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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Hanson : To ask the Treasurer

[Ref: ACTEW, BP 4, Page numbers 449-459]

In relation to : ACTEW CEO Salary

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What is ACTEW's Managing Director's current base salary before bonuses and superannuation for financial years ending 2014?

Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA

21 June 2013

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Treasurer : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

ACTEW's Managing Director's base salary before bonuses and superannuation in the financial years ending 2010, 2011 and 2012 is available on the ACT Government Open Government website under Freedom of Information documents www.cmd.act.gov.au.

In relation to 2013 and 2014 these are yet to be reported.

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Geological Faults

1. After excavation started, how many important previously undetected faults were discovered that had more than a minor impact on construction costs and on what dates were they discovered
2. What volume of excavation, what volume of concrete and how many tonnes of rebar was required to deal with each of those faults?
3. After excavation started, other than the faults specified above, was there any other requirement for extra excavation or extra concrete or rebar and what were those volumes or tonnes?

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1. How many and on what dates did important flood events occur over construction work of ECD since 2008.
2. After insurance, what was the final cost to the ECD of each of those events
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Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The following information has been provided by ACTEW, which due to the extent of the questions asked by the Committee required the Chief Engineer to be taken off line for several weeks.

WATER SECURITY PROJECTS

The answer to this has been provided in ACTEW's response to Mr Coe's QON 132 (9) on 6 June 2013.

ENLARGED COTTER DAM

Plans

1. The issue of approved design plans and specifications for construction (*'Issued For Construction'*) has been progressive and will not be finalised until all works on the project are completed.
2. The final 'Actual Outturn Cost' (AOC) estimate will not be known until late 2013/early 2014.
3. The ACTPLA Notice of Decision was issued on 16 September 2009.

4. The 'Total Outturn Cost' (TOC) Estimate of \$363 million was finalised on 27 August 2009 and approved by the ACTEW Board on 1 September 2009.
5. The term '*Final Construction Plan*' does not apply. There are design drawings '*Issued For Construction*' (see 1 above), or issued as '*Work as Executed*' (see 7 below).
6. Not applicable.
7. At this stage there are no issued '*Work As Executed*' plans for the dam. Final documents are under development and are not expected to be available until late 2013/early 2014.
8. This information will not be known until the Bulk Work Alliance (BWA) and ACTEW declare the AOC for the project when the BWA is wound up on the completion of the ECD defects liability period (2 years after the end of construction).

Materials costs

1. There was no 'approved' estimate for the dam until the approval of the TOC on 27 August 2009. This estimate was \$363 million.
2. This information is included in the TOC Report Section 2.6 *Direct Cost Estimates and Makeup*, ie:
 - Excavation (main dam abutment and foundations only – excluding access tracks, etc): 192,292 m³
 - Concrete (CVC): 9,200 m³
 - Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC): 386,250 m³
 - Reinforcement Steel: 1520 T

Excavation

1. There are multiple locations on the project where excavation has been undertaken including the main dam foundations and abutments; as well as access tracks and roads to the abutments, and for the foundations of the two saddle dams. It is assumed the question relates to the main dam foundation and abutments only.
The '*proposed construction excavation surface*' has been taken as the design foundation level. Therefore, based on a '*scone cutter view*' of the dam footprint as the basis for calculation of excavation volumes, the volume of excavation from the original natural surface to the '*proposed construction excavation surface*' for the dam foundation and abutments was 141,500 m³. Note: There is a difference between the TOC estimated volume and this number - due to the difference in methodology used to calculate the value for final design value.
2. The Development Application (DA) references a total quantity of overburden at 500,000 m³ for the project. There is no specific reference to the volume of abutment and foundation excavation.
3. The term '*final Construction plan*' is not understood.
4. Based on a '*scone cutter view*' of the dam footprint as the basis for calculation of excavation volumes, the volume of excavation from the original natural ground surface to the '*work as executed*' excavation surface for the dam foundation and abutments was 173,700 m³.

Concrete

1. There are multiple locations on the project where concrete has been used including the main dam, intake tower structure, stilling basin, and multiple smaller applications on the

site - including temporary works. It is assumed the question relates to the main dam and its foundations. Two basic forms of concrete have been used on the project:

- a. Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) including variants;
 - Grout Enriched RCC (GERCC) and
 - Modified Grout Enriched RCC (GERCCM).All RCC concrete typically contain no reinforcement steel and was used for mass concrete applications. At the time of the TOC the total RCC volume estimate was 386,250 m³; and
 - b. Conventional Concrete (CVC) - typically always reinforced and used for structural applications. At the time of the TOC the total CVC volume estimate was 9,200 m³.
2. No reference is made to specific volumes of concrete within the Development Application.
 3. The term '*final Construction plan*' is not understood. .
 4. Final as constructed plans are yet to be released. At completion the volumes of RCC and CVC are estimated as follows:
 - RCC - 361,400 m³;
 - CVC – approximately 20,000 m³ – placement of conventional concrete is still proceeding.

Geological Faults

1. Two significant geological faults were identified on the ECD's lower right abutment in May 2011.
2. Additional excavation below the proposed excavation surface was in the order of 11,500 m³ (volume below level RL 472). This was subsequently filled with mass concrete. No reinforcement steel was used in the infill concrete.
3. Additional excavation below the proposed excavation surface was in the order of 20,600 m³ over the footprint of the dam (excluding access tracks and saddle dams and the 11,500 m³ indicated in 2 above). Total additional excavation below the proposed excavation surface was in the order of 32,100 m³. This volume was subsequently filled with mass concrete. No reinforcement steel was used in this infill concrete.

Flooding

1. There have been six (6) flood events since November 2009 when construction commenced on the project. A significant event is described as having an Annual Exceedance Probability of greater than 1 in 2 years, which was the basis of the river diversion design. All measurements for these events were taken at the downstream gauging station. These events occurred on following dates:
 - 6 September 2010
 - 17 October 2010
 - 4 December to 10 December 2010
 - 14 January 2011
 - 2 January 2011
 - 1 March to 4 March 2012
2. The cost of flooding events (excluding any Bulk Water Alliance fees) over the life of project is approximately \$12.1 million (excluding insurance recovery) and is spilt as follows:
 - 6 September 2010 - \$45,700
 - 17 October 2010 - \$592,500 less insurance recovery of \$270,406 = \$322,100

- 4 December to 10 December 2010 - \$1,385,700 less insurance recovery of \$1,049,167 = \$336,500
 - 14 January 2011 – NIL cost registered
 - 2 December 2011 – NIL cost registered
 - 1 March to 4 March 2012 – Estimated at \$9,892,100 less insurance recovery which is under review by the insurers.
3. ACTEW is not able to predict historical flood risk on a given date.
4. ACTEW is not able to predict the probability of flooding events during the 'construction period'. Based on historical river flow records downstream of the old dam estimated Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) of flooding events that occurred during construction of the dam are provided below:
- 6 September 2010 - Approx. 1:5 AEP
 - 17 October 2010 -Approx. 1:10 AEP
 - 4 December to 10 December 2010 Approx. 1:10 AEP and 1:5 AEP
 - 14 January 2011 - Approx. 1:2 AEP
 - 2 December 2011 - Approx. 1:2 AEP
 - 1 March to 4 March 2012 - Approx. 1:100 AEP
5. The following mitigating actions were taken with respect to flooding of the site:
- A Flashboard was placed on the crest of the old Cotter Dam to raise the top water level by 2 metres and provide buffer storage of approx. 1.1 GL;
 - Attempts were made to lower the operating level of the Cotter Reservoir to provide a buffer of up to 4 metres below crest level, however, this was subject to requirements of the EPA approvals and management of fish spawning periods (Oct – Dec) when the operating level in the reservoir was required to be within 200 mm of the crest of the dam;
 - Upstream reservoirs (Corin and Bendora) were managed, when possible, to provide a buffer storage of up to 5 GL;
 - Upstream and downstream coffer dams were constructed around the dam foundation zone and a 3 metres diameter diversion pipe was placed through this zone to permit passage of spill from Cotter Dam up to 25m³/s.
6. See response in previous question.
7. The flood event of March 2012 had an Annual Exceedance probability of approximately 1 in 100 years. There was no ability to mitigate the impact of this significant flood by management of upstream storages. The flow volume of this flood event was greater than 75 GL over the period 1-5 March 2012. The capacity of Corin Reservoir is in the order of 70 GL.
- a. The estimated net cost impact of the March 2012 flood (after insurance recovery) is estimated to be in the order of \$5 million.
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None
8. No. The March 2012 flood had an outflow volume exceeding the full capacity of Corin Reservoir (70 GL).
9. Googong Reservoir was full from December 2010. Water supply during the ECD project was generally drawn from the Cotter River to mitigate flooding risk at the ECD site.
- a. None
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None

Cost of materials

1. Cost escalation data was provided in the letter of 17 September 2009 to Minister Simon Corbell MLA as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 17 September 2009. This was considered accurate at the time of its preparation and provided the context for price movements on the 2005 data upon which the original cost estimate for the dam was based. The information provided did not indicate the proportional impact of any one price movement on the price of the dam, but was provided to indicate there had been significant movements over the 2005-2008 period on key inputs to the dam costs.

Within the 2009 Agreed TOC, an allowance of \$15.4M (5.6%) of direct costs was made for cost movements on key commodities over the life of the project – namely cement, fly ash, fuel and reinforcement steel. No separate accounting has been made on this escalation allowance by the Bulk Water Alliance. However, based on unit price movements over the life of the project on these key commodities, the full extent of expected escalation has not come to fruition.

Due to significant cost movements in other areas of the project, any savings resulting from lower than expected cost escalation on key materials have been consumed as project contingency and there is no identifiable saving in the final cost to ACTEW as a result.

2. The BWA have advised that suppliers of key materials were contracted early in the project and these contracts generally have rise/fall clauses allowing for movements in prices on these materials over the period of the contract based on movement of underlying inputs (i.e. labour, fuel, input materials, etc.).
3. This information is not yet able to be provided as the project is still in progress.
4. See response at 1 above.

Cracks

1. There have been two events where 'significant' concrete cracking have been identified – both post flooding in March 2012.
 - The first event related to cracking on the crest of the dam in April 2012 while the dam was at RL511.3.
 - The second event was identified in the entrance gallery of the dam in August 2012.
2. ACTEW and the BWA take the investigation and, if needed, mitigation of all cracking in concrete on the dam as matters of concern. Both of the events identified above were fully investigated and reported to the Technical Review Panel and the Technical Regulator.

In the case of the cracking on the crest of the dam; the BWA Designer conducted a detailed review of the dam's stability following the identification of these cracks and assessed that the dam remained stable under all load cases including during extreme flood and the maximum credible earthquake. This assessment has been reviewed by the Technical Review Panel and the Technical Regulator.

Systems have been put in place to allow for long term monitoring of identified cracks (should they propagate further) in the core of the dam and to provide draining to the cracks should they become pressurised with water.

3. The cause of identified cracking is considered to have been a rapid loss of heat from the surface of the dam through a combination of water flowing past the surface and/or low external air

temperatures (particularly in the case of cracking in the dam entrance gallery), resulting in high tensile surface stresses on these exposed concrete faces resulting in cracking.

4. The March 2012 insurance claim has a component of costs relating to repairs to cracks. This claim is still being assessed by the Insurers.

Other impacts on costs.

1. There has never been an approved cost estimate of the dam at \$250 million. The project cost estimate of \$363 million was approved by the ACTEW Board in September 2009 and subsequently adjusted to \$405 million in April 2012 post March 2012 flood. The current forecast delivery price is approximately \$409 million subject to resolution of the insurance claim.
2. The single major contributing factor to the increased cost for the ECD project has been the time taken to place the Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) for the dam over the original estimated time.
3. The original TOC estimate for the time to place the RCC in the dam was 7 months. The actual time taken was 14 months, excluding the March – May 2012 flood shutdown period. Additionally (during this period), there was a significant impact on the project due to rainfall stoppages of RCC placement [and flooding] leading to the need for total of 22 greencuts of the concrete on the dams surface - eight (8) more than estimated in the TOC. Estimated time for greencuts exceeded TOC estimated time by a factor of 3 (increasing from 1 day to 3 days per greencut).

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Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Territory and Municipal Services Budget Paper 4, page number 376, output class1.4: Land management

In relation to : Horse based recreation and Horse Holding Paddocks

1. Is there a Land Management Strategy or Plan of Management for the support of horse based recreation including the operation of Horse Holding Paddocks in ACT. If there is, can they be made available? If not, is the Government planning to prepare such a Strategy?
2. Have there been any studies to determine the current demand and use and future demand for horse based recreation, including Horse Holding Paddocks, infrastructure and the designation of horse trails in the ACT. If there are, can they be made available?
3. How many Horse Holding Paddocks are currently available in the ACT
 - a. By location
 - b. By size (hectares)
4. How many new Horse Holding Paddocks are proposed in the ACT particularly in Molonglo and Gungahlin?
5. Which of the current Horse Holding Paddocks are linked by designated horse riding trails.
6. How many horses are currently agisted on Horse Holding Paddocks?
7. What are the terms of the agistment agreements - cost; length; attendance
8. How many Horse Holding Paddocks have been lost due to Majura Parkway construction?
9. What consultation does the Directorate have with users of government Horse Holding Paddocks to discuss issues such as provision of infrastructure – yards, shelter etc
10. What weed management plans are in place for these Horse Holding Paddocks?
11. What pasture renovation and fertiliser plans are in place for these Horse Holding Paddocks?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Canberra Nature Park Plan of Management (page 45-48) provides the strategic basis for equestrian use in Canberra Nature Park nature reserves.

The Services Agreement between the Australian Capital Territory and Territory Agistment Pty Ltd (the Contractor) for the Management of ACT Government Horse Holding Paddocks (the Agreement), was established in 2009 and sets out the management direction for the day-to-day operations of the horse holding paddocks. This document is Commercial-in-Confidence and is not publicly available.

A draft Recreational Trails Strategy is currently being prepared. The purpose of the strategy is to assess the development, management and use of trails for non-motorised and motorised recreation in the ACT, with the aim of developing a consistent policy framework to guide decisions about the management of, and investment in, the tracks and trails network.

2. The development of the draft Recreational Trails Strategy has included consultation with the ACT Equestrian Association. Their input has been vital in determining current and future demand for horse-based recreation. This draft strategy is due to be released for public consultation later this year.
3. There are 17 Government horse holding paddock complexes in the ACT. Details of location and size are outlined in the table below:

Complex	Total area (Ha)
Arawang	72.7
Cook	40.2
Curtin	39.1
Duntroon	55.6
Gilmore	37.9
Hackett	52.9
Hall	47
Hume	46.3
Illoura	86.5
Kaleen	64.8
Macarthur Park	48.2
Neighbour	54.3
Oaks Estate	22.2
Parkwood	99.1
Rose Cottage	166.4
Taylor	42.3
Yarralumla	52.9
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4. There are no new horse holding paddocks proposed for Molonglo and Gungahlin. However, key equestrian trails are being factored into the planning and development of Molonglo.
5. South Kaleen, Kaleen, Hackett and Duntroon horse paddocks are linked via local trails. The National Bicentennial Trail links Hall, Parkwood, Cook, Yarralumla, North Curtin, Illoura, Arawang, Mt Neighbour, Mt Taylor, Rose Cottage, Gilmore and Hume horse paddocks.
6. As of 31 March 2013 there were 352 horses on agistment in ACT Government horse holding paddocks.

7. The ACT Government has a three year contractual agreement with Territory Agistment, with an option for five renewals, each of three years duration. Unless there are major repairs or replacement of infrastructure required, costs to the Territory are limited to in-kind costs associated with contract management. Funds required for the day to day management of the horse paddocks are levied by the Contractor through a quarterly, half yearly, or yearly user fee.

With respect to the agistment agreements negotiated between the Contractor and horse owners, the following applies:

Agistment Fees

\$23/horse/week – charged as follows:

- Quarterly - \$299
- Half yearly - \$598
- Annual - \$1136.20 (includes 5% discount).

Booking and late payment fees also apply.

Length: With respect to the period of agistment, the Contractor and the client agree on the term of the agistment period, which can be terminated by either the client or the Contractor.

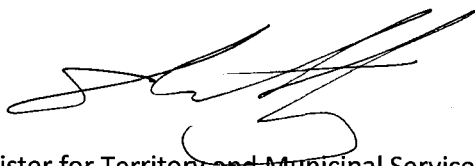
Attendance: The Contractor works directly with the client to ensure animals are healthy at all times.

More information is available on the Territory Agistment website found here <http://territoryagistment.com.au> .

8. Approximately 1.4 ha (16%) of one paddock in the Duntroon horse paddock complex was withdrawn for the Majura Parkway construction.
9. TAMS does not deal directly with users of Government horse holding paddocks. Issues such as provision of infrastructure (yards, shelter etc) are raised by the Contractor with the TAMS contract manager on an as needs basis.
10. The Agreement includes a requirement for the Contractor to prepare a weed management plan for the term of the Agreement. The weed management plan outlines the weed control activities that will be undertaken across all horse paddock complexes.
11. The Agreement includes a requirement for the Contractor to prepare a fertiliser management plan and a pasture management plan for each three year term of the Agreement. The fertiliser and weed management plans outline the activities that will be undertaken across all horse paddock complexes.

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Date:

28/7/13

By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Shane Rattenbury MLA



QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Territory and Municipal Services Budget Paper 4, page number 376, output class1.4: Land management

In relation to : Horse based recreation and Horse Holding Paddocks

1. Is there a Land Management Strategy or Plan of Management for the support of horse based recreation including the operation of Horse Holding Paddocks in ACT. If there is, can they be made available? If not, is the Government planning to prepare such a Strategy?
2. Have there been any studies to determine the current demand and use and future demand for horse based recreation, including Horse Holding Paddocks, infrastructure and the designation of horse trails in the ACT. If there are, can they be made available?
3. How many Horse Holding Paddocks are currently available in the ACT
 - a. By location
 - b. By size (hectares)
4. How many new Horse Holding Paddocks are proposed in the ACT particularly in Molonglo and Gungahlin?
5. Which of the current Horse Holding Paddocks are linked by designated horse riding trails.
6. How many horses are currently agisted on Horse Holding Paddocks?
7. What are the terms of the agistment agreements - cost; length; attendance
8. How many Horse Holding Paddocks have been lost due to Majura Parkway construction?
9. What consultation does the Directorate have with users of government Horse Holding Paddocks to discuss issues such as provision of infrastructure – yards, shelter etc
10. What weed management plans are in place for these Horse Holding Paddocks?
11. What pasture renovation and fertiliser plans are in place for these Horse Holding Paddocks?

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA
25th June 2013

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by MR SMYTH on Monday 24 June 2013: MS MURRAY took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript Monday 24th June 2013 - Page 13

In relation to: Voluntary Redundancies

MR SMYTH: So what area did the 22 jobs come from in the current financial year, and what area will the 29 jobs come from in the coming financial year?

Mr Corbell: In the coming financial year, the impact will be in corporate and back-of-house functions with the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate. It is not proposed to have any impact on the capacity of the directorate to deliver its services at the front end with customers. In relation to the current financial year—

Ms Murray: There was a mixture across the directorate, and it was fairly evenly spread. I can certainly provide—I am just—

Mr Corbell: We can take that on notice.

Ms Murray: Yes, I can take that particular one.

MR SMYTH: All right, take that on notice. When you say this year it is—the coming year is corporate, what does that mean, exactly?

Mr Corbell: Well, the different corporate support areas of the directorate.

MR SMYTH: So that will come out of personnel, it will come out of finance?

Mr Corbell: Amongst others, yes.

MR SMYTH: All right. Can we have a breakdown of what is proposed, please?

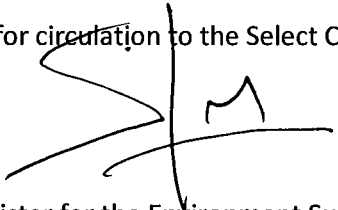
MINISTER CORBELL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. In 2012-13 the staff reductions have been in the following areas: eight in City Planning; five in Regulation and Services, three in Planning Delivery; two in Corporate; two in Policy and two in the Office of the Director-General. These have been achieved through voluntary redundancies, redeployment and natural attrition.

2. The Directorate will be undertaking a strategic review of all functions in order to achieve efficiencies. This may result in voluntary redundancies however the number required is not known at this time as redeployment will be offered in the first instance.
3. It is expected that there will be savings in Corporate. This will be considered as part of the strategic review.

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By the Minister for the Environment Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by MR COE on Monday 24 June 2013: MR CORBELL took on notice the following question(s)

Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2013 - PAGE 722

In relation to: Savings Targets and Voluntary Redundancies

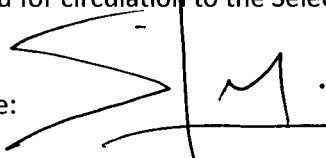
MR COE: What functions have been determined to be unnecessary going forward?

Ms Farnsworth: It is not so much functions that have been determined as unnecessary. The process has identified—when you go into voluntary redundancy or identify a position as surplus, it may be an individual position, and it may be that you actually undertake the functions of the unit in a different way. We can give you the breakdown of the particular positions, together with some explanation as to how the work of the unit has gone on beyond that.

MINISTER CORBELL: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

In 2012-13 the staff reductions have been in the following areas: eight in City Planning; five in Regulation and Services, three in Planning Delivery; two in Corporate; two in Policy and two in the Office of the Director-General. These have been achieved through voluntary redundancies, redeployment and natural attrition. Following a review of responsibilities and positions, it was decided that these functions could be absorbed, ceased or completed in a more efficient way.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked BY MR SMYTH on Monday 24TH June 2013: MR FITZGERALD took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 24TH June 2013 - Page 16

MR SMYTH: If you have not reached your savings target in staffing, have you reached the savings targets that were proposed for other areas of the department in non-staffing?

Mr Fitzgerald: Bruce Fitzgerald, Chief Finance Officer. We have been successful in achieving other savings throughout the organisation. They have predominantly come through administrative costs, particularly in the IT space.

MR SMYTH: All right. Could we have a breakdown of those savings, perhaps taken on notice?

MINISTER CORBELL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Directorate has been able to achieve savings in advertising (\$0.4 million) through more efficient advertising, training and development costs (\$0.4 million) replaced with increased internal training and information technology costs such as storage and desktop lease costs (\$0.2 million).

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



MR HANSON: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

[Ref: Sport and Recreation, Budget paper no 4, page number 137, output class #]

In relation to: Accountability Indicators

1. How many people are in receipt of ACTAS scholarships?
2. What is the average value?
3. What is the average length of the scholarship?
4. What performance indicators are used to assess the value of ACTAS?
5. Is any tracking done of former ACTAS scholarship holders to see whether they have benefitted from their sports scholarships?

MR BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. At the end of June 2013 there are 109 athletes on scholarship with ACTAS.

Scholarship numbers fluctuate throughout the year for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, athletes achieving the selection criteria for their respective sport, different scholarship start and finish dates to best align with the respective sport (e.g. summer sport versus winter sport), athletes progressing or graduating from ACTAS to another daily training environment (e.g. the Australian Institute of Sport), athlete retirement and athlete injury.

2. There is not an average value for scholarships. Athlete scholarship values vary due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to:
 - the athlete's particular sport and National Sporting Organisation (NSO) directives, for example an individual sport with high equipment needs versus a team sport;
 - the sport program itself, for example the Cycling Squad Program versus the Individual Athlete Program;
 - the athletes national tiering, for example a World Class Scholarship holder versus a Developing International Scholarship holder;
 - the services the coach and/or athlete negotiates with the performance service providers; and
 - the athlete's individual needs.

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The value of a scholarship to an athlete is the benefit they gain from their athletic development being driven by a Head Coach (employed on behalf of the program by either the NSO or State Sporting Organisation (SSO) program partner), supported by performance service personnel (engaged by the ACT Government) who provide specialist advice, guidance and coaching in the disciplines of: strength and conditioning, psychology, nutrition, sport science (physiology), sports medicine coordination and career and education counselling.

Athletes in the Individual Athlete Program have access to all performance services and are also eligible for up to \$2,500 to reimburse agreed costs associated with coaching, competition fees, and travel. Individual athletes have access to this funding support as they do not receive the benefits of being a member of a partnered squad program.

3. ACTAS scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and for a period of twelve months. The start and finish dates for scholarships, along with athlete eligibility and selection criteria, are prescribed by the relevant NSO within their high performance plan.

Towards the end of each scholarship period the Head Coach, along with the squad's performance service personnel, reviews all scholarship athletes and calls for applications and/or undertakes trials for the new scholarship intake.

Some sports are prescriptive with the age group for scholarship holders which results in athletes being offered a scholarship for a defined period of time. An example is the ACTAS men's football program where scholarships are restricted to athletes who are 13-15 years of age i.e. an athlete within this program would have a maximum of two years on scholarship.

In programs where scholarships are not restricted by age, athletes are eligible to remain on scholarship for as long as they continue to achieve the NSO or ACTAS selection criteria for the program.

4. ACTAS programs are a three way partnership between the ACT Government (represented by ACTAS), the NSO and the SSO. Program partners agree on the key performance indicators (KPI's) for the program and the athletes before the commencement of the program. The KPI's for the program and the athletes are aligned to the sports national high performance plan and are measured twice annually via Joint Management Committee (JMC) meetings.

Internally, ACTAS reviews and monitors athlete and program performance through the JMC meetings, quarterly meetings of the performance service team, assessment of individual athlete development plans by the Head Coach, specific feedback between the Head Coach and performance service personnel, and feedback from the relevant high performance personnel at NSO's.

ACTAS conducts an annual survey of athletes and coaches. The feedback collated is used to monitor, evaluate, plan and further enhance coaching and performance services.

5. ACTAS has maintained details of scholarship holders since 1989. ACTAS also maintains a history of scholarship holders (current and graduates) who have represented Australia at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, and Commonwealth Games since the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

ACTAS monitors scholarship holders who graduate or transition from ACTAS for numerous reasons including: a scholarship with the AIS; relocating to a daily training environment interstate; national team or member of a national program based interstate; moving into a professional team environment; or accepting a scholarship with a US College.

ACTAS uses social media such as a *Twitter* account and *Facebook* page to stay in contact with graduates and key stakeholders.

An ACTAS alumni list is also maintained by the Athlete Career and Education Coordinator.

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Date: 5.7.13

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Ref: BP4 p 137 Accountability Indicators

1. How many people are in receipt of ACTAS scholarships?
2. What is the average value?
3. What is the average length of the scholarship?
4. What performance indicators are used to assess the value of ACTAS?
5. Is any tracking done of former ACTAS scholarship holders to see whether they have benefitted from their sports scholarships?

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA
21st June 2013

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



MR HANSON: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

[Ref: Sport and Recreation, Budget paper no 4, page number 147, output class #]

In relation to: Narrabundah Velodrome upgrade

1. What maintenance arrangements were in place for the Narrabundah Velodrome from 2008-2012?
2. Why was it necessary for the Velodrome to be closed?
3. When did the Directorate become aware of the deteriorating condition of the velodrome?
4. Are there any other sporting facilities that are at risk of closure due to safety reasons?
5. What alternative training arrangements have been made for Canberra competition cyclists?

MR BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Velodrome has a mowing program for the dry land grass and weekly cleaning of the amenities building. The facility is inspected on a monthly basis by staff from Sport and Recreation Services (SRS). Apart from periodic re-marking of the track lines there has been no specific maintenance required on the actual concrete track.
2. An engineer's report was prepared for SRS by Cardno, and completed in April 2013. The report deemed that the Velodrome was unsafe for both competition and training purposes. The recommendations of the Cardno report were reviewed by SRS in consultation with the ACT Government Solicitors Office and the ACT Insurance Authority. This resulted in the track being closed until identified safety issues can be remediated.
3. The track is not deteriorating, rather the Cardno report has highlighted original design flaws relating to the transitions on the track where the straights meet and leave the bends, which present a danger and unacceptable risk to cyclists.
4. No, not that I am aware of.

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5. Access has been negotiated by the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) to the Dunc Gray Velodrome in Sydney whilst the Narrabundah Velodrome is closed. This has allowed for training continuity for ACTAS athletes and Cycling ACT members preparing for major events.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Reference: BP4 p 147 Capital Works Program

Narrabundah Velodrome upgrade

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



[MR HANSON] : To ask the [Minister for Sport and Recreation]

[Ref: Sport and Recreation, BP4 p 147 Capital Works Program, output class #]

In relation to : [Greenway Oval Improvements]

1. When will the contract for the design work for Greenway Oval improvements be tendered?
2. What is the anticipated date for completion of the design stage?
3. When is it anticipated that construction will start on the upgrade?
4. When is the planned completion date?
5. What is the total cost of the project?
6. Will the 2012 Labor election commitment for upgrades to Greenway Oval costing \$500,000 and completed in 2013 be met. If not why not?

[MR BARR] : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The design work will be done by an architect as appointed by the Project Manager of the 2013-14 Facilities Improvement Program (FIP) managed by Sport and Recreation Services. The Project Manager is being appointed from the existing Shared Services Procurement project management panel contract that was subject to an earlier tender process.
2. The project manager is yet to produce a work program. The initial start up meeting, at which all projects within the 2013-14 FIP were discussed, was held on 28 June 2013. A program of works is now being drafted. The design will be completed within the 2013-14 financial year.
3. The construction is likely to commence as soon as possible after the conclusion of the design and scoping works.
4. Cannot be determined at this stage.
5. An indicative cost for the construction component will be known when the cost plan, that will accompany the design, is completed.

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6. The ACT Government is committed to delivering \$500K to improve player and spectator facilities at Greenway Enclosed Oval and is on track to deliver these upgrades during the current term of government in line with the 2012 election commitment.

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Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 9.7.13

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Reference: BP4 p 147 Capital Works Program

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health, Budget Paper 4, page number 102

In relation to: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Residential Alcohol and other Drug Rehabilitation Facility

In relation to the proposed rehabilitation facility, please provide details of the facilities and the number of buildings that are in the current plan and scope of the project.

Minister for Health: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm is proposed to be built on a site within the property, Miowera – Block 241 Paddy's River.

Miowera has existing structures that the proposed residential facility will utilise or retain. These include a shearing shed, machinery shed, pump shed, cattle and sheep yards, silos and tanks, a farm manager's residence and storage sheds.

The proposed facility to be built consists of one building which combines administrative, cultural and communal areas and two 'pods', which will provide accommodation for up to four people each. In addition, infrastructure to support the facility, including water treatment, water tanks, generator, sprinklers and waste management will be located on site.

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Date: 2/7/13

By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: BP 4, page 102

In relation to: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Residential Alcohol and other Drug Rehabilitation Facility

1. In relation to the proposed rehabilitation facility, please provide details of the facilities and the number of buildings that are in the current plan and scope of the project?

Andrew Wall MLA
24 June 2013

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page 322

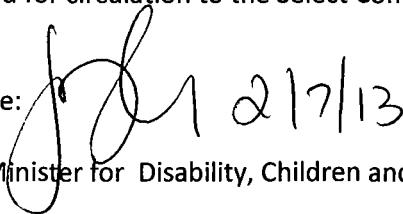
1. What is the required number of core staff at Bimberi Youth Justice centre?
2. How many core staff are currently employed at Bimberi Youth Justice centre?
3. How often over the past financial year has Bimberi Youth Justice centre been without the required number of core staff?

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. There is a core establishment of 64.8 staff at the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre. This includes 50 operational staff and 15 support staff positions.
2. Of the 64.8 full time equivalent positions at the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, two are currently vacant and will be recruited to in the very near future. These positions are filled temporarily with casual staff.
3. At no time during this financial year has the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre been without the required number of core staff to maintain its operations. Both operational and support staff vacancies have been filled through casual staffing.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page 322

1. What is the required number of core staff at Bimberi Youth Justice centre?
2. How many core staff are currently employed at Bimberi Youth Justice centre?
3. How often over the past financial year has Bimberi Youth Justice centre been without the required number of core staff?

Andrew Wall
24 June 2013

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Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page 334 – Average cost per Youth Services client:

1. How many clients are identified as being in receipt of 'Youth Services'
2. How many clients were attributed to the Adolescent Day Unit prior to the cessation of this program, per year?
3. What was the cost per client of the Adolescent Day Unit prior to the cessation of the program?

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The total output target for 2012-2013 for clients supported by Youth Services is 468.
2. In 2009-2010 the Adolescent Day Unit serviced 11 young people. The Adolescent Day Unit was discontinued in 2010. Prior to this, amalgamated figures were reported for the Adolescent Day Unit, Schools as Communities, and the Youth Connection Service. The figure for the Adolescent Day Unit alone is not readily available and I believe it would not be an appropriate use of resources to divert to identifying the Adolescent Day Unit number for years previous to 2009-10.
3. In the last financial year of operation, 2009-2010, the program cost per client was \$16,454.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: 2013-14 Budget Policy Adjustments BP 4 page 336; Youth Engagement and Family Support Services;

What services will be funded from the amounts outlined for 2013-14 and in the out years?

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The additional funding of \$5.0 million over four years for youth engagement and family support services is focused on three initiatives. Diversity ACT funding aims to support the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex members of the Canberra community to access Diversity ACT support. Funding is also being provided for a youth transition worker for children and young people in out of home care to be based in the community. This funding will augment existing youth transition services and assist seamless service between government and community. The final initiative under this budget funding is the expansion of the Youth Engagement Services delivered under the Child, Youth and Family Services Program to help vulnerable young people to engage and re-connect with support services, with a focus on early intervention and providing wrap-around services.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page 339 – Capital Upgrades – Community and Youth Services

What work will the \$1.789 million attributed to capital upgrades for Community and Youth Services fund and when will this work be completed?

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Andrew Wall MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: Youth Services, BP 4 page 324,325

In relation to: Recidivism

How does Strategic Indicator 7 translate into numbers of young people re offending?
What is the actual result this financial year and have we met the target outlined?

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

For year to date up to the third quarter 2012-13, 26.5% of young people on community-based orders reoffended. This represents 35 out of 132 young people. The financial year target is 35%. The third quarter result is under the financial year target.

For year to date up to the third quarter 2012-13, 18% of sentenced young people in custody reoffended. This represents 2 out of 11 young people. The financial year target is 44%. The third quarter result is under the financial year target.

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Asked by ALISTAIR COE on 21 June 2013: DAVID COLUSSI took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 June 2013 PAGE 22]

In relation to :

Can you please provide the committee with the amount that Canberra Connect pays in merchant fees (credit card transactions)?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Canberra Connect in the 2011 – 2012 financial year paid \$443,474 in merchant fees.

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Asked by CHRIS BOURKE on 21 June 2013: GARY BYLES took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 36]

In relation to:

Why have bollards been placed around Emu Bank and is the work at Emu Bank complete?

SHANE RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Bollards have been placed on a section of Emu Bank to control vehicular access and reduce the damage to concrete pavers.

The ACT Government funded project at Eastern Valley Way Inlet, adjacent to Emu Bank and the skate park, is currently nearing completion. The improvement works included the conversion of the inlet to a wetlands system, the completion of paving adjacent to the new skate park and the replacement of the pedestrian bridge across the inlet.

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Asked by CHRIS BOURKE on 21 June 2013: FLEUR FLANERY took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 37]

In relation to:

The funding allocation of \$200,000 to replace barbeques, how many and where will these be located?

SHANE RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The new barbeques are to be located in key high use open space areas including Yarralumla Bay, Lake Ginninderra District Park, Umbagog District Park, Yerrabi Pond District Park, Bowen Park and Lennox Gardens.

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Asked by BRENDAN SMYTH on 21 June 2013: DANIEL IGLESIAS took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 42]

In relation to :

Can you please provide baseline data/figures on the offset sites?

Can you please provide the committee with a list of the offset sites and whether this information is available on a website?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Environmental offsets are determined through the Commonwealth EPBC processes triggered by Matters of National Environmental Significance.

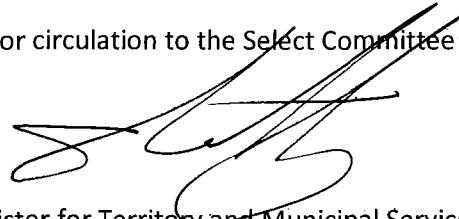
A list of all direct offsets (offset sites to be incorporated into the reserve system) and indirect offsets (funding for research and/or environmental restoration projects) is at Attachment A. This table includes information only on offsets which have been approved. There are also proposals which are in the process of being approved by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

The annual report for the Ngunnawal 2C estate offset site (at Bonner) is on the TAMS website as per the approval decision for that development. http://www.tams.act.gov.au/parks-recreation/parks_and_reserves/canberra_nature_park. Relevant reports and other material related to other offset sites will be progressively added to the website as they become available.

Material submitted to the Commonwealth Government related to each of the offset sites can be found on the Federal EPBC website, including the Molonglo SEA Approval at http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=invitation_to_comment&limit=999&text_search=http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=invitation_to_comment&limit=999&text_search=

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ATTACHMENT A - Summary of Environmental Offsets in the ACT (where approval decision has been provided by the Commonwealth)

Direct Offsets

No	Development	Proponent	Matters of National Environmental Significance	Offset	Offset size (hectares)	Status	Funding to PCS	Baseline data
1	Ngunnawal 2C	LDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Sun Moth 	Bonner 4 East (Extension to Mulligan's Flat Nature Reserve)	21	The offset site is formally part of the Mulligan's Flat Nature Reserve. Management actions are being implemented in line with the offset management plan.	\$200,000	The Golden Sun Moth population was surveyed in 2007 and 2009.
2	West Macgregor 2 Estate	Canberra Estates Consortium 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Sun Moth 	Part Block 7 Section 149 Macgregor (Graham Heanes' lease)	37	This site is currently going through the process of formally being incorporated into the reserve system. The rural lease will remain. The site will be managed by the rural lessee in line with the offset management plan.	Nil	The Golden Sun Moth population was surveyed in 2004 and 2009.
3	Lawson South	LDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Sun Moth Natural Temperate Grassland 	Jarramlee	112	This offset site has been approved by the Commonwealth. The final offset strategy (including the offset management plan) is currently with the Commonwealth. Approval expected within the next couple of months.	\$972,000	<p>Natural Temperate Grassland extent: 4.65 hectares</p> <p>Golden Sun Moth habitat extent: 48.16 hectares</p> <p>Monitoring of both GSM habitat and the quality and extent of NTG is required for this site.</p>
4	Molonglo	LDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland Natural Temperate Grassland Pink-tailed Worm-lizard Swift Parrot Superb Parrot 	<p>Offsets detailed in <i>Molonglo Valley Plan for the Protection of Matters of National Environmental Significance 2011 (NES Plan)</i> include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Management of the Molonglo River Park providing long term outcomes for MNES. Kama Nature Reserve – adaptive management and condition improvement of Reserve Establish Patch GG as an offset site Management of BGW patches C,H,N to maintain and enhance their ecological values Management of BGW patches I,L,M and P to maintain their ecological values 	994	<p>(Numbers below correspond with offset numbers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline Condition Assessment complete for Box-Gum Woodland (BGW) patches and Pink-tailed Worm Lizard (PTWL) at Molonglo River Park as first step in management planning process. <p>Concept plan complete and endorsed, final draft Ecological Guidelines complete, Procedures Manual for condition assessment and Monitoring complete and final draft Adaptive Management Strategy complete.</p> <p>Protective fence around PTWL habitat and interpretive signage under construction at Coombs.</p> <p>Preliminary habitat survey of Rainbow Bee-eater, woodland birds and raptors complete.</p> <p>Restoration project of BGW started at Misery (Barrer Hill), weed control commenced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline Condition Assessment Procedures complete and assessment undertaken for Kama. Transfer of Patch GG into the Arboretum is currently 	\$800,000 Funding for (2012-13 & 2013-14)	<p>Pink-tailed Worm Lizard habitat extent: 70.8 hectares</p> <p>Box Gum Woodland extent: 316.7 hectares</p> <p>Natural Temperate Grassland extent: 36.6 hectares</p>

						under negotiation with the rural lease holder and EDD. 4. Baseline Condition Assessment complete for BGW patches 5. Baseline Condition Assessment complete for BGW patches		
5	EPIC Block 799	LDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Striped Legless Lizard Golden Sun Moth 	Extension of Gungaderra Grasslands and Mulanggari Nature Reserves	45	The offset strategy and offset management plan will be submitted to the Commonwealth within the next couple of weeks. Approval expected by September.	Currently under negotiation	Not yet available
TOTAL					1209		\$1,972,000 +	

Indirect Environmental Offsets

No.	Development	Proponent	Matters of National Environmental Significance	Offset	Status	Funding to PCS
1	Forde	No EPBC approval required for this development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Sun Moth 	The University of Canberra undertook research into translocating Golden Sun Moth larvae.	Project completed.	Nil
2	West Macgregor 2 Estate	Canberra Estates Consortium 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Sun Moth 	Research into improving Golden Sun Moth habitat in sites dominated by Chilean Needle Grass (indirect offset component of the West Macgregor offset).	The research is scheduled to be completed by March 2014.	Nil
3	Kings Highway Extension	ACT Procurement Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland 	Funding to undertake White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland connectivity study and restoration works within the ACT – not site specific.	The connectivity study is complete. The restoration project is being rolled out in conjunction with the ACT Government Woodlands Restoration Project.	\$200,000
4	Molonglo	LDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink-tailed Worm-lizard 	Research PTWL monitoring and habitat restoration	Proposal complete. Set up of research plots and monitoring to commence in 2013-14.	\$14,465



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Asked by BRENDAN SMYTH on 21 June 2013: MINISTER RATTENBURY took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 46]

In relation to:

Can you please provide the committee with a copy of the terms of reference for the Parks and City Services review?

SHANE RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Territory and Municipal Services and the Chief Minister's and Treasury Directorate are currently developing the Terms of Reference for the review announced in the 2013-14 budget for Parks and City Services. A copy will be provided to you when finalised.

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Asked by BRENDAN SMYTH on 21 June 2013: GARY BYLES took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE44]

In relation to :

On page 372 of Budget Paper 4, you have got your estimated employment level, which drops two off the outcome level could we have an ins and outs on which areas are gaining staff, any areas that are losing staff, and which positions are going?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

For 2013-14 the Budget includes funding for an additional four staff associated with:

- Additional Park Rangers (2)
- Enhanced Biodiversity Stewardship (1)
- Management of Waste Contracts (1)

The Budget also anticipates a reduction of six staff in 2013-14, mainly through changes in corporate services.

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Asked by JEREMY HANSON on 21 June 2013: PHILLIP PERRAM took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 57]

In relation to :

A copy of the Bulky Waste trial report will be provided to the committee.

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Please find attached a copy of the Bulky Waste Trial progress report.

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Executive Summary

In April 2011, the ACT Government began a one year trial of a bulky waste collection service. This free collection service was available to older and less able ACT residents holding an appropriate concession card. Other residents who were ineligible for the free service could use the service as a fee paying customer. Residents were able to have up to two cubic metres of goods collected, with parameters applying regarding items suitable for collection.

In the initial year of the service, issues became apparent which required adjustments to clarify resident's expectations and their understanding of the service. While bookings did not reach the numbers initially anticipated, this also required adjustment from the contractor and at the end of 2011-12, funds remaining were rolled over into 2012-13 to continue the trial for a further year.

The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme commenced in the ACT in May 2012 and this required changes to the service in the second year. Televisions and computers which had previously been individually charged to participants became free under this collection.

To date 25% of residents booking a service in the extension year are repeat customers. A large volume of positive feedback has been received which indicates that this service is targeted appropriately and filling a genuine need.

Background

The Bulky Waste Collection trial began in April 2011. This service trial was designed to partially fulfil a 2008 election commitment from ACT Labor to trial a collection service for bulky items in a manner similar to bulky waste collections carried out by Local Governments in some regional areas.

That commitment was intended to assist those without access to a means of transporting large items. While the trial does not provide a free-of-charge service for all residents, those holding a Centrelink Pensioner's Concession Card, an ACTION Gold card (now changed to ACTION Seniors MY WAY card) or a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card were eligible for a annual free collection of bulky waste. These sectors of the community were chosen as, due to financial and/or physical reasons they may have been unable to access other disposal options. Residents who did not meet the eligibility criteria for a free collection were also able to use the service as a fee-paying customer. Charges for fee-paying customers depended on the quantity and type of materials to be collected.

The aim of the trial was to provide information about the provision of a permanent bulky waste service in the ACT, including:

- whether the trial met community expectations;
- whether the community was willing to pay for the service;
- whether the eligible concession group was the appropriate group to receive a free service; and
- any implementation issues for Multi-Unit Developments.

The one year trial was allocated \$1.0 million in funding in the 2010-11 ACT Budget.

Initial Trial

In April 2011, following a tender process for the provision of a Bulky Waste Collection Service, contracts were awarded to Goran Srejc (trading as Tiny's Home Maintenance). The service was carried out under two separate contracts, covering:

1. residents who are eligible for a free collection service; and
2. residents who use the service on a fee paying basis.

The service provider for the Bulky Waste Collection Trial also holds contracts for the management of reuseable facilities (trading as The Green Shed) at the Mugga Lane and the Mitchell Resource Management Centres.

The Bulky Waste Collection trial commenced in late April 2011.

Design of service

The trial provided one free bulky waste collection for those holding a Centrelink Pensioner's Concession Card, an ACTION Gold card (now changed to ACTION Seniors MY WAY card) or a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card, per ACT domestic rateable property over a 12 month period. This included residents in Multi-Unit Developments. ACT residents ineligible for concession were able to access the service as a fee paying customer.

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The following items were deemed acceptable for collection from either concessional or fee paying customers:

- household furniture and appliances;
- garden tools and equipment;
- timber not exceeding 2 metres in length;
- white goods/sinks;
- building materials/products; and
- metal products and/or scrap metal.

Residents were able to place up to two cubic metres of waste out for collection, with concessional service users able to have one mattress collected as part of their free service.

For those residents using the collection service as a paying customer, the following fee schedule was applied:

Goods able to be reused or resold	\$33-\$88 per collection (up to two cubic metres- exact fee provided by driver at time of collection)
Goods unable to be reused or resold	\$88 per collection (up to one cubic metre) or \$127 (up to two cubic metres)
Scrap Metal	\$55 per collection (up to two cubic metres)

Items that were not acceptable for collection:

- garden waste (grass clipping, prunings etc);
- household (food) organic waste;
- any liquids;
- household chemicals or hazardous wastes;
- (including paint, motor or cooking oils);
- pesticides, fungicides, herbicides or pool chemicals;
- cleaning chemicals;
- fuels & oils;
- medicines;
- pane or sheet glass;
- mirrors;
- asbestos sheeting or other asbestos products;
- gas bottles/fire extinguishers;
- dirt or mixed fill material;
- sharps or sharps containers; and
- fireworks/explosives/ammunition.

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Specific items were acceptable as part of either a free or charged pickup, but would generate an additional charge per item at the same rate as applied for drop off to Government-run facilities.

Computer terminals	\$15 each
Computer monitors and laptops	\$22.50 each
Clean tyres without rims - (light vehicle only)	\$3 per tyre
Dirty tyres or tyres with rims - (light vehicle only)	\$5 per tyre
Mattresses	\$5 per mattress
Flat panel TV (e.g. LCD or plasma)	\$15 each
Non-flat panel TV (e.g. CRT) - screen less than 46cm diagonally	\$15 each
Non-flat panel TV (e.g. CRT) - screen 46cm - 54cm diagonally	\$25 each
Non-flat panel TV (e.g. CRT) - screen greater than 54cm diagonally	\$40 each

To access the bulky waste service, a resident would book a collection directly with the service provider. The resident was provided with information, including where to place waste, attendance, and any charges that would apply. The contractor then collected the bulky waste on the arranged day and time from within the property boundary. Where economically and operationally viable, items such as metals and useable goods were recovered for resale at the Mugga Resource Management Centre or sold for direct recycling.

A monthly invoice detailing collection numbers and locations was sent to ACT NOWaste by the contractor.

Eligibility

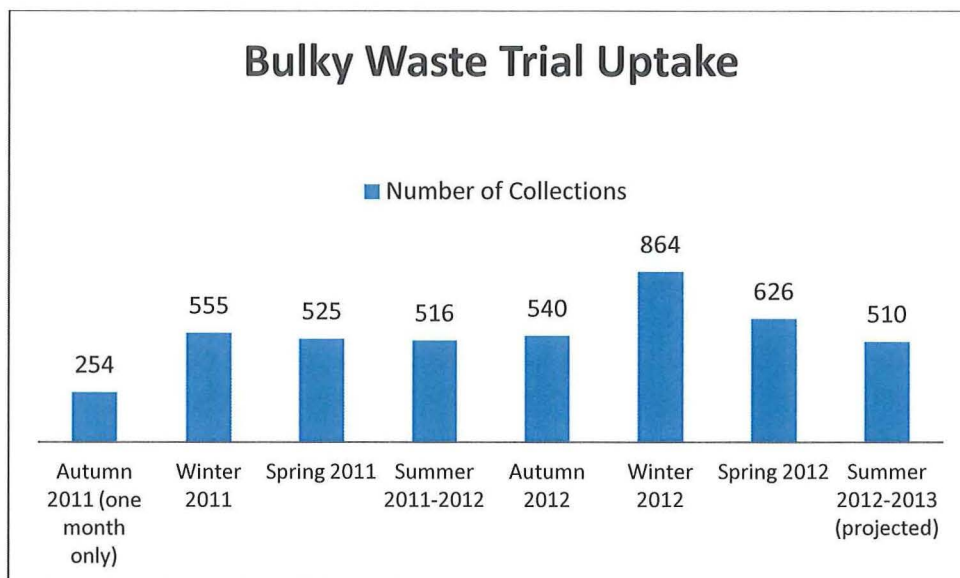
In designing the service, there were several 'unknowns' which were estimated. To access a free collection, a resident must have an ACTION Gold card (now changed to ACTION Seniors MY WAY card), a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card (issued to most veterans of Australia's defence force, their widows/widowers and dependants), or a Centrelink Pensioner's Concession Card. This last card is means tested and available to residents receiving Centrelink benefits for age, bereavement, disability, being a carer, being a single parent, or receiving Newstart or Youthstart Allowance.

The total pool of residents in the ACT who were eligible for a free collection was thought to be about 22 000, but numbers were difficult to determine as holders of one concession card may have also held one or both of the other concession cards. Privacy provisions restricted the cross checking of this data. It was also unknown how many of those card holders lived in non-serviceable properties such as nursing homes or similar. More than one concession card holder may have lived in an eligible property, although the free service would only be provided to each

property once a year. Thus the number of serviceable properties (for a concessional service) per annum was likely to be somewhat less than the number of eligible residents for this service.

Concessional and fee paying service users must live in a domestic rateable property within the ACT. Eligible residences include multi-unit properties.

Findings



About 10% (2228 services) of the estimated 22 000 residents eligible for the free service booked a collection in the first year of the trial. Only 12 fee-paying residents utilised the service.

Up to the end of January 2013 a total of 4286 residents have access the free service, with many of these utilising the service each eligible year.

The Bulky Waste Collection trial was extremely well received by the target sector of the community.

Lessons learnt

The contractor commented that they commonly experienced the following issues in the first year of the trial:

- residents putting out too much material;
- residents expecting collection staff to come into the home to remove items;
- residents not having the items in an accessible location;
- residents wanting to leave out general rubbish and or garden waste; and
- residents wanting to include TV's and Computers for free in their collection.

Most of these issues have now been resolved by the contractor with the development of a 'script' covering the collection criteria which is read over the phone to residents booking a collection. This has clarified resident's expectations of the service. No significant issues have been experienced to date in providing this service to Multi-Unit premises.

The contractor reports that the most significant issues for people who would like to use this service are:

- Some residents are physically unable to move their bulky items to a location suitable for collection. It is estimated that around 4 bookings per month report this difficulty. Insurance issues limit the collection contractor's access onto a resident's property such that they may not enter a house to collect items. If residents do not know able-bodied people whom they can ask for help, they may not be able to use the service. Some residents can wait until they are visited by a person e.g. a relative, who can help with putting items out for collection, and organise their booking to coincide with this. The Salvation Army has provided this assistance to residents on a case-by-case basis.
- Older residents who are self-funded retirees under 75 have not been eligible for this free service. However, they may be financially and physically in as much need of it as concession card holders.
- A large proportion of service users require more than two cubic metres to be collected.

In the first 12 months of the trial, the contractor has reported 71 residents who have enquired about the service but been unable to use it for various reasons including those above.

Through the first year of this trial, the contractor's staffing levels were progressively adjusted to cater for the lower-than-expected uptake levels. There is now a much clearer understanding of the likely uptake of this service into the future.

Trial Extension

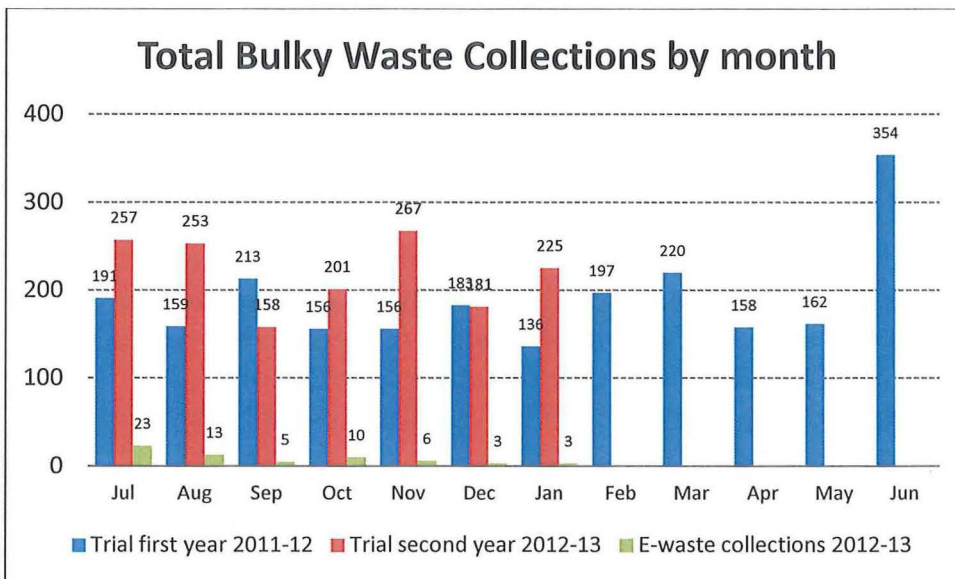
The Bulky Waste Collection service proved extremely popular and many residents who received it lobbied for its continuation. With funds remaining from the original budget allocation of one million dollars, the trial was extended for a further year from July 1 2012 until June 30 2013.

The implementation of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme has impacted this service. In May 2012 the ACT Government ceased charging residents to dispose of their computers and televisions at ACT waste management facilities, in line with the implementation of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme which mandates free drop off points for these items. This change in turn changed the acceptance criteria for the bulky waste collections, which now allows residents to include up to three televisions or computers at no extra charge in their collection. Many of the target group of residents had a stored backlog of televisions and computers, and the service provider reports that most collections contain these items. Some collections contain only e-waste items.

Contract variation

The contract for the concessional service has been extended and varied to reflect a service pricing fee schedule which provides the contractor with an adequate margin at current uptake levels. In the second year of the trial, the service fee paid to the contractor for one collection is \$150.00 (inc. GST) for each of the first 150 services in a calendar month, and \$110.00 per service for all other services until the end of that month. A collection which contains e-waste only has a flat rate of \$88.00.

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*Note that for clarity this graph does not show the first two months of this trial, May and June 2011. The collection totals for these months were 179 and 205 respectively.

Uptake

Up to the end of January 2012-13, 1542 services have been carried in the financial year to date. This compares to 1139 for the same period in the trial's first year. Greater awareness of the service has resulted in an increase in booking numbers. The projected number of services for the current complete financial year is approximately 2700. It is anticipated that at June 2013 there will be approximately \$0.18M in funding remaining from this trial.

At present the collection contractor receives about 30 calls a day regarding this service, and about 85% of calls result in a booking. The most common way for residents to have become aware of the service is through television advertising or word of mouth. About 25% of residents booking a service this year are repeat customers from the first year of the trial.

Service Outcomes

This proposal is a municipal and community waste service, and as such its benefits lie primarily in enabling less able residents to manage their waste appropriately and equitably. It supports the broader direction of the ACT Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2010-2014, in that it provides one of a raft of services which allows residents to remain independent in their residence for as long as possible.

Waste Outcomes

The Bulky Waste Collection trial does not have a significant impact on the quantities of waste sent to landfill in the ACT, or on the levels of resource recovery.

The most recent full calendar year of data shows that the amount of waste taken to landfill through the bulky waste service in 2012 was just over 140 tonnes, giving a monthly average of about 11.74 tonnes. This is insignificant compared to the approximately 300 000 tonnes of waste interred in 2011-12.

The contractor estimates that in addition to waste taken to landfill:

"We recycle or (sell for) reuse about 40% of materials collected through the trial. We estimate that we generate an average of about \$300 per week in sales from these goods."

Tonnage data from the reused/recycled materials is not available as it is not weighed before amalgamation with other goods for sale.

Feedback

Almost without exception, residents have responded very positively to the introduction of this service. A large volume of communication (estimated to be upwards of 200 separate responses) has been received through the ACT NOWaste inbox, by the contractor, and via Ministerial channels. It is overwhelmingly appreciative, and much of it has requested that the trial be made a permanent service. The comment below (via email) is typical:

*"We are two aged pensioners in our late 70's and have just used the (Bulky Waste) service for the second time. We have on both occasions found the service to be very efficient and the collectors most helpful. Each time we breathe a sigh of relief at being able to have this service help maintain our home in a less cluttered and comfortable condition. **Please keep this service in business!**"*

The contractor reports that in the first year of the trial, about 70 calls were taken from residents who could not participate in the free service, most commonly because they did not meet the eligibility requirements. Some residents, although eligible, found the quantity of goods which could be collected was not sufficient for their needs or found the suitability criteria for acceptable items confusing. Some residents were unable to participate because they were unable to move large items themselves and did not have anyone who could assist them to do this.

Feedback from the contractor providing the service is positive. Having resolved some of the initial issues associated with provision of the service, they now comment:

"Overall, we feel that this service is a very good service and provides a real benefit to the targeted sector of the community"

Future Recommendations

If this trial receives continued funding and becomes a permanent service, it is recommended that it continue largely in its present form. Offering the service on a permanent basis rather than as a short term trial is likely to provide better value for money.

Although it has not been utilised to the level initially anticipated, it is clear from the feedback and the number of repeat users of the service that it meets a genuine need, especially for older members of the ACT community. The targeted recipients can be considered an appropriate sector of the community to receive this service.

Conclusion

It remains the case that offering this service to all residents would be prohibitively expensive unless charges were levied on all residents via rates. This would disadvantage residents who generate less waste, or are willing and able to self haul bulky items to disposal points. Private waste haulage operators already provide bulky waste collection for fee paying customers in the

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ACT. It is unnecessary for Government to provide this service for a fee on an opt-in basis, and this is supported by the fact that although the service is available for a fee under this trial, there continue to be very few paying customers.

It is likely that, should the service become permanent and current eligibility criteria remain, the take-up level will rise slightly over the next few years before levelling out, as it becomes better known through word-of-mouth, and residents seek to clear a backlog of stored items. Additionally, in coming years the proportion of the ACT population eligible for the free service is likely to rise slightly.



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Asked by JEREMY HANSON on 21 June 2013: FLEUR FLANERY took on notice the following question

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 58]

In relation to :

Do we track data on the location of sharps and then compare that data with needle exchange program/locations?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

City Rangers respond to reports of sharps left on public unleased Territory land as a public safety issue. This data is not compared against data in relation to the location of needle exchange programs.

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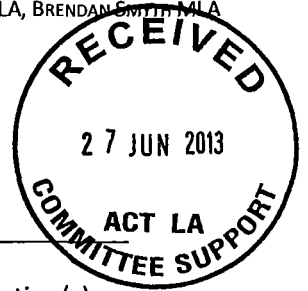


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Asked by ALISTAIR COE on 21 June 2013: DANIEL BAILEY took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 66]

In relation to :

Can you provide the committee with the waiting list for community tenancies?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The list of community tenants on the ACT Property Group Application Register is attached.

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A Gender Agenda Inc.
ACT Council of Parents & Citizens
Associations Inc
ACT Hepatitis Resource Centre
ACT Model Car Racing Club Inc.
ACT Rogaining Association (ACTRA)
Advocacy For Inclusion
Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT Inc
Alzheimer's Australia
Inc./Alzheimer's Australia ACT Inc
Anglicare Australia
Australian Red Cross - Meals on Wheels
Australian Red Cross Nutrition Services
Belconnen Community Service Inc.
Bengali Cultural Association
Best Practice Education Group
Bodhisattva Kadampa Buddhist Centre being
a branch of Mahisiddha Kadampa
Mediation Centre
Bywong Classic Car Club
Canberra Celtic Pipe Band and Dance
School
Canberra Father's & Children Service Inc
(CANFaCS)
Canberra Hot Rod Association
Canberra Police Community Youth Club Inc.
Capital Community Housing Inc
Capital Edge Community Church Inc
CARE Australia
Cerebral Palsy Alliance
Christian City Church Belconnen Inc.
Christian City Church Watson
Church of Pentecost
Communities @ Work (on behalf of Mens
Shed)
Community Connections Inc.
Deafness Forum Ltd
Deanne Calisthenics Incorporated
Federal Chapter of the Vietnam Veteran's
Motorcycle Club (VVMC) Inc.
French-Australian Pre-School
Giralang/Kaleen Men's Shed
Greening Australia Capital Region Ltd
Gumnut Place Childcare Centre Association
Inc
Gungahlin Regional Community Service
Inanna Inc.
International Association of Infant Massage
John Flynn Community Group auspiced by
Belconnen Community Services Inc
Khemararangsi Buddhist Temple of ACT Inc.
Koomarri
Kosciuszko Huts Association (KHA)
Lavender Art Studios
Lifeline Canberra
Marymead
Master Plumbers Drainers & Gasfitters
Association
Monaro Folk Society
National Information Centre on Retirement
Investments Inc. (NICRI)
National Trust (ACT)
Noah's Ark Resource Centre Inc
North Canberra Christian Outreach Centre
Northpointe Baptist Church
Northside Community Service
Orienteering ACT (OACT)
Paperworks inc
Pollet's Martial Arts Centre
Post Natal Depression Support &
Information (PANDSI)
Pure Focus Incorporated
Regional Development Australia (ACT)
Rigpa Fellowship Canberra
Rotary Club of Canberra City Incorporated
Sakya Losal Choe Dzong Tibetan Buddhist
Society of Canberra
Sene Canberra (PNG) Incorporated
Shanti Mission Harmony Centres LTD
Sharing Places Inc
Shaw Possibilities Ltd.
Silver Soles Cloggers Inc & Dance Edge
Sri Lanka Dhamma Vihara Assoc. Of
Canberra
St Nicholas Greek-Australian Pre-school
and childcare centre

St. John Ambulance Australia (ACT) Inc.
Support Link
Tandem Respite Inc
The Cancer Council ACT
The New Connection Church
The Salvation Army
U3A ACT Inc

Unity College Australia Incorporated
Wattle Community Association
Incorporated
Woden Valley Sub Branch RSL
Working Wonders
YMCA of Canberra
YWCA of Canberra Housing Support Unit



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Asked by ALISTAIR COE on 21 June 2013: DANIEL BAILEY took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 JUNE 2013 PAGE 66]

In relation to :

How many community groups have dropped off the waiting list due to a lack of response (at the same time as the Jewish community group)?

SHANE RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

A total of 38 groups including the Chabad Orthodox Jewish Community, who applied in the name of SK Counselling and Consultancy and the Jewish Family Centre of North Canberra, were removed from the application register in July 2010.

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Asked by ALISTAIR COE on 21 June 2013: MINISTER RATTENBURY took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 21 June 2013, Page 69

In relation to:

How many times has the Jewish community group contacted you (Minister)?

SHANE RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Jewish community group first contacted my office via email and phone on Monday 17 June 2013. There were a number of subsequent emails from the community group sent over the following week.

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