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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 68

Tuesday, 26 August 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*).
- 2 BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WARRANTY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 3 CIVIL LAW (SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY) BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 REGISTRATION OF DEEDS AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 5 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002 – Mr Smyth*).
- 6 STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).

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

- 7 EVIDENCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 8 ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Environment*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 9 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 10 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 11 STATE OF THE TERRITORY'S FINANCE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO COMPETITION IMPLICATIONS OF PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES BY A SINGLE NETWORK – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 December 2001 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT – CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 GAMING MACHINE ACT – ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO RESTORE SECURITY OF TENURE TO PUBLIC TENANTS – STATEMENT BY MINISTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 16 FULL RETAIL COMPETITION – IMPACT ON ACT LOW INCOME EARNERS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 17 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – FOURTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003 – Ms Gallagher – in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 18 INQUIRIES ACT – BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – FIRST SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE FINAL REPORT – STRATEGIES FOR ACTION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Ms Tucker*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 20 INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE ACT – REPORT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 21 VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT – REVIEW OF OPERATION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 22 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACT – REVIEW – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Bourke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 23 LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT ON BAIL – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 24 RESPITE CARE PROJECT – MET AND UNMET NEEDS – FINAL REPORT – SUSTAINING CARING RELATIONSHIPS – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 25 ACT TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *26 LONG SERVICE LEAVE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- *27 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *28 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – SIXTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Notices

- 1 MR QUINLAN: To move – That, in accordance with s.16(4) of the *Territory Owned Corporations Act 1990*, this Assembly approves the disposal of all of the undertakings (including its assets, rights and liabilities) of Totalcare Industries Limited to the Territory. (*Notice given 20 August 2003*).
- 2 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, having noted that:
 - (1) subsection 8(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Assembly shall consist of 17 members;
 - (2) subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations under the Act to fix a different number of members;
 - (3) regulations may only be made for this purpose in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly; and
 - (4) regulations would need to be made no later than April 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004;

hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 25 by regulations made by the Governor-General for the purposes of subsection 8(3) of the Act; and

calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Commonwealth Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made at the earliest opportunity but no later than 31 March 2003. (*Notice given 25 September 2002*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to build a motor sport facility, including a drag way, in the Majura Valley. (*Notice given 19 August 2003*).
- 2 MS DUNDAS: To move – That the ACT Government negotiate with the owners of the site at the corner of Nettlefold Street and Coulter Drive a land swap or suitable compensation to ensure the preservation of the magnificent trees on that site. (*Notice given 25 June 2003*).
- 3 MRS CROSS: To move - That the Assembly calls on the Government to:
 - (1) investigate the issue of fireworks in the ACT with respect to the noise and inconvenience caused by the loud bang factor;
 - (2) investigate the lowering of the maximum content of 'flash powder' to an amount such as 100 mg per firecracker effect and reduce the confusion of the definition of Shopgood Fireworks. (*Notice given 17 June 2003*).
- 4 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
 - (1) commends the Government for proposing a rebate scheme for owners of houses reliant on wood burning heaters;
 - (2) calls on the Government to develop a comprehensive strategy and timetable to eliminate the problem of wood smoke pollution in the ACT, incorporating such measures as:
 - (i) implementing enhanced air quality monitoring, including both airborne particles (PM10) and smaller airborne particles (PM 2.5), as recommended as the top priority in the State of the Environment Report 2000;
 - (ii) introducing mobile air monitoring of the Tuggeranong Valley and other wood smoke affected areas of Canberra.
 - (iii) commissioning a study into the long-term health effects of wood smoke pollution on Canberra residents;
 - (iv) replacing wood burning heaters in government-owned homes in Canberra;
 - (v) resourcing Environment ACT to enforce the penalty provisions contained in part 13 of the Environment Protection Act applying to excessively smoking chimneys;

- (vi) providing regular information for broadcasting daily winter air pollution levels for the Tuggeranong Valley and other parts of Canberra as part of the weather forecasts on daily television and radio news bulletins;
 - (vii) working with rental property owners to encourage them to convert their properties to cleaner and more efficient forms of heating;
 - (viii) further public education initiatives on the proper use of wood-burning heaters; and
- (3) calls on the Government to include in the Spatial Plan process an investigation of the possibility of sustainable wood supply in the ACT. *(Notice given 6 May 2003).*
- 5 MR SMYTH: To move – That this Assembly, noting that the Government's proposed new land rating system:
- (1) has not been adequately tested or modeled;
 - (2) is unfair and regressive;
 - (3) will lead to wildly different rates being levied on owners of properties of equivalent value.
- Calls on the Government to:
- (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;
 - (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
 - (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. *(Notice given 1 April 2003).*
- 6 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. *(Notice given 9 May 2002).*
- 7 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that the Department of Education will vacate the O'Connell Education Centre of the site of the old Griffith Primary School site by the end of this school year;
 - (2) notes that the Blue Gum School is currently in unacceptable accommodation and needs to move into more acceptable accommodation at the end of the current school year;

- (3) calls on the Minister for Education to explore all educational options (Departmental, government and non government) for the O'Connell Centre before it is made surplus to requirement. (*Notice given 25 June 2002*).
- 8 MR SMYTH: To move – That the Government acknowledge the importance of openness and accountability and their election commitment to this end and calls on the Government to table the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospitals' information bulletin – patient activity data, monthly reports at the first Assembly sitting after they have become available to the Government. (*Notice given 7 May 2002*).
- 9 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 10 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 11 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 12 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

- 13 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 14 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 15 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister:
- (1) to table Howard McBeth's 1994 report into the adequacy of the Territory's fire prevention strategies;
 - (2) to incorporate the McBeth report into the Government's operational response to the 18 January 2003 bushfires. (*Notice given 5 March 2003*).
- 16 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to empower the Gaming and Racing Commission to reduce the current number of gaming machines in the ACT to 3000, in line with the national per capita average, during the financial year 2003-2004. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).
- 17 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to audit the superannuation and workers compensation entitlements of all fire-fighters who have been transferred from the NSW Fire Brigade to the ACT Fire Brigade, and report to the Assembly by 19 August 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 18 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to immediately establish a Taskforce reporting directly to Cabinet, with parent, principal, teacher and Government representation, to evaluate and implement recommendations from the Connors Inquiry into ACT Education Funding. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 19 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) acknowledges that plastic bag use needs to be reduced and plastic bag recycling needs to be enhanced in the ACT;
 - (2) calls on the Government to ensure that there are plastic bag recycling drop off points at all major town centres across Canberra;
 - (3) calls on the Government to embark on an education and awareness campaign promoting the benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags;

- (4) calls on the Government to work with business and encourage more consumer choice for carrying goods bought, ie allowing choice of plastic bag, calico bag, boxes or degradable bags;
- (5) calls on the Government to work with business and trial (a) a plastic bag levy in Canberra and (b) the use of biodegradable or degradable plastic bags using a similar approach to the ReBaG trial in 1999. *(Notice given 17 June 2003).*

20 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) supports the role of the Senate as an essential check on the power and the Executive of the Federal Government and as a mechanism for ensuring responsible and accountable government;
- (2) rejects the proposal of the Prime Minister to change the constitution so as to enable a joint session of both Houses of the Federal Parliament without first requiring a double dissolution election;
- (3) calls on the Chief Minister to write to the Prime Minister expressing grave concern about the proposal and calling on him to withdraw his proposal; and
- (4) affirms the role of proportional representation as an electoral system which, through awarding representatives in proportion to shares of votes, ensures a democratic legislature. *(Notice given 24 June 2003).*

21 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) expresses its concern that those students of Tuggeranong College who drive their own cars are required to pay for their own school hours parking, the only students in the ACT required to do so;
- (2) calls upon the Department of Urban Services to put in place an adequate number of dedicated car spaces for free student parking and other suitable administrative arrangements to allow such parking to occur. *(Notice given 24 June 2003).*

22 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly

- (1) concerned at the ongoing difficulties with the sale and illegal trafficking of fireworks, including illegal and dangerous items, notes that the ACT community has exhausted its patience with this unacceptable, disruptive and unsafe state of affairs;
- (2) hereby calls upon the government to as quickly as possible:
 - (a) pass legislation that will ban the retail sale of shop good fireworks in the ACT;

- (b) restrict the use of all fireworks to certified pyro-technicians and government approved community organizations;
 - (c) permit community organisations restrictive use of fireworks only at the Queen's Birthday long weekend between 5 pm – 10 pm on prescribed nights;
 - (d) introduce stricter penalties for the illegal sale and use of fireworks;
 - (e) ensure that penalties are enforced. (*Notice given 24 June 2003*).
- 23 MS DUNDAS: To move – That the ACT Government investigate the introduction of a concession scheme to assist working people on low incomes who are currently struggling to pay their property rates, and report back to the Assembly by the first sitting day in December 2003. (*Notice given 25 June 2003*).
- 24 MR CORNWELL: To move – That the Treasurer table the Auditor-General's advice upon the 'commercial in confidence' blacked out sections of the Working Group Report of the Review of Operational Activities of Totalcare Industries Limited, tabled in the Assembly, 26 June 2003. (*Notice given 19 August 2003*).
- 25 MS DUNDAS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Government Procurement (Principles) Guideline 2002 (No 2). (*Notice given 19 August 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 5 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.

- 6 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNGAHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.
- 7 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 8 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 9 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 10 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 11 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 14 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 15 SENTENCING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 2 April 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 16 GAMING MACHINE (POLITICAL DONATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 7 May 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 17 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): *(Ms Tucker):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 18 June 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
- 18 SMOKING (PROHIBITION IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES) BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 19 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Smyth):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 20 BAIL (SERIOUS OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 21 DANGEROUS GOODS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Pratt):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher)*.
- 22 FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMBULANCE AUTHORITIES BILL 2003: *(Mr Pratt):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
- 23 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
- 24 NEEDS OF OLDER CANBERRANS: Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves) (on the amendment moved by Ms Tucker –*

(1) add new point

(2) Calls on the ACT Government to report to the Assembly on the extent to which the above measures meet the unmet needs in all sectors of the population of older Canberrans, and strategies and timelines to meet the remaining unmet need;”

(2) and renumber point 2 as point 3

on the amendment moved by Mr Corbell –

Omit all words after “That this Assembly expresses its”, substitute the following:

concern at the increasing difficulties older Canberrans are facing in accessing appropriate accommodation and:

(1) Notes that the ACT Government:

- . has given priority to determining applications for direct sale of land for aged care facility proposals providing for approximately 269 beds;*
- . has been proactive in initiating work for sites in Belconnen and Tuggeranong with the potential for a minimum of a further 250 beds;*
- . has allocated \$5.15 million for a sub-acute facility for the ACT providing post acute rehabilitation, psycho-geriatric and transitional care services;*
- . provides respite care through the Burrungiri Crisis Respite Centre for the Aged and has provided \$450,000 for a new pilot program to provide flexible family support for people who care for older Canberrans.*

(2) Urges the ACT and Commonwealth Governments to continue to adopt and implement measures to address this growing level of demand for appropriate accommodation for older Canberrans and their families.)

on the motion of Mr Cornwell – That this Assembly expresses its grave concern at the Government’s lack of commitment to addressing the needs of Older Canberrans, particularly through the provision of aged care facilities and calls on the Government to:

- (1) give priority to aged care facility applications in Planning policies and processes;
 - (2) be proactive by listing twelve potential sites for future aged care facilities so that applications for Commonwealth funding for beds can be expedited;
 - (3) plan a Step-Down facility for southern Canberra;
 - (4) improve the location, frequency and quantum of respite care places.
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR SMYTH: To move – That:

- (1) notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 71, a Select Committee on Privileges be appointed to examine:
 - (a) the refusal of Mr Wood to answer questions of the Select Committee on Estimates;
 - (b) the refusal of Mr Corbell to answer questions of the Select Committee on Estimates; and
 - (c) the creation and distribution of the document known as ‘Budget Estimates 2003’ by certain persons within ACT Health;
 - (d) the broadcast on ABC radio of details concerning recommendations of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts inquiry into the Rates and Land Tax Amendment Bill 2003 and the Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 inquiry into the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 prior to their presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

and determine whether each constitutes a contempt of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Committee comprise:

- (a) one member to be nominated by the Government;
- (b) one member to be nominated by the Opposition;
- (c) one member to be nominated by a member of the Cross bench.

(3) The Committee shall report by the last sitting day in September. (*Notice given 17 June 2003; amended 18 June 2003*).

2† MRS DUNNE: To move – That Disallowable Instrument DI2003-85, Land (Planning and Environment) Determination of Matters to be taken into Consideration – Grant of a Further Rural Lease – 2003, be disallowed. (*Notice given 19 August 2003*).

† 4 sitting days for resolution

3 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the ACT Legislative Assembly refer for inquiry the possibility of four year terms for members elected to the Legislative Assembly and that the Inquiry be conducted by the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs in accordance with the following terms of reference:

- (1) The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs conduct an inquiry, for examination and report, into the matter of changing the term of office of Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly from three years to four years;
- (2) The inquiry shall report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in October 2003. (*Notice given 19 August 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 2 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.
- 3 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 14 – DRAFT VARIATION NO 175 TO THE TERRITORY PLAN – INDUSTRIAL B3 LAND USE POLICIES – INDUSTRIAL AREA POLICIES AND DEFINITIONS: FYSHWICK, SYMONSTON, MITCHELL AND HUME – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 5 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 15 – VARIATION NO 200, GARDEN CITY VARIATION – RESIDENTIAL LAND USE POLICIES, MODIFICATIONS TO RESIDENTIAL CODES AND MASTER PLAN PROCEDURES – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 6 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Crimes (Industrial Manslaughter) Amendment Bill 2002 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 December 2002, as amended 1 April 2003 and 17 June 2003.

- 7 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *8 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Wood on behalf of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
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- 9 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Long Service Leave (Private Sector) Bill 2003 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 7 May 2003.
- 10 ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 2) – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 (No. 2) pursuant to order of the Assembly of 19 August 2003.

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- 11 PRIVILEGES – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 26 June 2003, as amended 20 August 2003.

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- 12 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Amendment Bill 2003 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 17 June 2003.
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**Referred to Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on
7 May 2003**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 118 – ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: Resumption of debate (*from 7 May 2003 – Ms Tucker*) on the motion of Mr Cornwell – That this Assembly amends Standing Order 118, in accordance with the Australian Labor Party's *Labor's 2001 ACT Election Commitments* (page 35, paragraph 8 'We will limit Ministers' answers to Questions to five minutes), by adding a new sub-section (c) shall not be longer than five minutes in length, and amends existing sub-section (b) by adding 'and' after 'refers'.

**Referred to Select Committee on Estimates on
19 August 2003**

APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO. 2): (*Treasurer*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on

12 December 2002

CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Pratt*).

7 May 2003

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: (*Mr Berry*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Ms Gallagher*).

Referred to Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on

17 June 2003

ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mrs Dunne*).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete *Notice Paper* is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new and redirected or revised questions are included on the *Notice Paper*.

Unanswered questions

802, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825,
826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 840,
841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853,
856, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876

26 August 2003

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 19 September 2003)

- *838 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to speed cameras outside schools in the ACT:
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the installation of a speed camera outside a school in Sydney to calm traffic around the area where children/students cross regularly;
 - (2) Has the Government considered installing speed cameras outside schools in the ACT, if so, what discussions have taken place and what, if any, decisions have been made in relation to this matter, if not, would the Government consider installing speed cameras outside schools in the ACT;
 - (3) Has either Minister received representations for speed cameras outside any school in the ACT;
 - (4) Has either Minister received representations requesting the installation of traffic calming measures outside any ACT schools, if so, which schools and what decision has been made on each request.
- *839 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to a monetary reward regarding information leading to the arrest of person/s suspected to be involved in the death of Kathryn Grosvenor and that there are many flyers still across Canberra promoting the cash reward for information leading to an arrest and such reward was available until 30 June 2003. Has the deadline of this reward now passed or has consideration been given to extending the deadline.

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 20 September 2003)

- *854 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation the provision of hospital services to patients who live outside the ACT:
- (1) How many patients living outside the ACT were treated in each of Calvary Public Hospital and The Canberra Hospital in 2001-02 and 2002-03;

- (2) What is the estimated total cost to the ACT health system of providing hospital services to patients who live outside the ACT;
- (3) How much was recovered from (a) the NSW government and (b) other state governments for providing hospital services in Calvary Public Hospital and The Canberra Hospital in each of 2001-02 and 2002-03.

*855 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the Cotter Tavern and further to your reply to Question on notice No 745:

- (1) What is the reason for the delay in determining the future of the Crown Lease where the Cotter Tavern is situated;
- (2) Who currently holds the right to use the land covered by that Crown Lease;
- (3) What uses are permitted under that Crown Lease;
- (4) What is the likelihood that a tavern style facility will not be rebuilt in that area;
- (5) When will a decision on the future use of that Crown Lease be made.

*857 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to rents paid by government agencies:

- (1) What is the current rent per square metre for the space occupied by the Civic Library;
- (2) What was the Civic Library rent (per square metre) in each of the years 1991 – 2002;
- (3) How long is the lease on the Civic Library space and what options are available to change the amount of rent charged;
- (4) What is the current rent per square metre for the space occupied by the Registrar General's Office;
- (5) What was the Registrar General's Office rent (per square metre) in each of the years 1991 – 2002;
- (6) How long is the lease on the Registrar General's Office space and what options are available to change the amount of rent charged;
- (7) What rent per square metre was charged for the space occupied in the Saraton Building by the Civic Shopfront immediately before it moved to FAI/Eclipse House;

(8) What rent is currently paid by the Civic Shopfront at Eclipse House.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

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In relation to airline travel in your Department:

- (1) How many airline flights did officers in your department or associated agencies undertake on official business between 1 January 2003 and 30 June 2003;
- (2) How many of these flights were on Qantas services;
- (3) How many of these flights were on Rex Airlines services;
- (4) How many of these flights were on Virgin Blue services;
- (5) How many airline flights did officers in your departments or associated agencies undertake on official business between Canberra and Sydney or vice versa between 1 January 2003 and 30 June 2003;
- (6) How many of these flights were on Qantas;
- (7) How many of these flights were on Rex Airlines.

New questions

(30 days expires 25 September 2003)

*877 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – Further to your letter of 5 September 2002 to me that you had requested your department to examine the feasibility of a proposal by Abbeyfield Society disAbility ACT for a co-operative housing arrangement for young people with disabilities. Could you please advise action to date on the proposal.

*878 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – What was the total strength of the ACT police force and the ACT population in the following years:

- (1) 1998-1999;
- (2) 1999-2000;
- (3) 2000-2001;
- (4) 2001-2002;
- (5) 2002-2003.

*879 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Concerning a comment in a Letter-to-the-Editor (*Canberra Times*, 18 July 2003) that ‘the water pressure in Warragamba Avenue was excellent through the afternoon, while in Eildon Place it reduced to a useless trickle’:

- (1) Why was this so on 18 January 2003;
- (2) What is ACTEW doing to ensure this situation is not repeated in future hot summers.

*880 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer:

- (1) Is it a fact that the electricity rebate and the gas rebate for pensioners is substantially different;
- (2) What is the annual rebate in each case;
- (3) Why is there such a financial difference between the electricity and gas rebates;
- (4) Is action being taken to narrow this financial gap and if so, what action is being taken.

*881 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In respect to an incident over the period 27-28 July involving waste water at the Canberra College, Weston Campus, in Fremantle Drive, Stirling:

- (1) What action was taken by Canberra Connect after an original telephone report at 1630 hrs on 27 July. Which agency, if any, was contacted, when was it reported and by what means, and what was the response;

- (2) Given the nature of the problem and the well-publicised water conservation message being put out by Government, what follow-up action was taken by Canberra Connect to ensure that the report was actioned expeditiously, assuming that Canberra Connect actually passed on the report to someone on 27 July;
- (3) What briefing material from ACT Government agencies is available to Canberra Connect to enable them to carry out their function properly and is it regularly reviewed to ensure that contact, particularly after hours, is able to be made in such a manner to ensure action is taken;
- (4) In this case, was there any briefing material available to the operator at Canberra Connect that might suggest that leaking water during a time of water restrictions, Government statements on water conservation and general public concern about water management, should have high priority action. If not, why not;
- (5) During this period of water restrictions, does ACTEW have the legal authority to turn off the water supply to any entity where there is clearly a wastage problem, as was the case in this instance, and, if so, why wasn't Canberra Connect made aware of that, assuming that they did not contact ACTEW after the original report on 27 July;
- (6) If indeed, Canberra Connect did pass on the report to ACTEW, why was it not actioned immediately;
- (7) Why was ACTEW's emergency water telephone number not properly monitored by staff to ensure that any caller not interested in the report of the Mawson main repair could speak to an ACTEW staff member about any other emergency;
- (8) Why did the ACTEW emergency repair person re-direct the telephone call to Canberra Connect and not to other ACTEW staff to investigate and resolve the problem;
- (9) What disciplinary action do you propose to take against any and all ACT Government staff who failed to respond adequately to the report on 27 July;
- (10) What action do you propose to take against Canberra College for allowing so much water to go to waste; after all Monday 28 July was a working/school day;
- (11) What penalty do you propose to impose on Canberra College for the wasted water. Does it have a satisfactory or effective maintenance policy or plan in action to monitor its utility usage;

- (12) Is it appropriate for educational institutions to continue to manage their administrative functions individually or should a more central, specifically trained and tasked organisation take over those non educational responsibilities within the system of schools, colleges, TAFE's etc in the ACT;
- (13) How much money has been spent on media advertisements including television ads to advise on water restrictions and the need to conserve water.

*882 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Concerning the use of skateboards in Civic:

- (1) What law controls their use in pedestrian areas;
- (2) How many prosecutions have been (a) initiated (b) successful in 2001-02 and 2002-03 against skateboard use in pedestrian areas of Civic;
- (3) How many pedestrians, if any, have been injured in Civic in the years at (2) above;
- (4) If no law controls skateboard use in pedestrians areas, why not.

*883 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the survey of satisfaction with ACT Taxis:

- (1) Who conducted the survey of satisfaction with the ACT taxi service referred to in the Minister's media release of 16 July 2003;
- (2) How was the person or group who conducted the survey selected and what was the process for selection.
- (3) On what basis was the person or group commissioned to conduct the survey chosen;
- (4) When, and over what time period, was the survey conducted;
- (5) How many respondents were there to the survey questions;
- (6) How much did the survey cost;
- (7) Who paid for the survey;
- (8) What were the measures of satisfaction used in the survey;
- (9) What benchmarks were used for each measure of satisfaction;
- (10) What were the survey results for each measure of satisfaction;

- (11) What changes to the ACT taxi service will be implemented as a result of the survey.

*884 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to skate parks:

- (1) How many skate parks are there in Canberra for youth to utilise and what are their locations;
- (2) Are there any plans in the current Budget framework to establish more skate parks in Canberra, if so, where and when, if not, why not;
- (3) How much did it cost to establish the skate parks in (a) Gungahlin and (b) Tuggeranong;
- (4) Has the Government received any complaints from residents about skateboarders in areas like Civic and the danger they pose not only to themselves but pedestrians in the area, if so, how many complaints and how have these complaints been actioned;
- (5) Are there currently any penalties for skateboarders who use public property like park benches, artworks, ramps or stairs as alternate skate parks;
- (6) Is the government covered by public liability insurance if a skateboarder is injured while using public property as an alternate skate park, if not, why not;
- (7) Is the government covered by public liability insurance if a local resident is injured by the actions of a skateboarder in a public place, if not, why not.

*885 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to disposal of refrigerators at tip sites:

- (1) In recent times there has been quite a large number of fridges and freezers located at the Waste Transfer Station at Mitchell. What is the correct process that should be followed by tip workers when disposing of fridges and freezers dumped at tip sites;
- (2) Whose responsibility is it to de-gas fridges and freezers at tip sites;
- (3) Is degassing carried out before fridges and freezers are disposed of or destroyed on the tip site, if not, why not;
- (4) Have there been any cases where a fridge or freezer has not been degassed before it is disposed of or destroyed on the tip site;

- (5) Is there any evidence to show that any R12 (ozone depleting substance) has been released into the atmosphere due to the failure to degas fridges or freezers at tip sites before they are destroyed.

*886 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Urban Services Portfolio June 2003 Quarterly Performance Report Output Class 1.2 Roads:

- (1) If the reduction from 90 lane kilometres of territorial road maintenance to 52 lane kilometres is due to ‘transferring part of the funding to other urgent works on community path maintenance, municipal roads maintenance, and other programs’ what specifically are the ‘other programs’.
- (2) What is the total value of funding which has been transferred from territorial road maintenance to each of the other three categories of works listed at (1) above;
- (3) How many lane kilometres and/or square metres (whichever is applicable) of maintenance for each of the three categories of works listed at (1) above were achieved for the amount of funding transferred from territorial road maintenance;
- (4) Has the additional 820 square metres of community path maintenance which was achieved above the target of 18 000 been totally funded from the funds transferred from territorial road maintenance;
- (5) Has the additional 1 lane kilometre of municipal road maintenance which was achieved above the target of 20 kilometres been totally funded from the funds transferred from territorial road maintenance;
- (6) Does the amount of \$6 168 759 shown as the cost of territorial roads maintenance include the funds transferred to the other three categories of works listed at (1) above.

*887 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to Change of Use Payments:

- (1) How much has been levied in the 12 months to 30 June 2003;
- (2) How much has been collected in that period;
- (3) If there is a discrepancy, why is this;
- (4) What is the cost of administering the levying and collection of change of use payments in a typical 12 month period;
- (5) How many people are engaged in the administration of change of use.

*888 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to the emergency accommodation hotline:

- (1) In this service's first six months of operation how many telephone calls were received;
- (2) How many of these telephone calls were from (a) males and (b) females;
- (3) How many of the callers in categories (a) and (b) above had children that also required accommodation (please indicate for each separately);
- (4) Of those telephone calls how many people required emergency accommodation and how many of those were accommodated within 12 hours of the call;
- (5) What is the average length of time to find emergency accommodation via the hotline;
- (6) What is the average length of time a person who telephones the hotline has been homeless for;
- (7) Who are the emergency accommodation providers;
- (8) How much of the \$205,000 allocated to this program has been expended to date (please provide breakdown of expenditure);
- (9) Is there any time during the last six months that the hotline has not been in operation, if so, when, and for how long;
- (10) In your press statement promoting this service you state 'An Emergency Accommodation Fund has been established alongside the service to help pay for the cost of accommodation if it needs to be purchased':
 - (a) what is the status of this fund;
 - (b) has it been used, if so, how;
 - (c) how much money has been collected via this fund.

*889 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to community rooms in ACT public housing complexes:

- (1) Supply details of all community rooms (or similar facilities) located within all ACT public housing properties, including location of each place within the complex;
- (2) List all complexes which presently do not have such a facility;
- (3) Further to (2), why is such a facility not provided at each such complex and what arrangements are being made for this situation to be rectified;

- (4) List all complexes which have such a facility but do not use the facility at present;
- (5) Further to (4), in relation to each location:
 - (a) for what reason(s) is the facility not in use;
 - (b) what needs to be done to address this situation;
 - (c) when is it proposed that the facility will be operating again;
- (6) In relation to each location currently being utilised, specify all government agencies and programs involved in the use of such facility;
- (7) What is current government policy in relation to community rooms in public housing complexes.

*890 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to the Economic White Paper:

- (1) How much money had been spent on the preparation of the Economic White Paper and its Discussion Paper as at 31 July 2003;
- (2) For what purposes has each amount of money been expended;
- (3) Have any additional funds been spent on this project in the period 1 August to 25 August, if so, how much and for what purpose;
- (4) The closing date for submissions for the Economic White Paper was 2 May 2003, have details regarding those submissions been released publicly, if so, where can copies be obtained, if not, why not;
- (5) When will the Government respond to these submissions;
- (6) When will the Economic White Paper be finalised and what is the total estimated cost of this Paper.

*891 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the investigation of the establishment of a medical indemnity fund in the ACT:

- (1) What are the terms of reference for this investigation;
- (2) How much has the Minister put aside to fund this investigation;
- (3) What does the Government see as (a) the benefits and (b) the negatives, of establishing such a fund;
- (4) When will this investigation be completed;

- (5) When is it anticipated that the Government will respond to any report prepared as part of this investigation;
- (6) Will a cost benefit analysis and risk assessment be undertaken as part of this investigation;
- (7) Will you consult with the medical community and insurance industry as part of the investigation.

*892 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the appointment of the acting Chief Executive of ACTEW:

- (1) Why did the board of ACTEW decide to choose the appointee, who is a fellow board member, as acting Chief Executive rather than a senior member of ACTEW management;
- (2) Did the appointee leave the boardroom during discussions of his appointment;
- (3) Were Mr Stanhope and yourself consulted about this appointment before it occurred? If so, what was your response and what was Mr Stanhope's.
- (4) How much will the appointee be paid while acting as Chief Executive;
- (5) What experience does the appointee have in running a utility given that his career as mainly been in politics and diplomacy;
- (6) Were there no senior members of ACTEW's staff considered suitable to act in the position and, if so, why is the managerial ranks of ACTEW so short of talent;
- (7) When will the board appoint a permanent Chief Executive and how will this person be selected;
- (8) Will the appointee continue to write a weekly article of current political issues as CEO of ACTEW in *the Australian*. If so, will he make it clear that it represents his personal views and not those of the board of ACTEW.

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Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Fifth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees' resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 12 November 2001):* The Speaker *(Presiding Member)*, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne *(from 18 February 2003)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald *(during the absence of Mr Hargreaves from 11-27 May 2002)*, Mr Stefaniak *(during the absence of Mrs Dunne on 6 May 2003)*.

Pursuant to resolution

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY: *(Formed 11 December 2001; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002):* Mr Hargreaves *(Chair)*, Mr Cornwell *(from 21 November 2002)*, Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas.

EDUCATION: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Ms MacDonald *(Chair)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Pratt.

HEALTH: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Ms Tucker *(Chair)*, Mrs Burke *(from 18 February 2003)*, Ms MacDonald.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Mr Stefaniak *(Chair)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms Tucker.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: *(Formed 11 December 2001; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002):* Mrs Dunne *(Chair)*, Mrs Cross *(from 21 November 2002)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves *(from 30 January 2003)*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Mr Smyth *(Chair)*, Ms MacDonald *(from 30 January 2003)*, Ms Tucker.

Select

ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 2): *(Formed 19 August 2003):* Mr Smyth *(Chair)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves.

PRIVILEGES: *(Formed 26 June 2003):* Ms Dundas *(Chair)*, Mr Quinlan, Mr Stefaniak.

Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2001-02: *(Formed 19 February 2002):* Mr Humphries *(Chair)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. *(Presented 9 April 2002).*

ESTIMATES 2002-03: *(Formed 6 June 2002):* Mr Humphries *(Chair)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Ms Gallagher. *(Printing, circulation and publication authorised 19 August 2002; presented 20 August 2002).*

ESTIMATES 2003-04: *(Formed 3 April 2003):* Mr Smyth *(Chair)*, Mrs Cross, Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Dunne, Ms MacDonald. *(Presented 17 June 2003).*

PRIVILEGES: *(Formed 6 June 2002):* Ms Tucker *(Chair)*, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Smyth. *(Presented 14 November 2002).*

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT: *(Formed 11 December 2001):* Ms Gallagher *(Chair)*, Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas. *(Presented 21 November 2002).*
