	7	Forrest	11/12/2008	Lease Variation	AS2C	Dismissed - lack of standing	16/01/2009
2008	112	Kathleen & Anthony Mason	24 & 25	26	Page	22/12/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Varied	21/04/2009
2008	114	BUG Holdings	177 & 186	0	Paddys River	24/12/2008	Lease Variation	Partial Refusal	Dismissed (withdrawn by applicant)	29/05/2009
2008	115	Audrie Pamela Harvey	24 & 25	26	Page	31/12/2008	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Dismissed - lack of jurisdiction	27/02/2009
2009	1	Judy Thomson	4, 5, 6	45	Lyneham	7/01/2009	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Affirmed	26/06/2009
2009	4	St Nicholas School Limited	2	62	Yarralumla	14/01/2009	CUC	CUC	Consent Decision	24/02/2009
2009	15	Nickolaos Vasiliou	12	72	Downer	3/02/2009	Single Residential	Refused	Consent Decision	13/05/2009



Development Applications appealed at AAT / ACAT for 2008-2009										
Year	No	ACAT Applicant	Block	Section	Suburb	Date Appeal Lodged	Proposal	Decision Under Review	ACAT Decision	Date of Decision
2009	17	Rawson Homes Pty Ltd	14	2	Chifley	25/02/2009	Stop Notice	Refused	Dismissed (withdrawn by applicant)	13/03/2009
2009	23	Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited	1	66	Weston	20/03/2009	Land Rent	Land Rent	Consent Decision	22/05/2009
2009	26	A & G Eimerl	20	20	Forrest	30/03/2009	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	29/05/2009
2009	28	C Williams & R Jackson	20	20	Forrest	30/03/2009	Multi-unit Residential	AS2C	Consent Decision	29/05/2009

*AS2C = approved subject to conditions





Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
181	Staff	1. What is the current staff turnover rate? 2. How does the turnover rate differ for staff with professional qualifications? 3. What specialist training do staff members from ACTPLA require to undertake their roles in ACTPLA (ie, specialist degrees for example) 4. How easy is it to recruit appropriate staff with the required specialist experience? 5. What professional accreditation do staff from ACTPLA have? 6. Do all managers and senior staff in the Development Services branch hold academic qualifications in planning?

MR BARR:

1. The most recent staff turnover rate, based on data to the end of January 2010, is 8% per annum. This reflects permanent separations and does not take account of temporary and casual employment.
2. No data is available which would allow turnover rates to be provided for staff in different employment classifications or for positions that require particular types of qualifications.
3. ACTPLA employs staff across a wide range of professional categories, including planners, surveyors, trades inspectors, environmental planners, engineers and graphic designers, as well as accountants and other corporate specialists. Under current industrial arrangements, positions classified within the 'Administrative Services Officer' and 'Senior Officer' streams cannot usually require mandatory qualifications. These positions represent the great majority of staff in ACTPLA (refer ACTPLA's Annual Report 2008/09, page 184).

However, for most positions, formal qualifications and/or experience in a field relevant is highly regarded. Thus, ACTPLA actively encourages applications for employment from individuals with professional qualifications in relevant disciplines such as architecture, town or environmental planning, landscape architecture, urban design, land management, administrative law, surveying, geography, engineering or similar.

Specialist training, both by way of formal short courses and/or assistance with studies at tertiary institutions in relevant disciplines, is available to all staff. In some cases, additional training may be mandated for all relevant staff (such as recent initiatives which have engaged large numbers of staff in programs including Economics of Development, Ethics in Development, and Customer Service).

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

4. ACTPLA's ability to recruit experienced specialist staff in core planning fields has varied over time. Such staff are in high demand in all jurisdictions (including the Commonwealth) and in the private sector, and availability tends to reflect the level of demand at particular times.

The number of qualified applicants for advertised vacancies has increased in general over the last year or so which has allowed planning positions to be filled more quickly with suitable staff. This is thought to reflect economic pressures tending to lower overall demand, and more effective recruitment strategies.

5. Formal professional accreditation is required for only a small proportion of staff, including those working in areas such as engineering, legislation and accounting. There is, as yet, no formal mandatory accreditation for staff employed in wider planning areas. However, ACTPLA regards membership of a relevant professional association such as the Planning Institute of Australia highly, and has actively encouraged such staff to undertake additional courses leading to formal accreditation as 'Certified Practising Planner' (CPP). Staff choosing to pursue such accreditation are assisted through the studies assistance program.
6. The Development Services Branch of ACTPLA is responsible for matters other than planning, including environmental impact assessment, leasing and management of deeds of agreement. Therefore, not all managers and senior staff hold academic qualifications in planning as such qualifications are not relevant to their duties. Nevertheless a large proportion do and, for example, a number are formally accredited as CPP.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.



Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 11. 2. 2010



Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO



2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
197-198	Contracts	What is the length of the contract? What are the key deliverables for the contract? If the contract is single select, what criteria and performance benchmark was used to select the contract?

MR BARR:

The response to the Member's question is at Attachment A.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

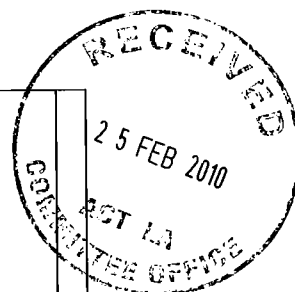
Date: 24.2.2010

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

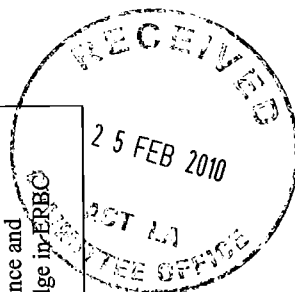
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone (02) 6205 0011 Fax (02) 6205 0157 Email barr@act.gov.au

2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions - Contract

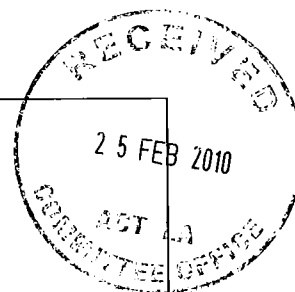
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
16-Sep-08	AASC AND CHMA	Coombs, Wright and North Western Detailed Heritage Assessment	\$90,800.00	Single Select	On-going	- Consult with Heritage ACT, the ACT Heritage Council and Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs). - Manage the participation of the RAOs during the consultancy. - Undertake indigenous and European investigations, field work and prepare the necessary reports and conservation management plans.	- The time imperative of the project precluded the calling of tenders.. - The contractor had extensive background experience and knowledge of the area due to earlier investigations. - The contractor had extensive experience in undertaking detailed heritage assessments.
15-Sep-08	AECOM Australia (Maunsell Australia)	Lawson Concept Planning Study	\$298,933.04	Open Tender	10.5 months	- Background investigation reports (x6). - Concept plan. - Planning report. - Preliminary draft variation to the Territory Plan. - Consultation program and report.	N/A
26-Feb-09	AECOM Australia (Maunsell Australia)	Woden and Woden Infrastructure	\$171,536.18	Open Tender	4 months	- Review of existing infrastructure. - Assessment of approved and planned infrastructure. - Identification of short, medium and long term improvements to support the potential developments. The final outcome is a Geographical Information System incorporating known, approved and proposed infrastructure. The system can be used by Government agencies and service authorities when reviewing land release opportunities and constraints.	N/A
1-Jul-08	Australian	Valuation of	\$250,395.42	Standing	12 months	Valuation Reports for Change of Use	N/A



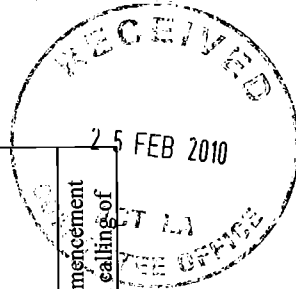
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
	Valuation Office	properties		Offer Arrangement		Charge, Land Rent and Rent Reappraisals, etc. as required to meet statutory obligations under the Planning & Development Act 2007.	
30-Jan-09	BLD Environ Services Today	Development Assessment work	\$59,000.00	Single Select	7.5 months	Assessment of Development Applications	- Contractor had previous experience within and knowledge of the ACT system. - Limited number of suppliers are available because of essential specialist knowledge. - Contractor available within the critical time period required.
22-Oct-08	BLD Environ Services Today	Cotter Dam Environmental Impact Statement.	\$22,080.00	Single Select	2 months	Initial assessment of draft Environmental Impact Statement	- Time imperative of project precluded calling of tenders. - Contractor experience in EIS assessment. - Contractor's ability to deliver within short timeframe and ability to commence project immediately
22-May-09	CSIRO Accounts	Professional Services for East Lake Project	\$105,516.00	Single Select	24 months	- Wetland Interface Review and Design Options; - Options Analysis for Sustainability Innovations (including physical infrastructure, collaboration and governance, financial models and incentives); - Scenario testing and exploration to explore sustainability performance of East Lake; - Integrated Sustainability Assessment Platform software.	- Contractor had extensive experience and knowledge of the area due to earlier investigations - Limited number of suppliers are available because of essential specialist knowledge.
18-Dec-08	ECO Logical	EPBC Listed Flora Community & Species	\$69,990.00	Single Select	2 months 25 days	Map the presence, extent, size and condition of EPBC listed Box-Gum Woodland (BGW) within the surrounds of the Molonglo Valley.	The contractor had extensive background experience and specialised knowledge in EPBC matters.



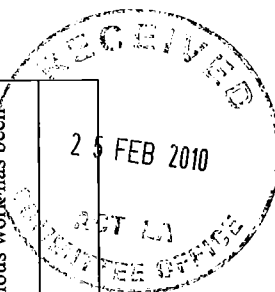
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
		Mapping in the Molonglo Valley				• Provide an appraisal of the suitability of identified patches of EPBC listed BGW for biodiversity offsetting within the Molonglo Valley and provide options.	• The contractor had knowledge of the area due to earlier projects and investigations previously undertaken. • The contractor had extensive experience in undertaking field studies in EPBC listing BGW. • The time imperative for the detail was seasonal and contractors were able to commence immediately and meet all necessary deadlines. • Contractor's previous work has been of high quality.
17-Apr-09	ECO Logical	Strategic Assessment of Molonglo and North Western Structure Plan	\$55,620.00	Select Tender	12 months	• Prepare a draft Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) on the Molonglo and North Western Structure Plan in consultation with ACTPLA and the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) • Address the Terms of Reference and Endorsement Criteria. • Liaise closely with ACTPLA, other ACT Government agencies and DEWHA. • Identify suitable principles and policies to support the assessment. • Make recommendations that ACT Government could adopt. • Review and amend the draft SAR after public consultation. • Prepare a final suite of documents for the draft SAR • Review and amend the draft SAR after the Commonwealth Minister for Environment's consideration if	N/A



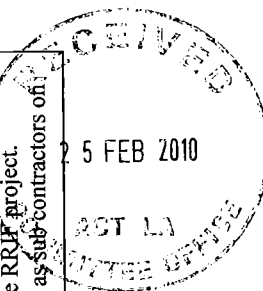
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
1-Jul-08	ECOWISE Services	Voltage Logging	\$40,679.89	Single Select	12 months	- Test the voltage logging of 140 premises around the Territory. - Provide data graphs of voltage levels recorded over a specified period of time to the Technical Regulator.	- Only company located within the ACT with the specialised equipment and knowledge to perform required work. At the required standard. - The time within which the services were required precluded calling of tenders.
26-Feb-09	GHID Pty Ltd	Wright School site & Preliminary Masterplan	\$162,052.20	Single Select	Eight months	- Undertake preliminary site planning for an education facility in north Wright. - Prepare a master plan for the north Wright precinct and adjacent open space corridor.	- Time imperative for stage one of the project to be completed within a specified timeframe precluded calling of tenders. - Contractor was available for immediate start and able to complete work within required time frame.. - The contractor had extensive background experience and knowledge of Coombs and Wright due to their involvement in a number of capital works projects.
6-Jun-08	Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd	Gungahlin Town Centre Transport Study	\$68,181.82	Open Tender	Three months 12 days	- Assess the transport constraints, issues and opportunities from greater development intensity in the Gungahlin Town Centre; - Develop a transport plan for the future Centre that facilitates pedestrian movement, provides for cyclists and public transport while still maintaining a reasonable access to the Centre by car;	N/A
01-Jul-08	ACT Procurement Solutions	Procurement Centralisation	\$49,440.00	Standing Offer Arrangement	12 months	Services provided under the Government Procurement Act and Regulations.	N/A
06-Jun-07	Content Group Pty Ltd	Communication Services	\$27,520.72	Single Select	One year, ten months	Provide strategic communications advice to Chief Planning Executive	Time imperative for commencement of the services precluded calling of



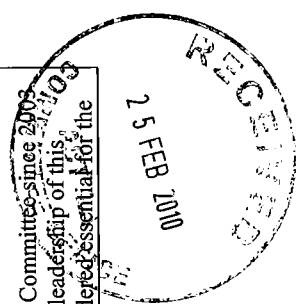
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
24-Nov-08	Document Imaging	Enhancement of Electronic Service Delivery.	\$299,992.40	Open Tender	Five Years	- and other senior managers. - Provide, as required, communications support on major initiatives. - Improved management of irreplaceable records. - Replacing the current manual retrieval system with an electronic system. - Providing approved agencies with 24-hour electronic access to the plan of any residential class one building constructed since 1999. - Providing direct access to defined documents to approved clients. - Enable the transmission of defined documents to all clients electronically.	Contractor was available for immediate start and able to undertake required work within necessary time frame.
01-Jun-09	Ernst & Young	Business Process Improvement	\$80,000.00	Single Select	Four months	- Continue earlier project to process map and identify improvements to ACTPLA's statutory processes together with the preparation of the standard operating procedures in relation to: - DA Leasing - Processes associated with the Construction Occupations and Licensing areas.	- The contractor had extensive background experience and specialised knowledge in the process mapping and improvement methodology required. - The contractor had knowledge of ACTPLA and had previously undertaken similar work in other statutory processes. - Time was imperative and contractor was able to commence immediately and meet all necessary deadlines. - Contractor's previous work has been of high quality.
08-Dec-08	Ernst & Young	Review Of Corporate	\$89,567.00	Select Tender	Five months	Appropriateness/adequacy of ACTPLA resourcing levels, skills mix	N/A



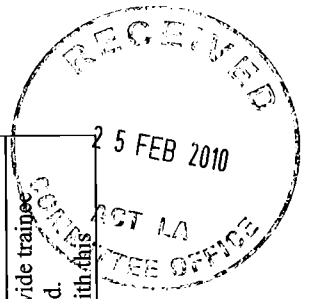
Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
		Governance & Culture				- and classification levels. - Preliminary benchmark comparisons of resourcing with other jurisdictional planning agencies. - Structural adequacy and opportunities for enhancement. - Regulatory inspection implications with respect to legislative requirements and risk. - Adequacy of budget to support optimal resourcing. - Stakeholder interactions and potential impact on operations.	
12-Feb-09	Ernst & Young	Business Process Improvement	\$218,966.67	Single Select	Five months	Continue earlier project to process map and identify improvements to ACTPLA's statutory processes together with the preparation of the standard operating procedures in relation to: - Deed Management. - Application Secretariat. - Leasing.	- The contractor had extensive background experience and specialised knowledge in the process mapping and improvement methodology required. - The contractor had knowledge of ACTPLA and had previously undertaken similar work in other statutory processes. - Time was imperative and contractor was able to commence immediately and meet all necessary deadlines. - Contractor's previous work has been of high quality.
15-Sep-06	Index Consulting Pty Ltd	Business Systems Integration Project	\$74,376.25	Single Select	2 ½ years	Project Management, Testing, Administration	Proven extensive knowledge. Association with InFACT, TaMS and the RRIF project
01-Jul-08	Readify	Business Systems Integration Project	\$338,487.75	Single Select	Two years and seven months	- Technical oversight of the further development of eDABS (BSIP project); - Undertake application development	High level technical knowledge and skills of the BSIP together with good understanding of the RRIF project. Previously working as sub-contractors on



Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	(For Single Select only) Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
01-Jul-08	Roundpeg	New Planning System Training	\$83,400.39	Single Select	Six months	- activities on eDABS; - Provide technology transfer to InTACT developers; - Provide training in TFS and related Microsoft technologies. - Develop, write and implement a comprehensive training strategy for the new planning system to facilitate effective roll out of the new system to ACTPLA staff, staff of other ACT agencies and industry.	BSIP through Microsoft. Extremely tight deadline as set by Commonwealth funding agreement. - The contractor is a highly experience and specialised training designer. - The contractor had a sound knowledge of ACTPLA and had previously undertaken similar work. - This work built on earlier activity and consistency of approach was crucial. - Time was imperative and contractor was able to commence immediately and meet all necessary deadlines. - Contractor's previous work has been of high quality.
17-Mar-06	Oakton AA Services	Internal Audit Services	\$46,840.00	Open Tender	Two year with option for one year extension	- Provide internal audit services with respect to assigned audits specified in the Annual Audit Work Program. - Plan and execute audits in a professional manner. - Provide comprehensive audit reports of findings and recommendations. - Present reports to Audit Committee as required.	N/A
2-Mar-09	Teamic Pty Ltd	Audit Committee Chair	\$9,400.00	Single Select	Three years	- Independent external chair of Audit Committee. - Provide objective reviews of completed internal and external audits to ensure ACTPLA meets government compliance requirements. - Overview of Risk Management and Fraud and Corruption Plans	- Contractor has significant experience in and knowledge of Internal Auditing - Contractor has sound working knowledge of ACTPLA and the Audit Committee. - Chair of Audit Committee since 2003 and consistent leadership of this function considered essential for the



Date contract approved	Contractor	Description	Total expenditure	Procurement type	Length of contract	Contract key deliverables	Criteria and performance benchmark used to select the contract
15-Feb-06	Walter Turnbull	Internal Audit Services	\$46,388.91	Open Tender	Two year with option for one year extension	- Provide internal audit services with respect to assigned audits specified in the Annual Audit Work Program. - Plan and execute audits in a professional manner. - Provide comprehensive audit reports of findings and recommendations. - Present reports to Audit Committee as required.	N/A
10-Jun-08	Don Hare Consulting	Deed Management	\$67,257.79	Single Select	14 months	- Drafting of new Deeds of Agreement. - Management of existing Deeds of Agreement	- Contractor had extensive demonstrated experience in and knowledge of managing Deeds of Agreement because of earlier work. - It is known that no other suppliers are available because of the highly specialised knowledge required.
1-Jul-08	Hamilton Planning & Technical Services	Planning & Technical Services	\$85,978.20	Single Select	12 months	- Support ACTPLA's structure planning and concept planning program. - Support the government's land release program as it relates to ACTPLA. - Provide technical and professional planning advice.	- It is known that there is a very limited number of suppliers because of the highly specialised knowledge required. - Time imperatives associated with the land release program precluded the calling of tenders. - The contractor had extensive background experience and knowledge of the field, extensive professional planning expertise and extensive knowledge of the ACT planning system and legislation.
1-Jul-08	Hunter Valley Training Company Pty	Survey group apprenticeship	\$32,346.01	Single select	1.3 years	- Engagement of a trainee under group apprenticeship arrangements. - Support for accelerated land release	- Contractor able to provide trainee support in area required. - Previous experience with this





Andrew Barr MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MINISTER FOR PLANNING
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION
MINISTER FOR GAMING AND RACING

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

2008-2009 Annual Reports Hearings – Supplementary Questions

Pages	Topic	Supplementary Questions
16	Ernst and Young review	I note that there was a review of ACTPLA's structure by Ernst and Young – what were the key findings and recommendations?

MR BARR:

The review by Ernst and Young (EY) related to Organisational Governance and Culture. By arrangement the review did not lead to a major report but produced several working papers and presentations that have been used to inform decisions around resourcing, organisational structure and service delivery.

The key findings and recommendations of the review, together with an indication of the outcomes, can be summarised as follows:

1. Although different jurisdictions structure and group planning functions differently, EY's broad conclusions (based on limited data) relating to the delivery of planning services are that:
 - Wage costs are lower for ACTPLA (approximately 5%, even allowing for higher superannuation cost components for ACTPLA).
 - Employee to Citizen ratios are broadly comparable.
 - Unit price for service provision (based on total cost divided by total population) is broadly comparable.
2. In addressing overall issues of organisational structure and resourcing arrangements, EY analysed ACTPLA's activities and functions, first differentiating functions by their "State" and "Municipal" nature, and then by the "Strategic" and "Operational" nature of the work. The four "quadrants" thus derived were therefore:
 - State Strategic
 - Municipal Strategic
 - State Operational
 - Municipal Operational.

EY concluded that in general terms, resourcing and focus appeared to be adequate across the two "Strategic" quadrants and the "State Operational" quadrant. However, services delivered through the "Municipal Operational"

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

quadrant appeared to be constrained by available resources and as a result, risks to effective delivery may be introduced. Specifically, EY identified a key need for an increase in inspection services which were otherwise constrained by available resources.

To address these identified deficiencies, EY recommended:

- (a) The creation of a position of Chief Operating Officer to increase the focus on administrative management and release the Chief Planning Executive to enable a strengthened focus on core business activities, including ensuring an improved management balance between the four identified Quadrants.
- (b) Creation of an additional Branch, led by a new senior executive position, to provide increased executive management focus on delivery of municipal services, together with an increase in the resources available for inspection services.
- (c) ACTPLA consider an identified potential opportunity to enable some minor reallocation of resources between the Quadrants to better balance the resourcing and consequent service delivery.
- (d) Improved vertical alignment of functions to improve efficiency, in particular those relating to municipal services.
- (e) Formal recognition of the National Building and Construction Regulations and Standards function.
- (f) A revision of Government Output measures to include compliance and audit activity.

ACTPLA has systematically implemented each of these recommendations, including the creation of a new Construction Services Branch with enhanced levels of staffing.

3. EY noted that the volumes of DAs requiring to be processed had increased quite significantly over a four year period, while at the same time there appeared to be a correlation with decreased performance and reducing staff levels.

EY noted that ACTPLA was increasingly needing to supplement its budgetary appropriation for staffing by the use of own-source fees revenue. This funding deficit for staffing was increasing in absolute and percentage terms.

EY made one specific recommendation in relation to this matter, that a number of options related to funding of ACTPLA and the relationship of own-source revenue to GPO funding should be further explored with a view to achieving and maintaining appropriate levels of service delivery.

4. EY further considered several aspects of ACTPLA's internal operations, in the process encouraging initiatives designed to:
- Strengthen HR strategic management, specifically in relation to skill mix across the various "Quadrants" noted above.
 - Improve staff retention, especially in the Customer Service area, including the development of a more substantial career structure.
 - Strengthen the internal budget management culture, in effect ensuring greater lower level management engagement in internal budgets. EY noted that the creation of the COO (refer 2. (a) above) was designed to assist in this matter.

ACTPLA has been progressively working across all of these (and other) areas. All involve strategic approaches which can be expected to yield benefits in the medium and longer term.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.


Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Planning

Date: 24.02.2010