

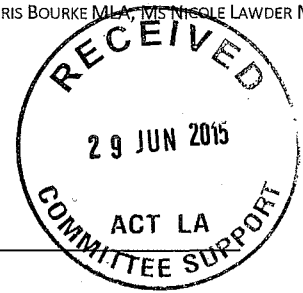


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 pages 780 and 781.

In relation to:


Please provide the reconciliation of 'ins and outs' for ACTION and Roads ACT (p6, Budget paper H, Output 1.2).

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Please see the table below for the split of Output 1.2 Roads and Sustainable Transport between TAMS Roads and Sustainable Transport and ACTION:

OUTPUT 1.2 Roads and Sustainable Transport page 6 Budget paper H	2014-15 Est Outcome \$'000	2015-16 Budget \$'000
COSTS:		
TAMS Roads and Sustainable transport	244,222	237,528
Purchased services ACTION	96,103	96,014
Total TAMS Cost	340,325	333,542
Government Payment for Outputs:		
GPO TAMS Roads and Sustainable transport	100,892	102,908
GPO paid through to ACTION	96,103	96,014
TOTAL TAMS Government Payment for Outputs	196,995	198,922

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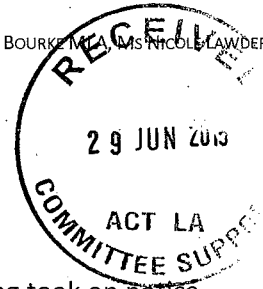
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Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 pages 785

In relation to :

What is the decision making process (matrix) used when deciding to use chip-seal or asphalt when resealing roads?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The objective of the road resurfacing program is to keep the road pavement dry and provide a good skid resistance while ensuring roads can still be used safely by the public and that the impacts of increases to traffic noise are managed to acceptable levels.

In developing the annual maintenance resurfacing programs; pavement condition, traffic volume and other factors are analysed to select a suitable surface type for each site. The particular treatment selected depends on a number of criteria such as:

- the type(s) and extent of the deterioration;
- traffic volume and composition;
- turning movements;
- pavement strength;
- existing pavement surfacing type;
- traffic speed; and
- noise effects on nearby residents.

If traffic noise proves to be an issue with existing reseals, depending on the traffic volumes and speeds and mix of traffic, additional surfacing measures such as slurry seals and asphalts can be applied. An example of this is work on Bowen Drive where traffic noise continued to be a concern after an initial reseal.

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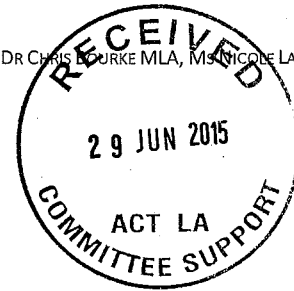
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Asked by Meegan Fitzharris MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 page 787

In relation to :

Please provide the timing, location and works being undertaken outside Winyu House Gungahlin (ACT Government Office Block in Gungahlin)?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

A pedestrian and vehicle survey was undertaken following the occupation of Winyu House. The results of the survey have identified that a pedestrian crossing is now warranted at the intersection of Efkarpidis Street and Gungahlin Place.

The crossing will be positioned at the location of the existing pedestrian pram ramps. The lighting design as is required by Australian Standards is currently underway. The crossing will be in place before the end of August 2015. The 40 Km/h zone will also be extended to include the Winyu House entrance and the crossing.

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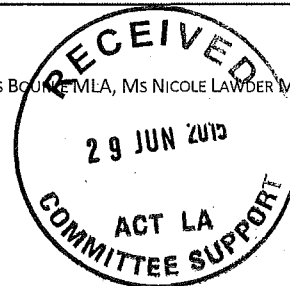
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Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 page 792

In relation to:

How many vehicles use (AM/PM):

- (1) Ellerston Avenue travelling North (onto Ashley Drive)
- (2) Johnston Drive turning left onto Ashley Drive

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The average daily traffic volumes on the section of Ashley Drive south of Isabella Drive are:

- 11,000 vehicles a day in the section between Johnson Drive and Ellerston Avenue;
- 16,500 vehicles a day in the section between Ellerston Avenue and Clift Crescent;
- 18,000 vehicles a day in the section between Clift Crescent and Isabella Drive.

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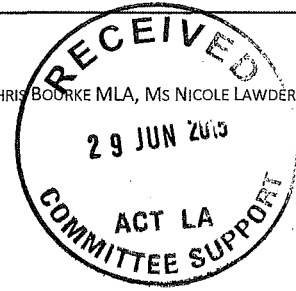
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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Andrew Wall MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 page 796

In relation to :

How many additional car parks are going to be included in the Erindale Group Centre – Gartside Street (south) development – Stage 1?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Initial planning work undertaken in 2012 indicated that up to fourteen additional on street car parking spaces could be provided on Gartside Street.

The funds provided as part of the 2015-16 budget will seek to confirm the feasibility of this additional parking as well as establishing the cost of their construction.

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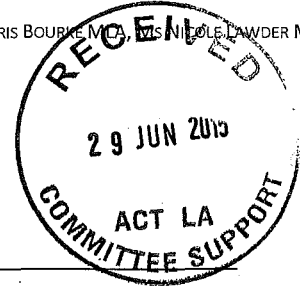


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Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 page 797

In relation to :

There is a gravel footpath outside the pool and leisure centre on McBryde Crescent Wanniasa (Erindale), adjacent to the road and there is a lightpole in the middle of it.

Roads undertook to look into the footpath issue.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Roads ACT have inspected the site and advised that installation of the street light predates construction of the gravel landscape feature on Erindale College's frontage on McBryde Crescent.

As this landscape feature may be used as a path, Roads ACT have issued a work order to relocate the street light column. Works are expected to be completed by 31 July 2015.

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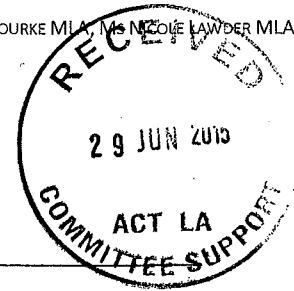


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Asked by Andrew Wall MLA on Tuesday 23 June 2015: Minister for Roads and Parking took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript: 23 June 2015 pages 797 and 798

In relation to:

When will line marking repairs be undertaken at the Calwell Shopping Centre car park?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Linemarking maintenance works were undertaken at the Calwell Shopping Centre (excluding the carpark outside the new pool) in October 2014, an inspection of this site shows that the current line markings are serviceable and not requiring repainting.

Pavement arrows have been placed in the carpark outside the new pool and the carpark spaces in this area will be remarked by the end of July 2015.

To facilitate these improvements officers from Roads ACT consulted with the management of Calwell Shopping Centre to improve parking restrictions in sections of the car parking area. In addition to the changes of parking restrictions, Roads ACT reinstated the linemarking of parking bays at those sections.

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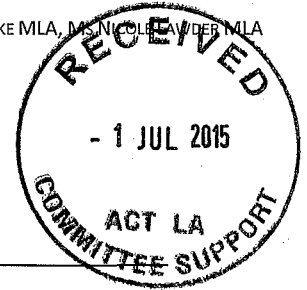


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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 23 June 2015: Bruce Fitzgerald took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 808

In relation to : Staff movement from EPD to Access Canberra.

THE CHAIR: Before Dr Bourke goes to his new question, on page 395 of budget paper 3 it says that Environment and Planning transferred 141 jobs to Access Canberra. Is it 150, 141, 127 or 135?

Mr Fitzgerald: The figures were preliminary figures. We were still going through the actual machinery of government changes required. The final figure was 149 FTE to transfer. At the time of finalising the numbers for the budget we were still negotiating the policy elements to be retained by Environment and Planning. So we retained an additional six staff for policy elements.

THE CHAIR: Can we have a written reconciliation of all those movements?

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

The movement in the Budget Paper is as follows:

2014-15 Budget	419
Transfer of staff to Access Canberra (estimate at time of budget)	-144
Basin Priority Project Staff	10
Agreed buffer for casual staffing	7
2014-15 Estimated Outcome	292
New staff for Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program	3
New staff for One Stop Shop initiative	2
2015-16 Budget	297

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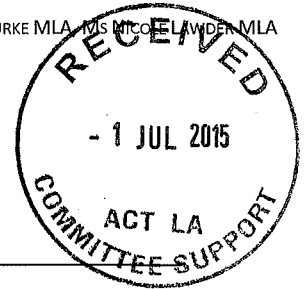


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Asked by Alistair Coe on 23 June 2015: Jim Corrigan took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June page 814

In relation to : Pre-consultation on government development proposals.

MR COE: Can you think of any other agency that has a government driven project that requires a territory plan variation that has been knocked on the head or been majorly revised from what the government agency proposed?

Mr Corrigan: Yes is it not unusual Mr Coe, our community services directorate colleagues with housing sites and things like that, they will often approach us and talk about those things, including the LDA does a number of other projects as well, just off the top of my head TAMS, TAMS will approach us from time to time for things to cover off there, particularly reserves and the like and the work the conservator does.

MR COE: Can you talk about ones that have been rejected or substantially revised? So in effect where the agency has not necessarily been on the right track and the EPD has had to come in and steer the ship?

Mr Gentleman: we are trying to think of what may have been rejected Mr Coe, we might have to take that on notice and do some research for you.

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

Proposals for a change to the Territory Plan by either another government agency or non-government proponent typically come to the Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) at a very early stage. EPD provides initial advice as to whether the proposal is worth further consideration. The proponent then uses this advice to determine whether they want to proceed with a formal variation request, amend the proposal or decide not to proceed.

Often a proposal does not proceed because it is inconsistent with fundamental planning principles or because the proposal is inconsistent with the intentions of the site or other options become available. Such an example is a request from a non-government proponent to increase building height limits on a block in Greenway. This request was not supported as the building heights in the area were recently confirmed through Variation 318 – Tuggeranong Town Centre.

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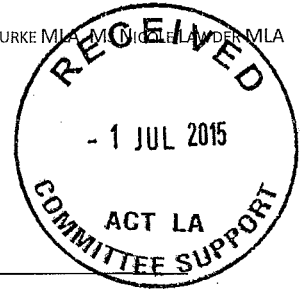
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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 818

In relation to: Retail space in the ACT.

THE CHAIR: Could you provide for the committee an indication of where we stand in terms of square metres of retail space as opposed to other jurisdictions?

Mr Carmichael: We could get some comparative analysis on that, yes.

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

At January 2015 there was approximately 970,000m² of retail floorspace in the ACT distributed within an estimated 2,308 premises. This equates to 2.5m² of retail floorspace per capita.

A number of historic and current indicators confirm the ACT maintains the highest per capita provision of retail floorspace in Australia. The ABS has been the only body that collected retail floorspace data at the state and territory level, but it ceased doing so after the publication of 1998-9 data. This data indicates the ACT had 2.2m² of retail floorspace per resident, compared to next highest jurisdiction, Western Australia with 1.8m². The national figure was 1.4m² per capita.

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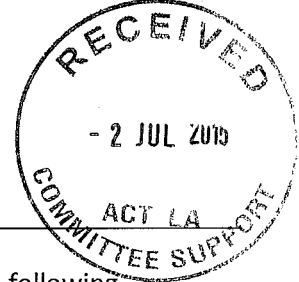


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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 23 June 2015: Jim Corrigan took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 819

In relation to : Section 63

THE CHAIR: Many of us are still searching for that supermarket. In regard to some other blocks, section 63, where is that at? It was sold in, what, 2007 and not a sod has been turned.

Mr Gentleman: I understand there is some work with LDA occurring on section 63. Mr Ponton

Mr Ponton: I have been working with my colleague, the deputy at EPD, Dan Stewart, in relation to that site. We are looking at opportunities to progress development. We have been having initial conversations and, in fact, in the next week or so I will be having more in-depth conversations with the owners of the site. There have been some adjustments occurring in relation to the ownership arrangements. It is still latent but there are some partnership issues. We are just working through those.

We are working on opportunities to relook at the uses on the site, perhaps incorporating some residential development. As part of that we are also looking at opportunities in relation to parking in the city and the extension of Edinburgh Avenue. I guess it is a little early to give you a detailed update but certainly in a matter of weeks we will be in position to provide you with more information in relation to what is happening on this site.

THE CHAIR: It sold eight years ago. What commence and complete fees have been paid?

Mr Ponton: It was a deed of agreement. In relation to that site I will need to check on the detail, it being in a deed as opposed to an ordinary crown lease.

THE CHAIR: Do they own it or not?

Mr Ponton: They own it but they own a holding lease. A holding lease is traditionally a five-year lease with the opportunity, like in any other lease, for an extension.

THE CHAIR: So if you have got a holding lease do you not pay commence and complete fees?

Mr Ponton: Ordinarily, no. I would like to double-check that there are no such provisions in that particular lease but ordinarily there are no commence and complete provisions. The issue is that you have got five years to develop and then you would need to seek an extension of the holding lease like you would with any other lease. And there are provisions within the holding lease for that to occur.

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

Section 298D of the Planning and Development Act 2007 (Act) sets out the required fee for an extension of time to complete works under a lease (including a Holding Lease).

Under a Holding Lease, the works refer only to those works required under the associated Deed of Agreement (Deed works) - not construction of the building.

In regard to City Section 63 Block 19:

The original Holding Lease completion of works provision was 48 months from execution of the Deed of Agreement.

Two completion of works Extension Of Times have been granted for this Holding Lease, the latest terminating on 12 March 2016.

The City Section 63 Block 19 Holding Lease has since been subdivided into 5 Blocks and associated Holding Leases and Deeds of Agreement being City Section 100 Blocks 7-11.

The current completion of works provisions (Deed works) for all 5 Holding Leases is 12 March 2016 or within such further time as may be approved in writing by the planning and land authority.

These Holding Leases currently expire on 11 March 2019.

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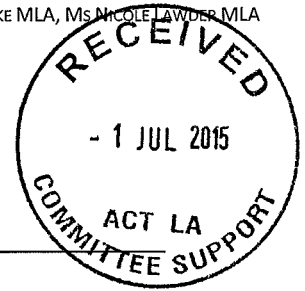


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Asked by Brendan Smyth on 23 June 2015: Jim Corrigan took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June page 820

In relation to : Precinct D, Section 100 City

THE CHAIR: For what remains the old section 56, I understand a DA has now been approved for the extension of the Canberra Centre.

Mr Ponton: Precinct D section 100, I think it is now.

THE CHAIR: Sorry, precinct?

Mr Ponton: Precinct D section 100, is that what you are referring to, Cooyong Street?

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Ponton: I might confer with Mr Corrigan on the status of that site.

Mr Corrigan: I will have to check on that one too, whether the DA has been lodged for section 100. I am not sure. There have been some discussions with us.

THE CHAIR: That has now been going for 15 years. When will that whole area be completed? There was meant to be residential, a hotel, a public park and other things there in the original scheme. When is that likely to happen and why 15 years later is that site still undeveloped?

Mr Corrigan: I cannot answer that; I need to come back to you. That is a question I suppose I will have to take about the status of that site and where they are at with the DA. I know that QIC have had some recent discussions with us about the site.

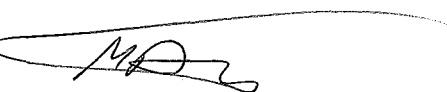
Minister Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- The boundaries of Block 1 Section 100 City have been realigned and the block is now identified as Block 1 Section 96 City.
- Development approval was granted on 23 December 2011 with the approval taking effect on 18 July 2013 following direct sale of land to QIC, required to facilitate the proposed development.

- The development commenced during 2014 with the first stage, including substantial off-site infrastructure works, removing the existing substation and upgrading the electricity supply network for the proposal.
- During recent discussions with the planning and land authority, the proponent advised that the next stage, being the substantive development on the existing carpark, will commence in the near future.

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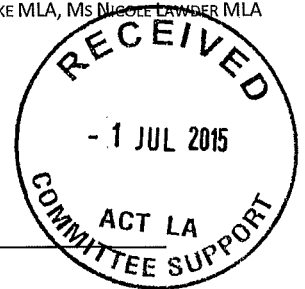


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Asked by Brendan Smyth on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 824

In relation to : EPD projects in support of Capital Metro.

THE CHAIR: A new question from Dr Bourke, but before we go to him, how much has EPD spent on work to support capital metro? Could we have a list of the projects and the cost of each project, please?

Ms Ekelund: I do not know if we have that with us at the moment. You would need to consider the work in a number of different ways. Of course, our organisation was involved in preliminary work that has led to the government making the decision to go with light rail, but we certainly have been looking at higher capacity public transport systems for the corridor for some time, including light rail. That is a different issue from the work we are doing at the moment, which, as I said earlier, came out of the city plan. There has been a consciousness of the need to upgrade Northbourne corridor for some time. It was considered prudent to do this in a way that complements light rail at the moment. I would not say it is for light rail; I would say it is complementary to light rail. Tony has the figures.

Mr Carmichael: The HASSELL contract is for \$1.8 million. That covers a range of activity. We have engaged Arup as part of that contract to look at traffic issues and intersections. We have had a movement study. A specialist firm has done a study in Civic to look at how people move around the city and what we might need to do to encourage them to potentially walk across to west basin and to access all parts of the city. That will inform some of our urban design recommendations coming from the study.

There is also some work being done on the economic viability of Civic and what we might need to do in terms of encouraging further development or the redevelopment of current sites. That goes to some things like our recently announced parking strategy and looking at a parking offset fund so that you do not have to provide the parking onsite; you can purchase it elsewhere.

THE CHAIR: Can you take that on notice and give us a breakdown of all of those reports and their cost?

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

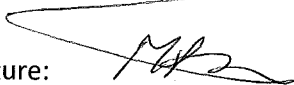
The Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) is currently undertaking the following projects:

- The City and Northbourne Urban Design Framework value of \$1.7 million and consists of consultancy advisory services in project management, urban design, landscape architecture, transport planning, traffic engineering, economic and retail, and land use planning and
- City Centre Central Movement Study update value of \$100,000 and consists of consultancy advisory services in relation to pedestrian accessibility and movement around the city centre of Canberra.

The identified projects are being undertaken by EPD to support the introduction of Capital Metro and the implementation of City Plan and would have been undertaken over time irrespective of Capital Metro.

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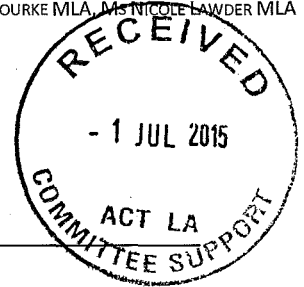
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Asked by Alistair Coe on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 835

In relation to: National Trust hearing at ACAT.

MR COE: How much did the government spend in the ACAT dealing with the National Trust?

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

The value of services provided (but not billed) by ACTGS in defending the Heritage Council in the ACAT at the National Trust's challenge to the Heritage Council's registration of the Northbourne Housing Precinct was \$14,362. Disbursements of \$13,651 (incl GST) including counsel's fees, were incurred.

The ACAT hearing of the National Trust's appeal of the decision on DA 201425880 to demolish the Dickson Flats has not been completed. Consequently, legal costs for this hearing are not finalised.

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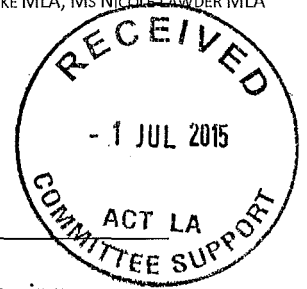


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Asked by Chris Bourke MLA on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 838

In relation to : Heritage signs in Ginninderra.

DR BOURKE: Apart from the scar tree what else is planned in the coming year?

Mr Fitzgerald: The remaining cup is to be used for interpretative signs, signage around heritage sites.

DR BOURKE: Any particular sites?

Mr Fitzgerald: There are two aspects of it. There is one aspect which is the restoration of existing signs. There are signs that have been in place for a number of years which actually do require preservation or upgrading and some of the information on signs is deteriorating. They are out in the weather, so they do actually deteriorate over time. There are new signs to be put in place but I do not have a list of where those signs will go at this stage.

DR BOURKE: Perhaps you could take it on notice, understanding my particular interest in what is happening in my electorate.

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

A list of the signs and locations of Canberra Tracks heritage signs within the Ginninderra electorate is below.

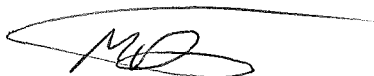
Sign	Location
Site of Emu Bank Homestead	Outside Belconnen Library, Chandler Street, Belconnen
Springvale Homestead site	Redfern Street, Macquarie
Rosebud Cottage	16 Skinner Street, Cook
Cranleigh Homestead site	Real Place, Latham
Aboriginal sites in West Macgregor	Macfarlane Burnet Avenue and off Refshauge Crescent, West Macgregor
Border Walk	Percy Begg Circuit and near Jarramlee private road entrance, Dunlop
Charnwood Homestead site	Shakespeare Crescent, Fraser
Soldier Settlement site	Binns Crescent, Fraser
Student Residences University of Canberra	Aikman Drive, Bruce

Geological and Aboriginal site Gossan Hill	Gossan Nature Reserve, Bruce
Weetangera original school site	Ellen Clark Park, Weetangera

A sign detailing the World War I enlistments from the Belconnen area will be installed in August 2015 by the Belconnen RSL sub-branch.

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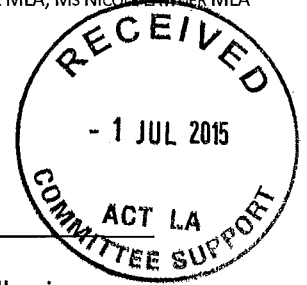


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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 843

In relation to: Heritage trail in Tuggeranong.

THE CHAIR: There was some heritage work done on significant heritage properties in Tuggeranong, I think, two years ago. What was the outcome of that consultation?

Ms Hubert: I am not quite sure I understand which ones. At Tuggeranong Homestead?

THE CHAIR: I think it was the schoolhouse, Tug Homestead, Lanyon and Cuppacumbalong. A heritage trail was looked at.

Mr Gentleman: Yes, indeed.

THE CHAIR: Did that work progress?

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

The Tuggeranong self-drive heritage trail was launched in October 2014 at Rose Cottage. There are 14 sites, four of which are included on the Canberra Tracks Augmented Reality smartphone app (indicated by *). More information can be viewed at www.canberratracks.act.gov.au. The sites are:

- Aboriginal heritage at Dog Trap Creek, end of John Cory Road, Hume (heritage-listed);
- Tralee Slab Hut, Tralee Street, Hume (heritage-listed);
- Rose Cottage*, Isabella Drive, Gilmore (heritage-listed);
- Athllon Homestead site, Finlay Place, Gowrie;
- Tuggeranong Schoolhouse, Enid Lorimer Circuit, Chisholm (heritage-listed);
- Railway Border*, end of Old Tuggeranong Road, Chisholm;
- Sacred Heart Church, Casey Crescent, Calwell (heritage-listed);
- Tuggeranong Homestead, Johnston Drive, Richardson (heritage-listed);
- Practice Bombing site, Ebenezer Street, Bonython;
- Pine Island Homestead, Pine Island Road, Greenway (heritage-listed);
- Boundary Wall*, Athllon Drive, Greenway (heritage-listed);
- Urambi Homestead site, Learmonth Drive, Kambah;
- Kambah Homestead site*, Laidlaw Place, Kambah; and
- Kambah Woolshed, Springbett Street, Kambah.

There are other Canberra tracks heritage signs in the Brindabella electorate not on this heritage trail. These include Lanyon, Tharwa, De Salis Cemetery, Namadgi Visitors Centre and four signs on the ACT border.

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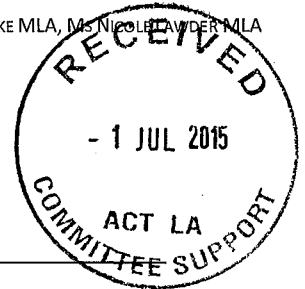


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Asked by Brendan Smyth on 23 June 2015: Tony Carmichael took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 844

In relation to : Reduction in backlog of heritage nominations.

THE CHAIR: If it was 320 in 2008 and it is now 111 in 2015, how many of the 209 actually ended up in a listing citation?

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

Since the backlog of nominations to the ACT Heritage Register peaked at 380 in 2008, 85 places and objects have been entered into the ACT Heritage Register.

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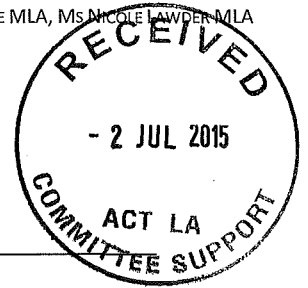
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Asked by Brendan Smyth on 23 June 2015: Bruce Fitzgerald took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2016 page 850

In relation to : Changes to Environment output class

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Minister. On page 11 of budget paper E the total cost for the output dropped from 39.2 million to 31.1. Could we have the ins and outs of that, please?

Mr Fitzgerald: Bruce Fitzgerald, Director, Finance and Operations Support. There are a number of factors that impact on that decrease. The largest factors, one, is the transfer of the ACTSmart programs to utilise the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme as the minister mentioned. We also have decreasing funding for the Basin Priority Project. That project is nearing the end of phase 1 so we only have funding in the budget for that phase of the project. So as we finalise that aspect of the project we will get additional funding. And the other big element is the EPA which transfers across to Access Canberra so—

THE CHAIR: And how much is that worth annually?

Mr Fitzgerald: In this budget it is 2.3.

THE CHAIR: All right. Could we get a written reconciliation of all those numbers?

Mr Fitzgerald: Yes.

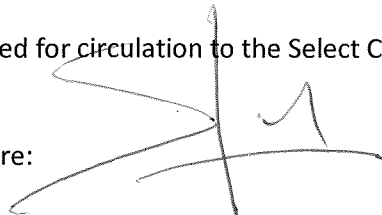
Minister Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Total Cost:	\$'000
2014-15 Estimated Outcome – Output Class 2: Environment	39,178
One off impact of transfer of Water Entitlements to ACTEW (Icon Water)	-2,968
Decrease in funding received in 2015-16 under the Commonwealth's Basin Priority Project (completion of Stage 1)	-2,590
Transfer of Environment Protection and Water Regulation to Access Canberra	-2,515
New Initiative: Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program	460

Minor changes in initiative amounts due to rollovers	3
2015-16 Budget	31,568

Government Payment for Outputs:	\$'000
2014-15 Estimated Outcome – Output Class 2: Environment	31,737
Transfer of Actsmart Energy programs to be funded under EEIS revenue not GPO	-2,693
Decrease in funding received in 2015-16 under the Commonwealth's Basin Priority Project (completion of Stage 1)	-2,590
Transfer of Environment Protection and Water Regulation to Access Canberra	-2,343
New Initiative: Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program	460
Minor changes in initiative amounts due to rollovers	24
2015-16 Budget	24,595

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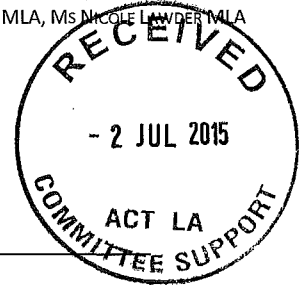
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Asked by Meegan Fitzharris on 23 June 2015: Ann Lyons Wright took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 853

In relation to: Jobs in the renewable energy industry

Ms Fitzharris: Thank you. I have just one more. In terms of jobs, how you got a number? Are you able to quantify the number of jobs currently?

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

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, renewable energy jobs in the ACT have increased from 120 in 2009/10 to 630 in FY 2013/14. This represents an increase of over 400 per cent over the past five years—a rate of growth four times higher than any other Australian state or territory.

The ACT Government has maintained a strong focus on local investment and job opportunities in the renewable energy industry in 2014-15, including through the Government's Wind Auction. The overall extent of new job creation in the wind and renewable energy industry in the ACT for 2014-15 is not yet known, however, the three successful Wind Auction proposals will deliver a range of benefits for the ACT through a \$50 million local investment package. This includes 11 full-time local jobs, a new national trades training centre and new courses for Canberra's higher education institutions attracting more than 50 new students to the ACT each year.

The Renewable Energy Industry Development Strategy launched on 1 May 2015 builds on successes to date, and will bring together a range of existing government renewable energy initiatives—creating new jobs and building a stronger, more diverse and robust ACT economy.

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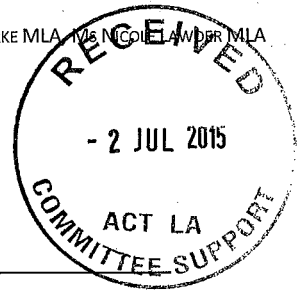
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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Dr Chris Bourke MLA on 23 June 2015: Ann Lyons Wright took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 870

In relation to: Household savings from the Outreach program.

DR BOURKE: Thank you. Six thousand households, what does that represent in a percentage of low income households within the ACT in the lowest or second lowest quintiles?

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

The Outreach Energy and Water Efficiency Program case study report evaluated 11 households that participated in the program. The average net dollar savings per household was \$95.91 in the autumn quarter and \$270.44 in the winter quarter. The case study report can be downloaded from the Actmart sustainability portal:

http://www.actsmart.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/697385/Outreach_Energy_and_Water_Efficiency_program.pdf

The latest ABS household income data from 2013 indicates that 27,680 households fall into each income quintile, with a total of 55,360 households in the lowest two quintiles. The 6000 households assisted by the program represents approximately 11% of the households in the ACT.

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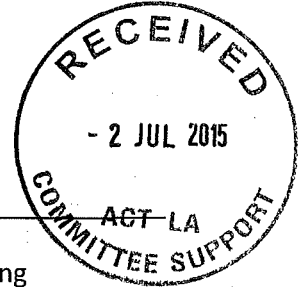


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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 23 June 2015: Annie Lane took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2015 page 871

In relation to : Investigations by the Conservator.

THE CHAIR: In your role as conservator, issues are often referred to you for investigation. In the last 12 months how many issues have been referred to you and how many investigations have you undertaken?

Ms Lane: I do not have those numbers at hand so I would have to get back to you on that one and take that on notice.

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

In this financial year the following matters were referred for investigation for contravention of Acts administered by the Conservator of Flora and Fauna.

Tree Protection Act

There were 8 matters referred for full investigation under the Tree Protection Act.

Of those:

- There was no offence disclosed in relation to the removal of a regulated tree for one matter;
- Summonses have been issued in relation to removal of regulated tree for another matter. The case is still before the courts;
- Three infringement notices were issued in relation to two matters. 1x \$250 damage a protected tree work done as part of a business, 2x \$1250 – prohibited groundworks in protection zone of a protected tree and damage protected tree work done as part of a business;
- Four cautions were issued. One for contravene tree protection conditions of a development approval, two for damage a protected tree (major pruning) and one for damage a protected tree (removal).

One matter is still under investigation.

Fisheries Act

There was one matter referred for full investigation under the Fisheries Act. A brief was referred to Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for the use fishing gear that is not permitted by a declaration, and a summons has been issued. The matter is still before the courts.

One infringement notice was issued for taking of fish in contravention of a fishing closure (\$250)

Nature Conservation Act

Five matters were referred for full investigation under the Nature Conservation Act.

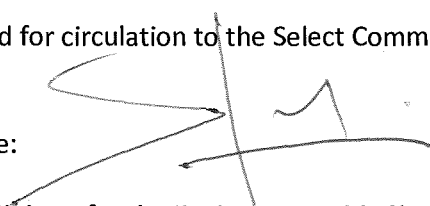
1. Disobey a sign, contravene a requirement made by a conservation officer and a person prohibited from entering a reserve entered the reserve. A brief was referred to DPP and summonses have been issued. The matter is still before the courts.
2. Disobey a sign and drive a motor vehicle where not permitted. A brief of evidence has been referred to DPP.
3. Removing fallen native timber. A caution was issued.
4. Disobey a sign and drive a motor vehicle where not permitted. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.
5. One matter is still under investigation and it is expected that 2 infringement notices will be issued.

In addition to the investigations, 10 infringement notices were issued under the Nature Conservation Act:

- 7 x disobey a sign, (\$75);
- 2 x Drive vehicle where not permitted (\$75); and
- 1 x fell standing native timber (\$500).

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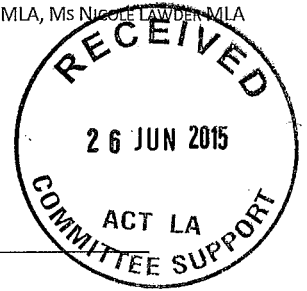


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Asked by [Mr Smyth] on [16 June 2015] : [Mr Robinson] took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [16 June 2015] [PAGE 16-17]]

In relation to : Internal KPI's – Bullying investigations

Mr Robinson: Calvin Robinson. The timeframes vary, I guess, and we have got some, you know, key performance indicators in that space and would vary by the nature of the investigation. Generally about three months would be on average but some cases obviously have, you know, taken more than 12 months.

Ms Divorty: But from time of Directorate tasking you to the time of Shared Services HR commencing?

Mr Robinson: Yes, we think it is about three months or more. Sorry, commencing or completing?

Ms Divorty: Commencing, commencing.

Mr Robinson: They would commence generally straight away but in terms of completing it, it is on average about three months.

THE CHAIR: All right. You mentioned you had some accountability indicators on how that works. Are they just internal? Because they do not seem to be here in the budget.

Mr Robinson: Yes, they are. We have an HR collaboration forum where we meet with the Directorates on a six-weekly basis and there are some performance indicators in that space and they are monitored through that forum. And those performance indicators, we are not achieving the performance indicators in that space but there has been a substantial improvement over the past 12 months.

THE CHAIR: When you say “substantial improvement” what does that mean?

Mr Robinson: Well, you know, a 50 to 60 per cent improvement in the turnaround time, so the completion times for the investigations.

THE CHAIR: All right.

Ms Divorty: So there was a period, Mr Smyth, where we were inundated with investigations, and that was a period that obviously meant that we needed to either staff up very rapidly or we needed to form longer queues, and unfortunately although we tried to staff up rapidly we were not able to do that in the timeframes that we needed and so the queues on our investigations became longer.

Calvin over the last 12 months has undertaken a significant recruitment campaign and has got now very seasoned and experienced investigators and they are, you know, eating into those queues very rapidly and being able to resolve investigations.

THE CHAIR: All right. Could we have a copy of the accountability indicators?

Ms Divorty: Yes, they are actually—I guess towards the end of 2013 we signed a new service level agreement or a partnership agreement, we call it, with all of our directorates and each of our service areas have KPIs, so rather than accountability indicators they are internal KPIs, but I am happy to provide you with the employee relations ones.

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

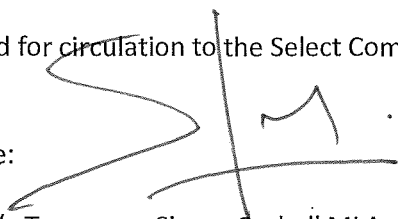
The current Service Partnership Agreement states that the whole of government Performance Indicators surrounding investigations from the receipt of the complaint to delivery of the final outcome letter are:

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|----------------------------|---------|
| • Category 1 Investigation | 21 days |
| • Category 2 Investigation | 76 days |
| • Category 3 Investigation | 95 days |

The details of the specific types of investigations are aggregated as Category 1 (Preliminary Assessment), Category 2 (Misconduct) or Category 3 (Serious misconduct).

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