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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 51

Wednesday, 12 March 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH WORKERS – PROPOSED RECRUITMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*) on the motion of Ms Dundas – That this Assembly, recognising the need for more Mental Health Outreach Workers to provide support for people leaving emergency accommodation, calls on the ACT Government to make the recruitment of more Mental Health Outreach Workers a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year.

Notices

- *1 MS TUCKER: To move – That:
 - (1) given the work currently being undertaken on the Spatial Plan (including the work on land capability) and the ACT Woodlands Conservation Strategy, as well as the inquiries resulting from the recent bushfires (including the non urban land study examining the best long term use of land used for softwood plantations); and
 - (2) given that areas of high and very high conservation value (including in East O'Malley) have been identified for development in the land release

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

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program and community concerns that the revenue from these land sales have already been factored into the next budget;

- (3) This Assembly calls on the Government to:
- (a) revise the residential, commercial and community land releases program in light of the outcomes of these processes/inquiries; and
 - (b) review the Territory Plan to ensure that all areas of high and very high conservation value yellow box/red gum grassy woodland and natural temperate grassland are given long term protection. *(Notice given 11 March 2003).*

*2 MS MACDONALD: To move – That the Assembly:

- (1) congratulates the Clean Up Australia volunteers; and
- (2) expresses concern at the amount of rubbish continuing to be generated since Clean Up Australia Day began in 1990. *(Notice given 11 March 2003).*

Orders of the day - continued

- 2 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope).*

Notices – continued

- 3 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to complete a master plan for Kippax by the end of the 2003-2004 financial year, and to fix a firm date for beginning the construction of a permanent Kippax Library and community facility. *(Notice given 4 March 2003).*
- *4 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the Assembly:
- (1) acknowledges that today is Canberra's 90th birthday;
 - (2) expresses its joy at living in Canberra for all that it offers;
 - (3) acknowledge further that following the bushfires of 18 January this year, we applaud the community spirit that has shone through and can now be described as quintessentially Canberran. *(Notice given 11 March 2003).*

- *5 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services to exercise his powers pursuant to subsection 12 (9) of the *Housing Assistance Act 1987* to develop and approve a ‘Natural Disaster Program’, that will create a waiver or exception, for a reasonable period of time to be determined by the Minister, in relation to rental charges for ACT Housing tenants in such times of natural disaster. (*Notice given 11 March 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 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*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 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*).
- 10 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*).
- 11 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*).

- 12 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*).
- 13 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*).
- 14 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Legislative Assembly dissents from Speaker Berry's ruling that the matter of public importance lodged by Mrs Cross concerning the Katie Bender tragedy is out of order as it is sub-judice. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 15 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*).
- 16 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*).

- 17 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the Assembly:
 - (1) notes the high levels of demand for public and community housing in the Tuggeranong area;
 - (2) supports moves by the Government to ensure that more public and community housing is available in Tuggeranong; and
 - (3) in particular, welcomes the Government’s commitment to regularly update and turnover of the housing stock to meet the changing needs of the community. (*Notice given 18 February 2003*).
- 18 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*).
- 19 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*).
- 20 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*).
- 21 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*).
- 22 MRS CROSS: To move – That Standing Order 210 be amended as follows: add the following new paragraph: (a) Standing order 210 shall have no application to a Member who is breastfeeding an infant. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).
- 23 MRS CROSS: To move – That, the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory:
 - (1) noting:
 - (a) the reported decision of the Australian Government to deport from Australia 1600 East Timorese people;

- (b) the fact that most of these people have been in Australia for a time exceeding 10 years;
 - (c) the contribution of the East Timorese community to the fabric of multiculturalism ; and
 - (2) recognising
 - (a) the pain and suffering of the people of East Timor, particularly those who fled their country to escape persecution including threats of torture; and
 - (b) the cruelty of uprooting children of East Timorese who have grown up as members of the Australian Community; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to write to the Prime Minister, Mr Howard and the Minister for Immigration and multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Mr Ruddock, expressing these concerns. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).
- *24 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*).
- *25 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly expresses disappointment in the ACT Government’s appointed Connor’s Inquiry into education funding in that:
- (1) The inquiry reported on issues which this Assembly had already known to be the case, that is, the ACT education system is essentially one of the best in the country and whilst there are issues which need to be addressed these did not need this inquiry to point these out;
 - (2) The inquiry was therefore unnecessary, a waste of time and a waste of \$250,000, money which could have been well spent inside the school gate;
 - (3) The inquiry has allowed the government to prevaricate on the timely expenditure of \$7.4m funding denied to our children for a period of 10 months;
 - (4) The inquiry has exacerbated concerns that the government will diminish funding to the non-government sector, thereby attacking the principles of diversity and choice on which the ACT education system rests. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).

Orders of the day - continued

- 3 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 4 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 5 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 6 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 7 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 11 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 12 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.

- 13 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 14 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 15 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 16 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Pratt):* Agreement in principle –
Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 17 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002:
(Mrs Dunne): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 18 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker):* Agreement in principle –
Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 19 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT
BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of
debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 20 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 21 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY)
AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries):* Agreement in principle –
Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 22 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: *(Mrs Dunne):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 CONSUMER AND TRADER TRIBUNAL BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General):*
Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 February 2003 – Mr Stefaniak)*.

- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE)
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle
– Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Resumption of
debate – Agreement in principle.
- 9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ACT: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION –
PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate
(*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That
the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 10 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.

- 11 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.
- 12 CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 13 LEGISLATION (GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Attorney-General*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – amendment No 4 moved by Mr Stanhope (*from 11 March 2003 – Mr Wood*).
- 14 DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2003 – Ms Tucker*).

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*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 MRS CROSS: To move – That notwithstanding Standing Order 16, the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure for consideration and report by the first sitting day in May 2003: An amendment to Standing Order 210 to allow a Member of the Assembly who is breastfeeding an infant to be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 210. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 2 – ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR HOMELESS MEN AND THEIR CHILDREN – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 2 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 9 – PLANNING AND LAND BILL 2002 AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 19 November 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 3 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE – STANDING COMMITTEE (FOURTH ASSEMBLY) – REPORT NO. 11 – ELDER ABUSE IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 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.

- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

1 April 2003

- 8 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Crimes (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2002 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 December 2002.

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 12 December 2002

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

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

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12 March 2003

(30 days expires 11 April 2003)

*459 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to the Women’s Grant Program:

- (1) Is the \$60 000 allocated to the Women’s Grant Program this financial year more or less than the previous financial year;
- (2) How much money has been allocated to this program each year for the last 5 years;
- (3) How much money was allocated in total to women’s sport in the (a) 2002-03 budget (b) 2001-02 (c) 2000-01 budget (d) 1999-00 budget (e) 1998-99 budget.

*460 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to the big screen at Bruce Stadium:

- (1) What are the costs associated with the big screen at Bruce Stadium and could you provide a detailed list;
- (2) Can the big screen be hired for use offsite and if so, what is the hiring and transport costs associated with offsite hiring;
- (3) How many times has the big screen been used/hired offsite (a) to date this financial year and (b) in 2001-02;
- (4) How many times have maintenance works been carried out on the big screen and what has been the cost each time;
- (5) Has the big screen ever been replaced due to faults or problems with an older one, if so, how many times has it been replaced and at what cost.

*461 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to proof of age cards:

- (1) How many cards were issued in (a) 2000 (b) 2001 (c) 2002;
- (2) How many cards were issued to (a) males and (b) females in (a), (b) (c) above;
- (3) How many cards were issued at a (a) concessional rate and (b) full rate;

- (4) Has there been any action against young people in relation to false or fraudulent cards and if so (a) how many in total and (b) how many of these have been finalised in court.

*462 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to rubbish collection:

- (1) On how many occasions to date this financial year has rubbish collection not occurred on the day it was scheduled across Canberra and can the figures be provided on a suburb by suburb basis;
- (2) On how many occasions to date this financial year has recycling bin collection not occurred on the day it was scheduled across Canberra and can the figures be provided on a suburb by suburb basis;
- (3) On how many times this financial year has (a) rubbish collection and (b) recycling collection not occurred on a Friday and collection takes place on a Saturday where staffing penalty rates are incurred;
- (4) Has Saturday collection, where it would normally take place on Friday, cost the government any additional funds;
- (5) On Wednesday 5 March recycling collection in Amaroo, and possibly in other Gungahlin suburbs, did not take place until the Thursday, why was this the case;
- (6) Have the contractors breached the terms and conditions of contract by failing to collect rubbish on the days scheduled;
- (7) Are there ongoing problems in regards to wages for waste collectors, if so, when will these be resolved.

*463 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Further to the Treasurer's answer to Question on notice number 377 that all of ACTTAB's 35 permanent and 32 casual staff will be relocated to Gungahlin:

- (1) Why are these numbers, at 67, down from the 144 staff quoted by you in your newsletter to Gungahlin residents 'Delivering for Gungahlin' late last year;
- (2) Was the balance of 77 staff sacked, and if not why was the 144 staff figure originally quoted.

*464 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to disabled access at service stations:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of how many service stations in Canberra still provide personal service to customers rather than self serve, if so how many stations and where are they located;
- (2) Is the Minister aware that disabled residents who are able to drive vehicles find it difficult to fuel their cars as the vehicle is meant to be turned off upon pulling up at a bowser but disabled drivers need to leave the car running to get access to their wheelchairs;
- (3) Would the government consider undertaking a feasibility study to look at the potential of providing disabled access lanes in fuel stations;
- (4) If such a study found the concept to be feasible would the government look at working with the broader community in implementing such a program.

*465 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to parking in Civic:

- (1) How many pay parking car spaces are in Civic that raise revenue for the ACT Government;
- (2) What was the total revenue taken for pay parking in Civic in financial year:
 - (a) 2001 – 2002; and
 - (b) 2000 – 2001.
- (3) How many parking spaces are owned by businesses within Civic;
- (4) Are there any taxes paid by businesses in regard to parking spaces in Civic;
- (5) What was the total revenue taken for business owned parking in Civic in financial year:
 - (a) 2001 – 2002;
 - (b) 2000 – 2001.

*466 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to facilities for disabled bathers at Canberra swimming pools:

- (1) Which government owned and private swimming centres have hoist facilities for disabled bathers;
- (2) Which centres in Canberra offer hydrotherapy services for disabled bathers;

- (3) Does the government plan to develop any more hydrotherapy pools in Canberra in the current term in office;
- (4) Does the government plan to equip any other swimming centres with hoists for disabled bathers;
- (5) Has the government received any requests from the department or constituents for improved facilities for disabled bathers.

*467 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the student war protest on Wednesday, 5 March 2003:

- (1) How many ACT school students were involved in the war protest on 5 March;
- (2) How many ACT school students provided notes to schools allowing them permission from their parents to leave school grounds;
- (3) Did all students who attended the protest return to their schools;
- (4) Were any students injured during the protest;
- (5) Were any teachers sent with students to chaperone during the protest, if so how many and from which schools.

*468 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to burnouts:

- (1) Are there any additional costs to the policing budget in monitoring burnout activity in Braddon on Friday and Saturday nights or does it take place as part of general duties;
- (2) Have any arrests occurred to date this financial year associated with burnout activity in (a) Braddon (b) elsewhere in Canberra (please list suburb and site if possible);
- (3) Braddon use to be the hot spot for burnouts are there any other areas that are being used frequently for burnout activity;
- (4) Have any warnings been issued to date this financial year associated with burnout activity in (a) Braddon (b) elsewhere in Canberra (please list suburb and site if possible);
- (5) How many call outs have police attended due to burnout activity (a) to date this financial year and (b) in 2001-02;
- (6) What percentage of policing time would be dedicated to attendance or calls in relation to burnouts taking place.

*469 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to injuries in the workplace:

- (1) How many ACT Public Service staff have been injured in the workplace (a) each month to date this financial year, (b) each month in 2001-02 and (c) each month in 2000-01;
- (2) Have there been any deaths in the ACT Public Service while staff are in the workplace (a) to date this financial year, (b) in 2001-02 and (c) 2000-01;
- (3) Have any Departments raised concerns about Occupational Health and Safety issues (a) to date this financial year or (b) in 2001-02, if so, can you list those concerns and advise what the government is doing to address them.

*470 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the Education system:

- (1) How many (a) government students and (b) non-government students are enrolled in Canberra schools;
- (2) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of the number of students at each and every government and non-government school in Canberra from Primary school, to high school and college;
- (3) How many (a) male and (b) female teachers are currently working in government schools, can the response please be broken down into individual schools;
- (4) How many (a) male and (b) female teachers are currently working in non-government schools, can the response please be broken down into individual schools;
- (5) How many IT specialists are employed in (a) government schools and (b) non-government schools, can the response please be broken down into individual schools;
- (6) How many bursars are employed in (a) government schools and (b) non-government schools, can the response please be broken down into individual schools.

*471 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to teacher retention rates:

- (1) How many government school teachers and principals have been lost to the ACT due to retirement in the calendar years of (a) 2002, (b) 2001, (c) 2000 (d) 1999 and (e) 1998;
- (2) How many non-government school teachers and principals have been lost to the ACT due to retirement in the calendar years of (a) 2002, (b) 2001, (c) 2000 (d) 1999 and (e) 1998;
- (3) What is the number of teachers and principals lost to government schools in (a) 2002, (b) 2001, (c) 2000 (d) 1999 and (e) 1998, in total, besides retirement what are the other reasons for staff leaving the system;
- (4) What is the number of teachers and principals lost to non-government schools in (a) 2002, (b) 2001, (c) 2000 (d) 1999 and (e) 1998, in total, besides retirement what are the other reasons for staff leaving the system;
- (5) Will any government schools lose teachers or principals during this calendar year or at the end of this calendar year due to retirement, if yes, how many at this stage have you received notification for;
- (6) Will any non-government schools lose teachers or principals during this calendar year or at the end of this calendar year due to retirement, if yes, how many at this stage have you received notification for;
- (7) What is the government doing to recruit new teachers and principals to cover numbers lost to retirement;
- (8) How is the government monitoring the number of teachers and principals approaching retirement.

*472 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the McLeod Bushfire Inquiry:

- (1) On ABC Radio on Friday 7 March it was reported that the NSW Inquiry (first hearing was on Queanbeyan that day) once completed would hand all documents over to the ACT Coronial Inquest and the McLeod Inquiry. It was then implied that meant that the McLeod Inquiry did not have to go into great detail in regards to the NSW issues if that was the case. The problem is that the NSW Inquiry will not return to Queanbeyan until August or September, this is at least two months after the due date of the McLeod Inquiry. Can you rule the implication on ABC radio as true or false;
- (2) Can you confirm if Mr McLeod is closely looking at all the details in relation to the NSW fires which made their way to the ACT border and eventually joined with ACT fires to create the January 18 firestorm.

*473 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the community information technology access plan:

- (1) From where in the budget did the \$1.4m come from to fund the Community IT Access Plan;
- (2) Does the Government have a timetable to achieve its goal of closing the digital divide in the ACT by 2006, if so, please detail, if not, why not;
- (3) Can the Minister breakdown the \$1.4m into the components it will be spent on, if so, please provide details, if not, why not.

*474 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to oncology patients going interstate for treatment:

- (1) How many ACT patients have been forced to travel interstate for cancer treatment (a) in the last 4 months (could you provide monthly figures), (b) to date this financial year, (c) in 2001-02 and (d) in 2000-01;
- (2) To what hospitals were these patients above sent to;
- (3) What was the cost to the ACT through the Interstate Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (IPTAS) (a) in the last 4 months (could you provide monthly figures), (b) to date this financial year, (c) in 2001-02 and (d) in 2000 -01;
- (4) Are there any other costs outside of IPTAS in sending ACT patients interstate for treatment, if so, what are they and can figures be provided for (a) the last 4 months (could you provide monthly figures), (b) the current date this financial year, (c) 2001-02 and (d) 2000-01.

*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.

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)*.

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.

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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 *(Deputy Chair)*, 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 (*Deputy Chair*), 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*).