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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 56

Tuesday, 6 May 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- *1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 3 April 2003 – Mr Smyth).*
- 2 CONSTRUCTION PRACTITIONERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Planning):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne).*
- 3 AGENTS BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- *4 GAMING MACHINE (CAP) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 3 April 2003 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- *5 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 3 April 2003 – Mr Smyth).*
- 6 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Planning):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne).*

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

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002 – Mr Smyth*).
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.

- *16 ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- *17 TERTIARY ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*).
- *18 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*).
- *19 ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Environment*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).

Notice

- 1 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 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*).
- 2 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*).
- 3 MR PRATT: To move – That the ACT Legislative Assembly condemns Labor for blocking the suspension of Downer Preschool in October 1998 and now having to admit that it was wrong to do so given that it wants to suspend Lyneham Preschool for the same reason. (*Notice given 24 September 2002*).
- 4 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*).

- 5 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*).
- 6 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*).
- 7 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to immediately remove heavy vehicle diversions from Chuculba Crescent, Giralang and any other suburban streets and ensure that all heavy vehicle routes avoid suburban streets. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 8 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to enter into immediate negotiations with the National Capital Authority about the duplication of Caswell Drive to ensure that unoccupied land to the east of the existing road reserve is utilised so that the road does not encroach unnecessarily on the amenity of Aranda. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 9 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*).
- 10 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*).

- 11 MRS DUNNE: To move – This Assembly:
- (1) notes the Minister for Planning’s decision of 27 November to extend the 5% interim limit on dual and triple occupancy, embodied in Draft Variation 192, until May 2003; and
 - (2) notes the creation of an overlapping and contradictory conditions between Draft Variation 192 and Draft Variation 200, which gained interim effect in September 2002;
 - (3) calls on the Minister to immediately suspend the operation of Draft Variation 192 as was initially intended. (*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 MR CORNWELL: To move – 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'. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 18 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*).
- 19 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*).

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 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 6 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.

- 7 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.
- 8 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 9 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 10 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 11 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 14 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 15 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 16 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).

- 17 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 18 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 19 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 20 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
 - 21 SENTENCING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 2 April 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

- 4 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – THE OPERATION OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975 WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *5 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 13 – DRAFT VARIATION NO 187 TO THE TERRITORY PLAN – HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER – RED HILL HOUSING PRECINCT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2003 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the report be noted.
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17 June 2003

- 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.
- *7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Rates and Land Tax Amendment Bill 2003 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 3 April 2003.
- *8 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 3 April 2003.
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**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*).

**Referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on
3 April 2003**

RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Treasurer*): Resumption of
debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

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*.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Member indicated have been redirected to the Ministers indicated and answers have been received:

- 505 Minister for Urban Services (*Mr Stefaniak*).
- 512 Minister for Environment (*Mr Cornwell*).
- 513 Minister for Planning (*Mr Cornwell*).
- 547 Minister for Arts and Heritage (*Mr Smyth*).
- 548 Minister for Arts and Heritage (*Mr Smyth*).
- 558 Minister for Urban Services (*Mr Cornwell*).
- 567 Minister for Urban Services (*Mr Smyth*).
- 616 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services (*Mr Pratt*).
- 617 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services (*Mr Pratt*).

Unanswered questions

6 May 2003

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 1 May 2003)

- *555 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to the cultural facilities corporation:
- (1) Funds were allocated in 2002-03 Budget for works at (a) Stage 88 and (b) the Playhouse. As at 31 December 2002 no monies had been spent on both of these projects and they were both scheduled for completion in December 2002. Why had work not started or been completed on these projects at 31 December 2002;
 - (2) Have any works progressed between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide expenditure and works details, if not, why not;
 - (3) What are the new completion dates for projects (1) (a) and (b) above.

(30 days expires 3 May 2003)

*602 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the operations of ACTION Authority:

- (1) What operating subsidy has been provided to ACTION Authority during 2002-03, as at 31 March 2003;
- (2) Has the Minister received advice based on the results of the recent Booz Allen Hamilton study or other suitable research, as to what the impact on the quantum of this operating subsidy if average fares charged by ACTION were reduced by 50 per cent, if so, can he please provide details of this advice;
- (3) Has the Minister received advice as to what would be the impact on the quantum of this operating subsidy if ACTION did not charge any fares, if so can he please provide details of this advice;
- (4) How do fare elasticities in the ACT compare with elasticities identified or estimated in other Australian jurisdictions;
- (5) When is it expected that the nature of the proposed new funding model for ACTION Authority will be finalised;
- (6) What action is being taken to resolve the differences in approach between ACTION Authority and the Commission of Audit, as set out in its Report No. 2, towards achieving significant operating efficiencies in the cost of ACTION Authority.

5 March 2003

(30 days expires 4 April 2003)

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

418 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming

In relation to consultants used to date this financial year:

- (1) What was the (a) name of the consultant; (b) address of the consultant (c) cost of the consultancy and (d) service provided by the consultants.
- (2) Was a report prepared by the consultants and, if so, where may copies be obtained.

431 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Chief Minister – In September 2002 there is travel recorded for a passenger to attend an interview for the position of Chief of Staff to the Chief Minister:

- (1) From where did the applicant fly;
- (2) How long did the interview take;
- (3) Did the passenger conduct any other business on behalf of the ACT during this trip;
- (4) Why was it necessary to pay for 2.5 days travel allowance in order to attend an interview;
- (5) Was the option of a telephone interview considered;
- (6) Why was the interview not conducted by telephone.

11 March 2003

(30 days expires 10 April 2003)

441 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health– In relation to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare release of 26 February 2003 on the Executive Summary of the Need for and Provision of Human Resources in the ACT, where under the category Aged Care it is reported that there are fewer aged residential places in Canberra than other capital cities and 15 percent of residents who do occupy ACT places are from outside the ACT:

- (1) How many extra residential care places should the ACT have if we currently have 80 per 1000 people compared with 86 per 1000 elsewhere if we had an 86 per 1000 entitlement;
- (2) How many residential care places does the ACT have under the 80 per 1000 ratio;
- (3) Why is there this discrepancy;
- (4) If 15 percent of ACT aged care residents are from outside the ACT, how many places does this translate to under (a) the 80 places per 1000 and (b) the 86 places per 1000;
- (5) What consideration is given for this use by interstate residents of ACT places by the State or Territory from where they came;
- (6) What is the Government doing to address the (a) discrepancy in actual places and (b) to seek some sort of consideration for the use of scarce ACT residential care places by interstate residents.

448 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism— In relation to the Economic White Paper:

- (1) How much of the \$250,000 allocated for the Economic White Paper has been expended to date;
- (2) How much has it cost to prepare the Economic Discussion Paper;
- (3) Are there any estimates of the cost of on completion of the Economic White Paper;
- (4) When was the decision taken to release an Economic Discussion Paper before the actual Economic White Paper;
- (5) Why has there been a delay in releasing the Economic White Paper;
- (6) What do you hope to achieve through the Economic Discussion Paper.

12 March 2003

(30 days expires 11 April 2003)

475 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the cost of interstate patients:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of the cost (a) to date this financial year and (b) in 2001-02 of interstate patients on the ACT Health system;
- (2) Did the cross border funds allocated to the ACT from NSW cover the cost of interstate patients in 2001-02;
- (3) Are cross border funds provided to the ACT from NSW on par with expenditure on interstate patients to date, if not, what is the additional burden on the ACT Health budget.

13 March 2003

(30 days expires 12 April 2003)

476 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to allowances for jury duty and witnesses at court:

- (1) What was the total cost of providing allowances for witnesses and jury members attending the:
 - (a) Supreme Court in 2001-2002;
 - (b) Magistrates Court in 2001-2002

- (2) How many witnesses or jury members claimed allowance for their attendance at:
 - (a) Supreme Court in 2001-2002;
 - (b) Magistrates Court in 2001-2002;
- (3) Is any demographic data kept on jury members.
- (4) Do you have statistics on the gender of people attending jury duty in 2001-2002;
- (5) Do you have statistics on the ages of persons performing jury duty, if so, could you provide the information kept.

1 April 2003

(30 days expires 1 May 2003)

496 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the status of the Glebe Park food hall:

- (1) What is the current status of the Glebe Park food hall;
- (2) Who owns this empty complex;
- (3) What future plans, if any, exists for the complex.

498 MS TUCKER: To ask the Minister for Planning – Could the Minister please provide full itemised details of the costs incurred between October 2001 and January 2003 on expert reports, community consultancies, engineering studies, design work, etc on progressing its plans to construct Gungahlin Drive Extension to the West of the Australian Institute of Sport.

500 MRS CROSS: To ask the Minister for Planning - In relation to the sale of the Hungarian Club in Narrabundah:

- (1) When was the contract for the sale of the club executed;
- (2) Has the Minister been given a copy of the contract;
- (3) Has the Minister seen a copy of the contract;
- (4) Who are the parties (buyers and sellers) in the contract;
- (5) Who signed the contract on behalf of the Hungarian Club;
- (6) Is the Minister satisfied that the person or persons who signed the contract on behalf of the Hungarian Club, complied with the terms and

conditions of the Hungarian club, complied with the terms and conditions of the club's articles of association/ incorporation;

- (7) Did the Minister make any inquiries as to the terms and conditions for sale of the Hungarian club and its compliance with the club's articles of association/ incorporation? If so what were those inquiries;
- (8) Is the Minister satisfied the community consultation process was upheld.

516 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to Belconnen Health Centre, further to Question No. 394:

- (1) Why was this project not completed in December 2002 as stated in Budget Paper 3, p206;
- (2) What was the exact date of the official handover;
- (3) What new functions will be able to be performed at the Centre following the upgrade;
- (4) How important was this upgrade for people accessing health services in the Belconnen area.

518 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Dental Health Service:

- (1) What is the waiting list and waiting times as at 31 March 2003 for adult dental health services in all categories of patients;
- (2) What is the waiting list and waiting times as at 31 March 2003 for children dental health services in all categories of patients;
- (3) What is the waiting list and waiting time for a client who needs a new set of dentures.

520 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to a response given in Question 393:

- (1) In Part 5 of that question you noted that funds remaining from the project were transferred to other multi-unit landscape projects. Could you please advise:
 - (a) which multi-unit facilities were the benefit of these funds;
 - (b) what work was undertaken at each site; and
 - (c) how much money was spent at each site.

- 531 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to the Centenary of Federation Monument:
- (1) Can the Minister advise where works are up to with this project;
 - (2) As at 31 December 2002 no monies had been spent on this project, have any funds been expended on this project between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, how much and can a breakdown of costs and works details be provided;
 - (3) Is this project still on track for completion by the end of June 2003 as scheduled.
- 532 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Honour Walk:
- (1) The December Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report shows \$24,000 outstanding authorisation for the Honour Walk. Has this project been completed;
 - (2) If so, where will the \$24,000 be reallocated, if not, would the government consider putting these funds towards continuing the Honour Walk, this time in recognition of the ACT Brumbies and the Canberra Capitals;
 - (3) Has there been any discussion about funding for an extension of the Honour Walk for other successful sporting teams.
- 550 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the peri-operative unit at Canberra Hospital:
- (1) Can the Minister advise if the Perioperative Unit is functional;
 - (2) If not, when will it be functional;
 - (3) When functional, how many beds will be available;
 - (4) How many of these beds will cater for elective surgery patients;
 - (5) How many will cater for patients other than elective surgery patients;
 - (6) What will be the estimated annual running cost of the unit at full capacity.

2 April 2003
(30 days expires 2 May 2003)

562 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to abortions in the ACT:

- (1) How many abortions have been performed in the ACT between 1 October 2002 and 31 March 2003;
- (2) How many abortions were performed in the ACT between 1 April 2002 and 30 September 2002;
- (3) How many abortions were performed in the ACT between 1 October 2001 and 31 March 2002;
- (4) Can you advise of how many of the patients who had abortions were from the ACT and how many of the patients were from other states and territories for each of the periods outlined above;
- (5) Could you further advise of which states and territories the interstate patients were from during each of the periods specified above.

570 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Productivity Commission Report on government services:

- (1) In *The Canberra Times* of 11 February the Minister said that there was ‘room for improvement in staffing levels’ in the ACT health system. How many people does the Minister consider the health system need to recruit and in what areas;
- (2) Can the Minister estimate how much funding would need to be allocated to such a recruitment campaign;
- (3) Is the issue of additional staff recruitment one that will be considered in the budget context.

578 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability Services, Housing and Community Services – In relation to training to improve ACT Housing Customer Service:

- (1) How many ACT Public Housing tenants were consulted as part of this study;
- (2) How many staff from ACT Housing were involved with the study;
- (3) Has the Government received the results of the survey, if so, what were the key findings of the study (please provide details), if not, why not;

- (4) Will you table the survey's findings in the Legislative Assembly for other interested parties.

3 April 2003

(30 days expires 3 May 2003)

584 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the Government's Spatial Plan:

- (1) How much money was allocated to develop a Spatial Plan in the additional appropriations for the 2001-02 budget and the 2002-03 budget;
- (2) How much money has been expended to date on developing the Spatial Plan;
- (3) How much money has been expended on consultancies to date in developing the Spatial Plan;
- (4) Do you have an estimate of how much it will cost to develop the Spatial Plan in total and, if so, what is it;
- (5) When will you be releasing the Spatial Plan;
- (6) When did you originally plan to release the Spatial Plan and has development of the plan fallen behind schedule.

587 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Canberra Hospital's renal dialysis unit:

- (1) What is the estimated increase in demand for the renal unit's services this financial year;
- (2) How much did the renal unit's budget increase by in 2002-03;
- (3) What is the current waiting list and waiting times in each category for the renal unit's services;
- (4) What percentage of patients are overdue in each category;
- (5) What do ACT health guidelines show as the maximum percentage of patients being overdue in each category;
- (6) What percentage of the renal unit's patients come from NSW;
- (7) How does the ACT Government charge the NSW Government for providing renal unit services to NSW residents and does it cover the cost of providing the service;

- 590 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the ACT Hospice:
- (1) Have any beds been closed at the ACT Hospice this financial year, if so:
 - (a) why;
 - (b) when; and
 - (c) how many beds were closed;
 - (2) How many beds were closed at the ACT Hospice over the Christmas/New Year period;
 - (3) Are there any plans to close beds at the ACT Hospice at any other time this financial year.
- 592 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Canberra Medical School:
- (1) Can the Minister advise where planning is up to for the Canberra Medical School;
 - (2) What was delivered for the \$13,000 spent as at 31 December 2002 from the \$70,000 allocated this financial year in new capital works;
 - (3) Did any additional expenditure from capital works take place between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details;
 - (4) Has any of the \$500,000 allocated in new initiatives for the Canberra Medical School been expended, if so, please provide cost and works details.
- 604 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to Units Plan 928, know as Georgetown Apartments and correspondence sent to the Minister from one of the unit owners in Units Plan 928 who is concerned about what appears to be illegal structures in the roof space of unit 4:
- (1) Is it an approved structure;
 - (2) If so, was it approved before construction or was it approved afterwards;
 - (3) If it was approved after construction, did it need to be modified to obtain approval;
 - (4) Is the structure a breach of the Covenant on the leasehold restricting the gross floor area to not more than 4800m².

- 605 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to Units Plan 928, known as the Georgetown Apartments and correspondence received by various Ministers from one of the unit owners in Units Plan 928 who is concerned about what appears to be illegal structures in the roof space of unit 4:
- (1) Was the work done by the unit owner before seeking approval of the Body Corporate for Units Plan 928;
 - (2) is the space common property or does it form part of unit 4;
 - (3) if it is common property, to what purpose can it be applied by the body corporate;
 - (4) is it necessary for a body corporate to unanimously agree to modifications to the units plan;
 - (5) has the Body Corporate for Units Plan 928 agreed to modifications to the units plan in relation to the roof space in unit 4.
- 606 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 10 April 2002 in relation to Animals Afloat which resolved to immediately commence a draft variation over block 3, section 129, Narrabundah to change the use of broadacre, and the Minister's decision instead to commence a land use study of the block:
- (1) Who is conducting the study;
 - (2) What progress has been made on that study;
 - (3) When does the Minister expect to receive the results of the study;
 - (4) Will the Minister consult with the present lessees of block 3, section 129, Narrabundah about the land use study before the Minister makes any decisions about land use;
 - (5) When will the Minister inform the Legislative Assembly on progress in accordance with the resolution of 11 April 2002.
- 607 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the additional helipad at Hume:
- (1) Can the Minister advise what works have been undertaken as part of the \$28 000 spent on this project at 31 December 2002;
 - (2) Has this project been completed or are there more works still to be undertaken;

- (3) What are the benefits to Canberra residents due to this project expenditure;
- (4) Can the Minister explain why there was a \$13 000 over spend on this project.

611 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to Joint Emergency Services Centre in Ginninderra:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what works have progressed on:
 - (a) the Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre;
 - (b) the West Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre;
- (2) What works are still to be undertaken on (a) and (b) above;
- (3) In (a) above there is a \$330,000 outstanding authorisation and in (b) above there is a \$601,000 outstanding authorisation. Can the Minister confirm if those funding allocations will remain with these two projects and not be reallocated elsewhere;
- (4) When will these projects be completed.

621 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the Woden Police Station:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what work has been undertaken on this project as at 31 March 2003 and what work is still to be undertaken;
- (2) What was delivered for:
 - (a) the \$30,000 expended in prior years on this project;
 - (b) the \$30,000 expended as at 31 December 2002;
- (3) Will the remaining \$4.94m allocated to this project be spent on this actual project or reallocated;
- (4) How much money has been expended on this project as at 31 March 2003;
- (5) Will this project be completed by the end of June 2003 as scheduled, if not, why not and is there a new completion date.

New questions
(30 days expires 5 June 2003)

- *622 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to fire fighters who were transferred from the NSW Fire Brigade to the ACT Fire Brigade:
- (1) What was the age at which these fire fighters could retire with full benefits under the applicable NSW award.
 - (2) What was the age at which these fire fighters could retire with full benefits under the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (3) Where one of these fire fighters suffered a compensable injury or illness requiring a long term absence from work, what system was employed to ensure that compensation payments kept pace with entitlements under the NSW Fire Brigade award as classifications and rates of pay changed over time.
 - (4) Has the Government accepted the advice of Meryl Stanton of Comcare dated 20 August 1996, which states that the “contention that NSW Fire Service employees who transferred to the ACT Fire Brigade continued to be entitled to the conditions of employment that existed in NSW at the time of transfer, is correct. These conditions of employment were recorded in the relevant industrial award at that time”.
- *623 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Beijing and Canberra announced 17 April 2002:
- (1) What activities has the Government undertaken to promote business relations.
 - (2) Has the high level steering committee been established to implement activities arising from the Co-operative Business Council and if so, who are its members.
 - (3) What “mutual business opportunities” have been identified by the Council in (2) above since the signing of the above MOU.
 - (4) Since the signing of the above MOU, how many official joint ACT Government / business visits to China have been undertaken and how many official visits from China has the ACT hosted.
- *624 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – Concerning the relocation of the ACTTAB Dickson headquarters to Gungahlin:

- (1) What is the current construction status of the new building.
- (2) When is it proposed the new building will be completed.
- (3) Are plans yet in hand for disposal of the Dickson premises and if so, what are they.

*625 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Concerning Labor’s 2001 Election Transport policy that “... Discount fares are only available during non-peak periods. If a pensioner catches the bus during peak hour they cannot use their concession card. This is blatant discrimination and ACT Labor will not allow this to continue.”:

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to fulfill this election commitment.
- (2) If the commitment has not been fulfilled, why not.

*626 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – What were the specific reasons for the Gungahlin Development Authority rejecting the Town Square proposal for the Gungahlin Town Centre.

*627 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for the Arts and Heritage – In relation to Mark “Chopper” Read’s performance which began 14 April 2003 at the Canberra Theatre, where the audience paid \$44.90 plus booking fee to listen to the spoken word of Mark Read:

- (1) Did your office seek legal advice from the Attorney-General’s Department as to whether this performance comes under the ‘artistic profits’ referred to in the *Confiscation of Criminal Assets Act 2003*:
 - (a) If so, did that advice indicate what assets, if any, should have been restrained of Mark Read’s.
 - (b) Are you able to table that advice. If not, why not.
- (2) Did your office seek legal advice from the Attorney-General’s Department as to whether this performance meets the requirements of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1991*.
 - (a) If so, did that advice state what assets, if any, should have been restrained of Mark Read’s.
- (3) Whole of Government email no 899 was issued on Monday 14 April that contained the text “Canberra Theatre Centre is part of the Cultural Facilities Corporation and receives ACT Government funding to provide the people of the Canberra region with high quality performing arts productions. Performing at Canberra Theatre Centre – *Mark Brandon ‘Chopper’ Read – Spoken Word*”. Does this performance meet the criteria of a “high quality performing arts production”.

- (4) To your knowledge, did the ACT government provide complimentary tickets to any members of the ACT Public Service, including Members of the Legislative Assembly.

*628 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – Concerning ACT Housing tenants:

- (1) Do tenants pay water rates and if not, who does pay.
- (2) If not, what procedures apply to control the use of water by ACT Housing tenants.
- (3) If the cost of water rises, how are such rises taken into account for ACT Housing tenants' rents.
- (4) What was the total cost of water rates for ACT Housing tenants in 2001-02 and what was this amount as an average cost per ACT Housing's property.

*629 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the amalgamation of the (a) Narrabundah and Tuggeranong and (b) Dickson and Belconnen, Aged Day Care Centres:

- (1) How many staff positions at (a) and (b) above are redundant as a result of these amalgamations.
- (2) What financial saving does this represent.
- (3) Have redundant staff been redeployed and if so, where.
- (4) Was consideration given to the link between elderly clients and particular staff and if so, what was the result.

*630 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Is it a fact that development of Section 56/84 Civic, ie the open car park site, has been delayed three years and if so, why.
- (3) Does this delay equate with the contract specifications prior to auction and if not, why is the contract not cancelled and another auction set down.

*631 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:

- (1) Could you please advise action to date on the proposal.
- (2) If there has been no action, why not.

*632 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Concerning the article ‘Power to the People’ (*Weekend Australian, Business News*, 26 April 2003):

- (1) Why have ACT residential electricity prices shown a rise of +22.7 per cent over 1996-2003 compared with +3.5 (Queensland), +8.8 (South Australia), +2.0 (Northern Territory) and falls in all other States.
- (2) Because ACT electricity charges in the same period have fallen for small business (-17.5) and large business (-9.7), are ACT residents subsidising these sectors and if so, how long will this continue and will residential rates continue to rise.

*633 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – Concerning the January 18 bushfires:

- (1) What steps have been taken by government to assist residents with severely damaged homes, including smoke damaged, in effected suburbs.
- (2) What is the estimated number of these properties.
- (3) Does the government’s \$10 000 / \$5 000 benefit apply to such properties.

*634 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Concerning a report in the *Canberra Times* on 20 March 2003 (page 10) that “Mr Lauder said more than 6000 customers – more than 25 per cent of the business – lost their TransACT services in the (January 18) fires”:

- (1) Given that all telephony customers had their telephone services restored by 31 January 2003 (answer to Question on notice no. 600) how many customers as at 1 May 2003 still had to have services restored.
- (2) If 6000 customers equals more than 25 per cent of TransACT business in the ACT, is more than 24000, or 100 percent, in line with TransACT targets for ACT customer sign-ups.

- (3) How many customers (a) of the 24000 and (b) in excess of the 24000, still are to be connected to their required service.
- (4) What are the major reasons for the failure to connect potential customers in (3) above.

*635 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to Totalcare:

- (1) What was Totalcare's operating result in 2000-01, 2001-02 and the expected outcome for 2002-03.
- (2) What does the Government regard as an acceptable operating result for Totalcare.
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to ensure an acceptable return from its investment in Totalcare.
- (4) What test will the Government apply to evaluate the effectiveness of its steps to achieve an acceptable level of return from Totalcare.

*636 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Majura Road:

- (1) \$3.5m is listed in the Budget Papers to upgrade Majura Road. What works will take place on Majura Road as part of this project.
- (2) The December Quarterly Capital Works report shows that this project is to be completed by 30 June 2003. Will this project be completed on time.
- (3) In 2001 Labor committed to upgrading Majura Road to a four lane highway contributing \$250,000 with the rest to be funded by the Commonwealth, are these plans still on the agenda.

*637 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Further to answer to Question on notice no. 573, in relation to the Civic Library Strategy:

- (1) Why was the \$65 000 expended as at 31 December spent on the Erindale Library when this project specifically states – under New Works – 'Civic Library Strategy'.
- (2) Why will the remainder of the funds - \$435,000 – be spent on works in Belconnen, Griffith, Tuggeranong and Woden if this funding was for the 'Civic Library Strategy'.
- (3) What was the original purpose of the 'Civic Library Strategy'.

- (4) Why will Civic only receive \$48,000 of the \$500,000 allocated.
- (5) Did the Government mislead the community when it said \$500,000 would be spent on the 'Civic Library Strategy' when the funds are actually being spread across libraries in a number of areas, if the Minister does not think this is the case, please explain why this item was listed as 'Civic Library Strategy' instead of something like ACT Library Strategy.

*638 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Downer to Woden Cycle Path:

- (1) The Government has plans to construct a cycle path stretching from Downer to Woden. There is funding in the 2002-03 Budget for on road cycling from Woden-Dickson, is this the same project.
- (2) If so, why haven't funds been allocated to complete the path from Dickson to Downer. If not, when will funds be allocated for the Downer to Woden Cycle Path.

*639 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to Aged Care Liaison Officers:

- (1) Does the Territory have any Aged Care Liaison Officers.
- (2) Has Labor increased the number of Aged Care Liaison Officers in the ACT since coming to Government.
- (3) Were there any funds in the 2002-03 Budget for Aged Care Liaison Officers, if so, where in the budget can the allocation be found, if not, why not.

*640 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to aged care nursing positions:

- (1) How many unfilled nursing positions are there in the aged care sector in the ACT.
- (2) Of these, how many positions have been vacant for (a) more than one month but less than two, (b) more than two months but less than three, (c) more than three months.
- (3) What is the comparison between salaries in the aged care sector and at the Canberra Hospital for every classification of nursing position.
- (4) How many unfilled nursing positions are there at every aged care facility in the ACT after 1 month (but less than two) and three months.

*641 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to taxi and hire car licences:

- (1) How many taxi licences did the Government offer for auction in 2002.
- (2) How many were sold.
- (3) What was the average price achieved for the licences.
- (4) What was the reserve price.
- (5) How many taxi licences will the Government offer for auction in 2003.
- (6) How many does the Government expect to sell.
- (7) What is the average price expected for the licences.
- (8) What is the reserve price for 2003.
- (9) How many hire car licences did the Government offer for auction in 2002.
- (10) How many were sold.
- (11) What was the average price achieved for the hire car licences.
- (12) What was the reserve price.
- (13) How many hire car licences will the Government offer for auction in 2003.
- (14) How many does the Government expect to sell.
- (15) What is the average price expected for the hire car licences.
- (16) What is the reserve price for 2003.
- (17) On average, what proportion of the fare charged is required to service the cost of purchasing (i) a taxi licence and (ii) a hire car licence.
- (18) Has a report been made to the National Competition Council on the extent to which its reform guidelines applying to the taxi and hire car industry have been met? If so, when was it made? If not, when will it be made.

*642 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school-based management:

- (1) What is the total balance of the ACT Government school-based management account.

- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the bank balance of each school as at 30 April 2003.
- (3) What is the percentage increase of the school-based management balance each calendar year since school-based management was introduced in 1996.

*643 MR PRATT: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the events surrounding the January firestorm:

- (1) Was the issue of the evacuation of Duffy (and associated suburbs) addressed at the meeting, attended by the Chief Minister, at Emergency Service Headquarters on 18 January 2003.
- (2) If so, what time was that issue addressed, if not, why not.
- (3) What decision was made and by whom about the evacuation or non-evacuation of Duffy.
- (4) To your understanding, where were the fires (in relation to Duffy) at the time this decision was made.
- (5) Was a state of emergency under the Emergency Management Act declared.
- (6) If so, what time was that state of emergency declared.
- (7) Where were the fires, to your understanding, at the time the state of emergency, was declared.

*644 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many residents have phoned the Canberra Emergency Accommodation Service (CEAS) since its launch on 26 February (please provide figures on a monthly basis).
- (2) What are the most common issues raised by callers to the Emergency Accommodation Service line.
- (3) Can the Government keep track of how many callers to the line are assisted if they require accommodation, if so, how many clients have requested emergency accommodation and been placed, how many callers have not been able to be placed.
- (4) Has there been any occasions when the phone has not been manned for 24 hours in any one day, if so, please provide details.

- (5) From where did the \$205,000 come from to fund this service on an annual basis.

*645 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to public housing and further to your reply to Question on notice no. 410:

- (1) Is a document being prepared regarding capital works funding for replacement stock in ACT Housing, if so, when and where will it be available, if not, why not.
- (2) You have indicated that there will be new public housing stock established in Canberra before the election, what areas have been earmarked.
- (3) The Minister said it was ‘not ACT Housing policy to reveal the site specific details of where it purchases’. Why is this so? Is this not public information, as public monies have been expended? Why will the Minister not release the information? If you still refuse to release this information can it be obtained through Freedom of Information, if not, why not.

*646 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to ACT Housing rental arrears and evictions:

- (1) How many families were evicted for non payment of rent for the period 1 January 2003 to 30 April 2003.
- (2) What was the total amount due by these families.
- (3) In how many of these cases did ACT Housing attempt to intervene or offer assistance.
- (4) If any intervention or offers of assistance occurred what type of assistance was offered.

*647 MR BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to waiting lists for ACT Housing properties:

- (1) How many residents were on the public housing waiting list as at 1 May 2003.
- (2) How many of these residents were from:

- (a) Belconnen;
- (b) Gungahlin;
- (c) Tuggeranong;
- (d) Inner North; and
- (e) Inner South.

*648 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Needle and Syringe Program:

- (1) Is there any reliable data on what proportion of needles in the ACT are used more than once? If so, what proportion of needles are used more than once.
- (2) What percentage of needles are properly disposed of after use.
- (3) How many syringes did the Sharps Unit have to clean up during 2002 that were not properly disposed of.
- (4) What geographic areas had particular problems with needles being improperly disposed of.

*649 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the breast screening program:

- (1) How many breasts screens were conducted during 2002 and what percentage of women in the recommended screening age group does this represent.
- (2) What percentage of indigenous women in the recommended screening age group are represented.
- (3) Has a target been established for how many women or a percentage of women the unit would like to test each year, if so, what are the target details, if not, why not.
- (4) What specific efforts is the unit taking to improve the percentage of indigenous women undertaking breast cancer screening.
- (5) Are there any efforts under way to improve the percentage of women from non-English speaking backgrounds that undertake breast screening.

*650 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to ACTION bus drivers:

- (1) How many bus drivers are currently employed by ACTION.
- (2) How many of these drivers were employed as a result of the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) introduced in the 2001-02 Budget.

- (3) How many of the additional bus drivers employed as a result of SSTS are still working for ACTION and how many are no longer with ACTION.
- (4) What happened to those drivers who were employed as a result of SSTS who are no longer working for ACTION, ie: were they given pay outs.
- (5) If any staff were given pay outs what was the total of such pay outs.
- (6) How much did it cost to retain these staff in (a) the 2001-02 financial year and (b) as at April 30 this financial year.

*651 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to bus travel and the claim made in 2001 where it was estimated by Labor that in 2001-02 \$780,000 and \$1.62m subsequent years would be returned to the Territory's coffers by replacing the School Student Transport Scheme with the flat fare structure, has this been the case and can you provide figures showing what funds have been returned to the ACT by replacing the SSTS with the new flat fare structure.

*652 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to light rail:

- (1) How much of the \$300,000 allocated in the 2002-03 Budget for the Sustainable Transport Strategy has specifically been spent on the component of light rail.
- (2) How much of the \$300,000 for sustainable transport has been expended in total as at 30 April 2003, and what will the remainder of the funds be expended on.

*653 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the Draft Woden Town Centre Master Plan:

- (1) Why was the Plan released on 10 April 2003 rather than before Christmas 2002 as was promised to the relevant stakeholders.
- (2) When do you anticipate that the final Master Plan will be ready.
- (3) What factors caused the delay of the draft Master Plan for four months.
- (4) How much has it cost to prepare the draft Plan.
- (5) How much will the final Plan cost to prepare and will there be any increase in costs due to the delay in releasing the draft.

*654 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to rural leases:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many fire affected rural lessees are not eligible for 99 year leases and what are the reasons for non-eligibility.
- (2) Over what length of time are those only eligible for short-term leases being offered.
- (3) Why is there an outstanding number of rural lessees that have not taken up the 99 year lease offer.
- (4) Can the government provide any details about the reasons why some rural lessees have not taken up the 99 year lease offer to date.

*655 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to private building certifiers:

- (1) How many professional building certifiers are currently licensed to practice in the ACT.
- (2) How many of these certifiers are currently unable to practise in the ACT because they are unable to obtain professional indemnity insurance.
- (3) How many clients did each of the certifiers currently unable to practice have.
- (4) How many of these clients have been unable or have had difficulties in obtaining a replacement building certifier because of the difficulty in obtaining professional indemnity insurance.
- (5) How many building certifiers, to your knowledge, have had difficulties in obtaining professional indemnity insurance.
- (6) How many people have contacted PALM between 1 July 2002 and the present date to raise concerns about having difficulty in having building certifiers certify their buildings due to concerns over professional indemnity insurance.

*656 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Further to your reply to Question on Notice no 567:

- (1) In this question part (3) I asked ‘Have the remaining 34 vehicles been removed from the area, if not, why not’. You did not answer this part of the question. Instead you told me 40 car bodies had been removed from the forest last year. I seek a response to the question asking if the 34 vehicles (the Land Rover Club found) in the forest area following the bushfires have been removed and if not, why not.

*657 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the relocation of Woden bus interchanges: Can the Minister advise if this project has been completed, if not, why not and when will it be completed, if so, what will occur with the outstanding authorisation of \$47,000 for this project.

*658 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to superannuation:

- (1) What are the reasons for including rises and falls in the value of the Territory's superannuation liability in an unrealised reserve and amortising them.
- (2) What effect does this treatment of the superannuation liability have on the annual budget result.
- (3) What are the accounting standards on which this policy is based.
- (4) Is it expected that accounting standards relating to the treatment of superannuation will be changed over the next (say) five years. If so, in what way.
- (5) What would be the effect on the GGS operating result of amortising the reserve over (say) a three year rolling average instead of 12 months.

*659 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – Further to your reply to Question 402 in relation to child deaths and mandatory reporting:

- (1) Considering I did not ask for names of the two ACT children who have died, why is it not possible to advise me what action was taken by Family Services to address these individual problems using the:
 - (a) evidenced based Risk Assessment Framework; and
 - (b) General Principles of the *Children and Young People Act 1999*.
- (2) If, as your reply to (4) of my question that failure to mandatory report is:
 - (a) a police function to prosecute;
 - (b) an internal disciplinary matter at a place of employment;
 - (c) a Coroner's role to make findings in the event of a child's death;

then what role does the Chief Executive of Family Services exercise in any of the above proceedings.

- (3) How do you equate your replies at (5) that "The Coroner's report from the recent inquest will identify any systems issues that require attention in regards to compelling mandatory reporting" and "A punitive approach to mandated reporters is inconsistent with the development of partnerships with the professional community."

- (4) Also at (5) does the reference to the Coroner's report "from the recent inquest will identify any systems issues that require attention in regard to compelling mandatory reporting" indicate that:
- (a) there are deficiencies in the present mandatory reporting arrangements;
 - (b) the Coroner's report already is available; and
 - (c) if the Coroner's report is not available, what is the basis for the answer quoted at (a) above.
- (5) In relation to the community reporting "has resulted in more timely interventions in a number of matters" could you advise the number of such matters.
- (6) In respect of the remarks at (5) that "No legal action has been taken against mandated persons in the ACT so far" and "A punitive approach to mandated reporters is inconsistent with the development of partnerships with the professional community" why should a repeal of mandatory reporting take into account the debate and enquiry topics listed in your reply at (6), namely:
- (a) the desired outcomes of mandatory reporting;
 - (b) how these outcomes are best achieved;
 - (c) how mandatory reporting assist these outcomes;
 - (d) what other mechanisms assist these outcomes; and
 - (e) what the overall benefits of mandatory reporting are.

M J McRae

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: *(Formed 3 April 2003)*: Mr Smyth *(Chair)*, Mrs Cross, Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Dunne, Ms MacDonald.

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)*

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)*.