

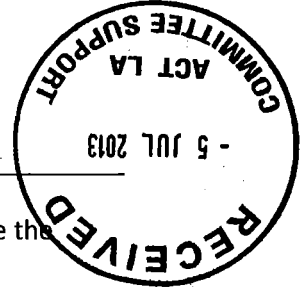


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth on 27 June 2013: The Minister for Corrections took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript 27 June 2013 page 1048

In relation to: Incidents occurred

Mr Smyth: How many incidents have occurred between 2010-11, 11-12, and 12-13? How many incidents have you had?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Incident reports are lodged by ACT Corrective Services' staff for a wide variety of reasons.

Incident reports address incidents or issues that vary in seriousness. Examples of incidents which generate incident reports include, but are not limited to:

- an incident where a window was cracked by a rock thrown up by a lawnmower;
- a report of a blocked toilet; and
- reports noting details of assaults and contraband interception.

In addition to the varied subject matter of incident reports, there may also be more than one report related to one matter. For example, a report noting a detainee being escorted to hospital, and a report noting their return to the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

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Total number of incident reports	803	1052	763 *

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In relation to: Recidivism

Mr Hanson: Please provide recidivism rates for the last 10 years, and if this data is not available, the reason why it is not available?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Recidivism is reported annually for all jurisdictions as part of the Report on Government Services (ROGS).

The recidivism reporting period under ROGS counting rules is two years after detainees are discharged from incarceration or community supervision. For example, the rates of return reported for 2011-12 are based on the detainees and offenders discharged in 2009-10, therefore providing all detainees and offenders discharged in 2009-10 with two full years in which to either remain free from offence or return to some form of supervision.

Prior to 2009, individuals sentenced to a term of imprisonment by ACT Courts were sent to NSW prisons. NSW did not separately report on recidivism rates for ACT sentenced detainees held in NSW.

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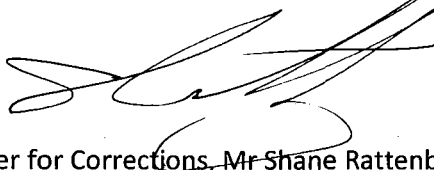
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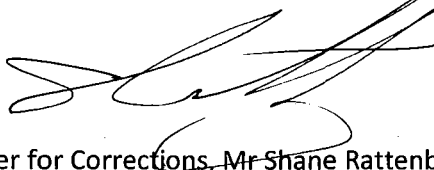
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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Brendan Smyth MLA: To ask the Attorney-General

Ref: Output 1.2 Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: Discount on License for Safe Driving

1. When will the Government's announcement for a 20% discount on license renewal fees for drivers with no demerit points come into effect?
2. What is the estimated number of drivers who will qualify for this initiative?
 - a. What is this in percentage terms?
3. What is the anticipated revenue foregone as a result of this discount?
4. What provisions has the Government put in place for individuals who renewed their driver's license prior to this initiative?
5. Will concession card holders qualify for this initiative?
 - a. If no, why not?
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Ms Katy Gallagher MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The rewards for safe drivers commences on 1 August 2013.
2. Of the almost 218,000 ACT driver licence holders approximately 61% could be eligible for this discount.
3. The 2013-14 Budget estimate for this initiative is \$1.032m per annum indexed.
4. The initiative commences for driver licence renewals on 1 August 2013 and no provision has been made for driver licence renewals before that date.
5. Centerlink Health Care Card holders (unemployed for more than 6 months) receive a 50% discount on a one year licence and will be entitled to the 20% discount on the fee they pay when renewing their licence (a 60% discount in total). Drivers who already receive a 100% concession will not receive an additional benefit from this initiative.
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b. Driver licence concessions:

Concession Type	Concession Provided
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c. The revenue from Concession Card holders in 2012-13 was approximately \$942.00.

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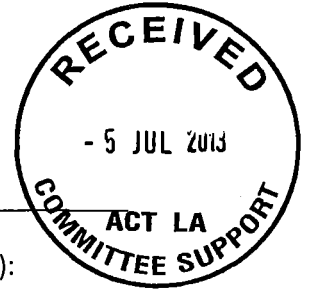


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Asked by Mr Hanson on 25 June 2013 : Mr Peffer took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 Page 885]

In relation to : Education funding/Gonski

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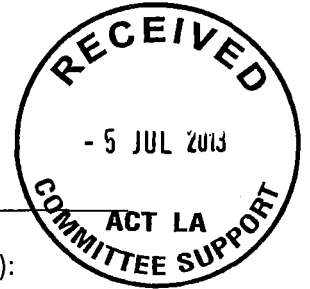


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Asked by Dr Bourke on 25 June 2013 : Ms Daveron took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 Page 897 - 898]

In relation to : Overseas migration

What are the trends in overseas migration (to the ACT)?

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

Over the year to December 2012, the last available data, net overseas migration (NOM) to the ACT was 2,893 people accounting for 33.8 per cent of total population growth in that year. NOM was up 569 people on the previous year, which in turn had been up 323 people on the year before that. The last five years have seen record levels of NOM to the ACT, with the highest levels since records commenced in 1981. The peak year was the 12 months ending December 2009 when NOM reached 3,668 people.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 25 June 2013 : Mr Lasek took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 Page 907]

In relation to : Skywhale – advice received

Who did we get the advice from (re balloon companies to be contacted for the commissioning and operation of the balloon)?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In the initial scoping stages of the project in late 2010-early 2011, sources of advice included Events ACT (as the operator of the Canberra Balloon Spectacular), local balloon enthusiasts and industry experts.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 25 June 2013 : Mr Lasek took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 Page 906]

In relation to : Skywhale - balloon companies contacted

So who were the three balloon companies (contacted for the commissioning and operation of the balloon)?

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

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Asked by Mr Hanson on 25 June 2013 : Mr Lasek took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 Page 909]

In relation to: Skywhale – selection of companies

What the process was for selecting those three companies and excluding other companies involved?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Under the ACT Government procurement regulations there is a requirement to seek a minimum of three quotes for expenditure under \$200,000. A request for proposal was sent to three companies operating hot air balloons. This occurred on 8 May 2012. The three companies approached were Global Ballooning, Balloons Aloft and Dawn Drifters. Two of these companies are experienced local balloon operators and the third a Victorian company with over 25 years experience in the ballooning industry, with experience working with artistically created balloons.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by BRENDAN SMYTH on 27 JUNE 2013 : JAMES RONCON took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 JUNE 2013 PAGE 46]

In relation to:

How close will the parking (for the Park and Ride) actually be to Johnson Drive?

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

Please find the details of the Park and Ride at Attachment A.



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Date:

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

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Asked by ALISTAIR COE on 27 JUNE 2013 : JAMES RONCON took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 JUNE 2013 PAGE 51]

In relation to:

How many retired buses have been bought by past/present ACTION staff?



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

ACTION is aware that past/present staff do purchase retired buses but is unable to provide detail as retired buses are generally sold through a third party.

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Mr Smyth – Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 1 July 2013:

Mr Smyth : What capital repayments do you make every year?

Mr Sullivan: I would need to take that on notice, Mr Smyth.

(Reference pg 16 of Transcript)

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I am advised that ACTEW has budgeted debt repayments of \$7.7 million in 2013-14 increasing to \$13.4 million in 2016-17.

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Mr Hanson- Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 1 July 2013:

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Mr Barr: The information that was provided at that time was, of course, subject to further review once the project got closer to construction. When cabinet took the decision in order to support that water security project, the cost was costed at \$363 million.

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Mr Barr: Cabinet provided the information----the information provided to it at that time was made public. Further information----

Mr Smyth: You are happy with----

Mr Barr: Further information was later provided, and before the project went ahead, that new information was provided.

Mr Hanson: Was that information provided before or after the election?

Mr Barr: I cannot remember.

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Mr Hanson: Are you? So do you say, Mr Sullivan, you are unaware of a letter-----

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(Reference pg 28 of Transcript)

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

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Asked by Mr Hanson on 1 July 2013: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 1 July 2013] [PAGE 1291-1292]

In relation to : Communication with the ICRC

So there was only one piece of communication (with the ICRC between the draft determination and the final determination)?

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

Between the release of the draft report by the ICRC on 26 February 2013 and the release of the Final report on 26 June 2013, the following correspondence occurred between the ICRC and the Treasurer.

- On 2 April 2013, the Treasurer provided the ACT Government Submission's to the ICRC in response to their draft report.
- On 29 May 2013, the ICRC wrote to the Treasurer seeking further information and advice about the Government's preferred Return on Equity.
- On 11 June 2013, the ICRC made a presentation to the Treasurer and the Treasurer wrote to the ICRC to advise the Government's decision to delay the final reporting date to 30 June 2013.
- On 13 June 2013, the ICRC met with the Treasurer.
- On 21 June 2013, the Treasurer wrote to the ICRC to advise the Government's preferred Return on Equity, in line with the ICRC's request of 29 May 2013.
- On 25 June 2013, the ICRC wrote to the Treasurer outlining the revised regulatory model and final pricing decision.
- On 26 June 2013, the ICRC made a presentation to the Treasurer on the final pricing determination.

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Date: 22.7.2013

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Asked by Mr Coe on 1 July 2013: Mr Barr took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 1 July 2013] [PAGE 1293]

In relation to : Minister's relationship with the ICRC

I am curious to understand the relationship. I think it is quite reasonable for me to question you about the relationship you have with the ICRC and why that might be different to the relationship that the Auditor-General has with cabinet ministers.

Mr Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Auditor-General, as governed by the *Auditor-General Act 1996* (the Act), is independent of Government. As outlined in the Act, the Auditor-General is 'not subject to direction by the Executive, or any Minister in the exercise of the functions of the Auditor-General'.

The independence established by the Act ensures that the Auditor-General can successfully carry out her legislative functions as set in Section 10 of the Act. These functions include promoting public accountability in the public administration of the Territory and conducting financial and performance audits.

This independence has been reflected in the custom of the Auditor-General appearing at committee hearings, without the presence of the responsible Minister for the Auditor-General's office (that is, the Chief Minister under the current Administrative Arrangements Order). However, there is no legislative restriction that precludes the responsible Minister from appearing alongside the Auditor-General, if so desired.

The legislation governing the operations of the Auditor-General also states that all reports made by the Auditor-General must be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission, as governed by the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act 1997* (ICRC Act) is a statutory body set up to, amongst other things: regulate prices for regulated industries; investigate competitive neutrality complaints; and be responsible for the licensing of utility services in the ACT.



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Asked by Mr Coe on 01 July 2013 : Mr Barr took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Estimate Hansard Transcript 01 July 2013, Page 1293]

In relation to: Advice on Increased Dam Costs

Mr Coe: Thank you. What advice did you or have you received as to the explanation as to why the dam costs have increased from \$363 million?

Mr Barr: Sorry? What?

Mr Coe: What has been the advice you have received as to what is the reason-

Mr Barr: I covered that extensively in the Assembly through a series of statements.

Mr Coe: You might like to remind the estimates committee.

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

I remind the Estimates Committee that the ACTEW Board approved the revised total project cost of \$404.7 million with a revised completion date of April 2013 at its meeting on 24 April 2012 and the details were tabled in the Assembly on 3 May 2012 in accordance with the Assembly Resolution passed on 21 March 2012.

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



Asked by Mr Wall on 18 June 2013 : Ms Divorty took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Estimates Hansard Transcript 18 June 2013 Page 242]

In relation to : **Small to Medium Enterprise Criteria**

MR WALL: So the business may not be locally owned but have a local presence, and they will still be given that same—

MS DIVORTY: I would be happy to take that on notice, to give you the more detailed answer to that.

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

To qualify as a regional SME a business may have no more than 200 full time equivalent (FTE) employees and have a registered business office and/or principal place of business within the ACT and South East Region of Councils (SEROC).

A business that does not qualify as a regional SME may also be eligible for partial award of the weighting commensurate with the proportion of work to be subcontracted to regional SMEs within the tender. For example, if 50% of the value of the work is to be subcontracted to a regional SME then half of the weighting (generally 2.5%) may be awarded.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Hanson on 1 July 2013 : Mr Buckley took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 1 July 2013] [PAGE1273#]]

In relation to : The difference in operating costs between the draft and final submission for the 2013-14 financial year

For the 2013-14 financial year, what was in the draft submission and what was in the final? What was the difference?

The Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The difference between ACTEW's forecast operating expenditure allowance from its initial submission to the Commission in July 2012 and its submission in response to the Commission's February 2013 draft report is set out in the table 8.7 at page 128 of the Commission's final report.

Table 8.7 Total water and sewerage operating expenditure forecasts (\$'000, 2012-13 prices)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
ACTEW's July 2012 submission	134,350	137,050	137,910	141,200	141,530
Cardno's final report	131,160	133,090	132,650	134,340	132,920
ACTEW's April 2013 submission	127,420	129,050	127,870	128,130	129,710
Change from 2012 to 2013 submission (%)	-5.2	-5.8	-7.3	-9.3	-8.4

In both its draft and final reports the Commission established an operating expenditure allowance for ACTEW's water and sewerage services for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

The Commission explained in the draft report that it was not satisfied with the basis upon which ACTEW had forecast its operating expenditure allowance. The Commission made an estimate of ACTEW's forecast costs based on ACTEW's most recent actual cost data available at the time, that is, 2010-11. ACTEW subsequently provided the Commission with revised operating expenditure forecasts with substantively more supporting information. The Commission noted in its final report that there is further scope for efficiencies in relation to ACTEW's operating costs.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by Dr Chris Bourke on 14 June 2013: The ACT Electoral Commissioner, Mr Phil Green, took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 14 June 2013 page 76

In relation to: Percentage of registered 18-19 year olds

Dr Bourke: A couple of years is probably not too interesting, but an in-depth look back over 10 or 20 years would provide an idea of what is happening in that age group and in that electorate.

Simon Corbell MLA: The ACT Electoral Commissioner has advised me as follows:-

The number of 18 and 19 year olds enrolled on the ACT electoral roll, together with the percentage of 18 and 19 year olds enrolled compared to the estimated eligible population, is shown in the following table for each year since 1997 at 30 June, and for the close of rolls for the 2012, 2008 and 2004 ACT Legislative Assembly elections. The figures in the table are derived from information provided over time by the Australian Electoral Commission, which maintains the ACT electoral roll on behalf of the ACT Electoral Commission.

Date	18 year olds enrolled	% of 18 year olds enrolled ¹	19 year olds enrolled	% of 19 year olds enrolled ¹
31 March 2013	3,304	71.0%	3,879	73.9%
21 September 2012 ²	3,435	67.3%	3,165	56.0%
30 June 2012	2,478	48.4%	2,421	42.8%
30 June 2011	1,498	33.0%	4,254	84.2%
30 June 2010	3,131	69.3%	3,665	76.2%
30 June 2009	2,859	60.5%	4,118	84.9%
19 September 2008 ³	3,850	79.9%	4,453	85.4%
30 June 2008	2,888	61.0%	4,393	86.3%
30 June 2007	3,583	76.5%	3,857	71.9%
30 June 2006	2,468	55.5%	3,578	75.6%
30 June 2005	3,026	66.1%	4,381	90.8%
17 September 2004 ⁴	4,020	84.3%	4,336	88.2%
30 June 2004	2,747	59.1%	3,421	73.8%
30 June 2003	2,132	44.6%	3,431	65.3%
30 June 2002	2,515	51.1%	4,416	82.3%
30 June 2001	2,606	52.2%	3,080	58.9%
30 June 2000	1,866	37.1%	4,203	80.8%

30 June 1999	1,651	34.4%	4,366	88.5%
30 June 1998	3,327	69.9%	4,218	87.3%
30 June 1997	1,521	32.6%	3,669	76.9%

Note 1: The estimates of the proportion of electors who are actually enrolled compared to the estimated number of people eligible to enrol needs to be treated with caution, as the latter is based on various assumptions about residency and eligibility. The estimates are currently derived from post-censal estimates based on census data updated by birth and death registrations, and estimated interstate and overseas migration. The manner of deriving the estimates has also altered over time.

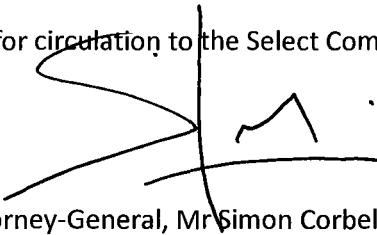
Note 2: Close of rolls for 2012 ACT election.

Note 3: Close of rolls for 2008 ACT election.

Note 4: Close of rolls for 2004 ACT election.

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By the Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 26 June 2013 : MS BURCH took on notice the following question (8) JUL 2013

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2013 [PAGE 922]]

In relation to :

Purchase of land by the Government that the Casino owns at the back of the Convention Centre.

MR SMYTH: When is a sale likely to be completed?

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

The Government is in discussion with the Casino about options for the land to the south of the Casino which forms part of its lease. Timing will be dependent on the outcome of these discussions.

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By the Minister for Racing and Gaming, Joy Burch MLA

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2. Where an answer provides a referral to sources of information in published documents, the answer should include the exact name of the document, the author and agency publishing the document, the specific page number/s, and a hyperlink to the document, if it is published on the internet.

