



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Zed Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Ministers Directorate, Budget Paper 4, page 35, Output Class 1.4

In relation to : Online and Social Media

1. This Budget has allocated approximately \$829,000 over the next two years for initiatives with an online and social media component, eg, ACT Gov 2.0 (BP4, pg44), Canberra Plan 2013 (BP4, pg44), and Community Engagement funding (BP4, pg35, 40, 44).
 - a) Will these initiatives be delivered through InTACT or will the Chief Minister's Directorate procure these services externally? (BP3, pg84)
 - b) If procured externally, will InTACT have a roll in advising the Directorate? If yes, is there a charge (and how much)?
 - c) To what extent will these websites take into consideration access issues faced by the disability community?

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

- a) These initiatives will be delivered through the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate and where appropriate, online mechanisms will be used for collaborative communication and engagement as well as providing Government information and services. The Shared Services ICT group, SSICT, (formerly known as InTACT) is the internal source of ICT advice for the ACT Government and as such will assist in determining whether the project is best achieved "in house", with commercial partners or with a mixture of both.
- b) SSICT will provide advice on implementation. Any work on web based initiatives undertaken by SSICT is done so on a fee for service basis – the cost depending on the nature of the service.

- c) Websites and use of ICT as a collaborative communication and engagement tool will take into consideration access issues faced by people with disabilities in line with the ACT Government's web accessibility standards. The Government is very conscious that the needs and preferences of the community vary and require a range of engagement and service delivery options. These approaches would also comply with ACT Government ICT disability access policies, which have been developed in line with those in other jurisdictions.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Zed Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Ministers Directorate, Budget Paper 4, page 33, Output Class 1

In relation to : Redevelopment of old office accommodation

1. In the LAPS hearing (18 May), Mr David Dawes said that, with regards to the:
...Dickson motor registry, Macarthur House, Moore Street, Challis Street at Dickson and the Callum offices. These buildings will provide opportunities for redevelopment, for mixed use and for residential apartments as well.


Given that the Government's proposed change-of-use tax, how will these redevelopments be impacted by your charge?

2. Would you consider exempting these redevelopment projects from your change-of-use tax?

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

- 1 The properties in question are all held under ACT Government Executive leases, which are non-transferrable. In the event that the Government decides to sell any of its properties, the Executive lease must be surrendered and a new lease prepared to facilitate the sale. New leases are generally issued to allow for the range of uses permitted by the Territory Plan zone. As no lease variation is involved in this process, the lease variation charge is not applicable.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Zed Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Ministers Directorate, Budget Paper 4, page 33, Output Class 1.1

In relation to : ACT Centenary

1. Please provide a comprehensive breakdown of funding spent thus far on all elements leading up to the Canberra Centenary celebrations.
2. Please provide a prospective breakdown of all funding to be spent from FY2011-12 onwards.
3. The Centenary celebrations have been criticised by the National Capital Attractions Association as lacking interstate appeal.
 - a) Does the Government have a plan to address this issue?
 - b) Can you explain why there was a rollover of \$779,000 from last financial year for the 'Centenary of Canberra – ACT Celebratory Program'? (BP4, pg45)
4. What are the forecasted interstate visitors to attend the Centenary celebrations?
 - a) How much is this in financial terms to the ACT economy?
5. In the \$1.02 million Community Centenary Initiative Fund, how will funding be allocated? (BP3, pg85, BP4, pg44)
 - a) Will this take into account local and interstate celebrations?
 - b) What will the criteria for funding allocations?

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

1. Funding spent on the Centenary celebrations to date are as follows. Please note - employee costs include salaries for staff working directly on program development and delivery.

Centenary Expenditure	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	To 30. Apr 2010-11	Total (\$,000)
Employee & Administration	140	233	473	789	808	2,444
Program	0	0	694	1,041	1,065	2,802
	140	233	1,168	1,831	1,873	5,246

2. The prospective breakdown of funding for the FY2011-12 onwards is as follows:

ACT Government	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Employee & Administration	2,439	2,603	1,552
Program	2,795	6,046	1,566
	5,234	8,649	3,118

Program allocation for the \$5.6 million appropriated by the Australian Government in the 2011 Budget has not yet been agreed, as such it is not included in the above projections. It has been appropriated as follows:

Australian Government	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Joint national program	2,600	2,000	1,000

3.
 - a) The National Capital Attractions Association commentary occurred prior to a briefing on the developing Centenary program. The Centenary Unit has since met with the National Capital Attractions Association President who now has a better understanding of the overarching goals of the centenary year including the capacity of the Centenary to drive interest from interstate as well as challenge the negative perceptions of Canberra.
 - b) The rollover reflects minor delays in staff recruitment and contracting for activities in the Centenary program.
4. The Centenary of Canberra charter extends well beyond interstate visitation and the scope of the additional programming enabled with additional Federal funding has not yet been determined.

In the 2011 ACT budget, Australian Capital Tourism received an appropriation of \$1.750m over three years for a national campaign to market the Centenary and drive interstate visitation. The Centenary and Tourism teams have held initial meetings to develop a campaign to maximise the opportunities for visitation presented by the Centenary.

- a) Isolating interstate visitation forecasts specific to the Centenary are impractical.

5. The Centenary Unit will call for applications after 1 July 2011 against criteria which match the overarching goals of the centenary.

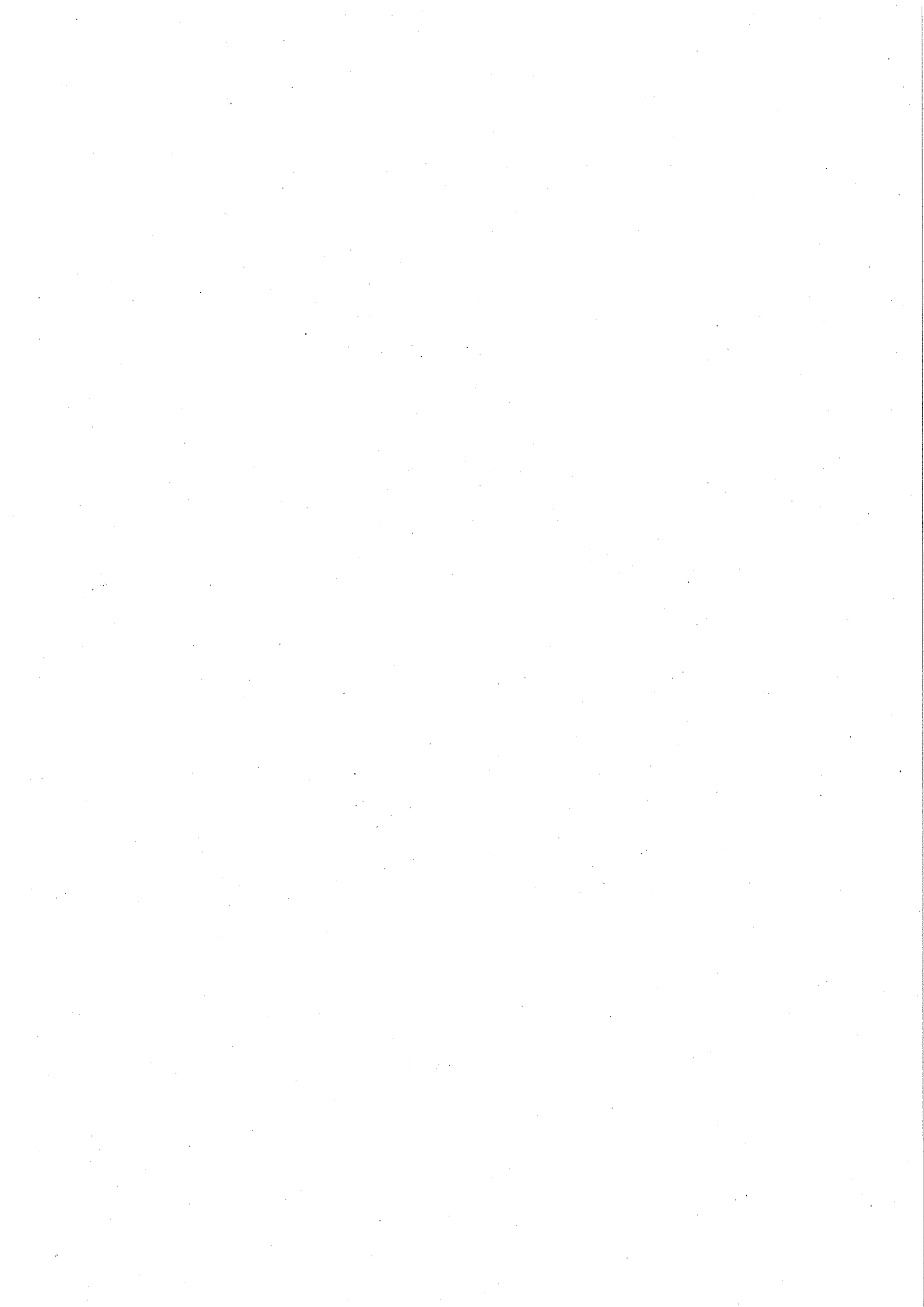
- a) The allocations are expected to focus 100 per cent on local activities and celebrations.
- b) The criteria are still being finalised.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Zed Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Ministers Directorate, Budget Paper 4, page 33, Output Class 1.1

In relation to : Government office alternatives

1. Did the Government consider any existing office buildings in Civic that could meet its requirements, and with the potential for further development?
 - a) If yes, what building or buildings did the government consider?
 - b) Was this conducted by a consultant?
 - c) What instructions did the consultant receive, and which agency issued these instructions?
2. Does it currently have tenancy in this building(s) and hence, an existing interest?
3. Why were these options not chosen?
4. Is it because considerations were measured against what the Government wants in its proposed Government Office Block?
5. Can it be assumed that the consultants commissioned to conduct the 17 reports looked into these alternative building considerations?
 - a) Should the proposed Government Office Block were to go ahead, will these consultants have any interest, financial or otherwise, in its development?
 - b) If yes, isn't this a conflict of interest?


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

- 1 a) Government considered the Finlay Crisp Offices as an alternative proposal to the development of the new ACT Government Office building at Section 19. The report 'Finlay Crisp Offices Analysis' dated February 2011 is included with the documents issued to the Select Committee on Estimates.
- b) The same consultant team led by Cox Architecture undertook the analysis of Finlay Crisp Offices as they have an appreciation of the Statement of

Requirements and environmental objectives for the new ACT Government Office building.

- c) The consultant team was briefed by the ACT Government Office project team at the Economic Development Directorate. The details of this briefing are included on page 5 of the report.
- 2 The ACT Government is a tenant of Nara House, a self contained wing of the Finlay Crisp complex, until 2020. It has a Net Lettable Area of 7,500 m² and accommodates 400 staff. The Statement of Requirements has identified 4,068 possible candidates for the new building which has a capacity of approximately 3,500. It is intended that Nara House provides additional accommodation for candidates that cannot be provided for in the new building.
- 3 The option to consider Finlay Crisp Offices as an alternative proposal to the new ACT Government Office was rejected as it could not meet the physical and operational requirements of the Statement of Requirements and subsequent requirements of the Sustainability Brief. The conclusions are outlined in more detail on page 19 of the report.
- 4 The considerations were measured against the Statement of Requirements for the new ACT Government Office that clearly articulates Governments requirements, and measured against contemporary benchmarks that have demonstrated operational and functional improvements for their organisations.
- 5 The existing consultant team is engaged to complete the Start Up Consultancy commission which will conclude at the completion of the Functional Design Brief. After this work is completed the consultant team is unrestricted and is freely available to the market. There is no known financial interest in the project from any of the consultants at this point in time and as such there is no conflict of interest.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-12

QUESTION ON NOTICE (E11-855)

MR SESELJA MLA : To ask the Minister for Economic Development

Ref: Treasury Directorate, Consultants Reports, Estimates Committee hearing of 30 May 2011

In relation to : Cox Financial Analysis assumptions

1. How does the assumption of no growth in the ACT public service affect the feasibility of this building and the net present values?
 - a) Would the differences between the options still be marginal?
2. How does the financial analysis change, given that the analysis assumes a CPRS will be in price in 2011 with the price of \$40 per tonne of carbon?
 - a) Would the differences between the options still be marginal?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

- 1 The new ACT Government office is designed to accommodate 3,500 staff regardless of growth in the ACT public service. Any more accommodation that is required to cater for additional requirements, such as organic growth in the public service, will be leased from the market. This does not affect the feasibility of the new building, and the differences in the options will not alter significantly.
- 2 The analysis assumed a transition to the purchase of 100% green electricity by 2017 (This was based on the Government's agreement with the Greens at the time the modelling was undertaken). As green electricity does not produce carbon dioxide emissions, it would not be subject to a carbon tax. Therefore the \$40/tonne carbon tax was only applied to the non-green electricity that is purchased in reducing amounts in the first 6 years of the modelling period. The result of the carbon tax being included in the model is a cost impost of approximately \$1 million (0.2%) to the Net Present Value (Cost) on each scenario. The cost is slightly lower in the new building scenario because less electricity will be purchased.

The inclusion of the carbon tax makes no material difference to the conclusions reached.

The modelling continues to indicate that, even if conservative productivity and efficiency benefits are included, the option to build the new building represents a significant saving to the ACT Government.

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE (E11-856)

MR SESELJA MLA : To ask the Minister for Economic Development

Ref: Treasury Directorate, Consultants Briefing on the proposed Government Office Building, Estimates Hearing on 30 May 2011

In relation to : Savings assumptions from the Government Office Building

1. Why are there discrepancies between the savings assumptions in the Cox Financial Analysis Report and the savings sheet provided by the Government on 17 May 2011?
 - a) Have the assumptions changed since this report was printed?
 - b) If so, why has there been an increase in the assumption of staff savings from 1% to 1.2%?
 - c) Why has there been a significant increase in the assumption of staff turnover costs from \$5,000 to \$13,600?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

These questions have been addressed previously in Question on Notice E11-039.

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE (E11-857)

MR SESELJA MLA : To ask the Minister for Economic Development

Ref: Treasury Directorate, Government Office Accommodation Budget Impact Analysis provided in the Estimates Committee hearing of 30 May 2011

In relation to : Upgrade to Nara House

1. Does this budget impact analysis take account of Colonial First State's goal to upgrade its property portfolio to 4.5 NABERS by 2012?
2. If no, how does this impact on the analysis and particularly the net present values of the alternate scenarios?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

1. The Economic Development Directorate has negotiated a sub-lease renewal at Nara House expiring in 2020 on the proviso that the building is upgraded to a 4.5 Star NABERS rating which is Government's current policy. The landlord will commence in the next few months a works program that includes upgrading lifts, common areas, kitchens and toilets.

Landlord works are not undertaken at a cost of the Government, and therefore are not included in the CBRE Cost Analysis or the Budget Impact Analysis.

The CBRE cost analysis of October 2010 and the Budget Impact Analysis incorporates appropriate indexation of rental costs and increments for 4.5 Star leased accommodation, which includes the Nara Centre where applicable.

2. N/A

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QUESTION ON NOTICE (E11-858)



ZED SESELJA MLA : To ask the Minister for Economic Development

Ref: Treasury Directorate, Government Office Accommodation Budget Impact Analysis provided in the Estimates Committee hearing of 30 May 2011

In relation to : CBRE Feasibility Analysis

1. The report notes that the value of Section 19 is approximately \$30 million.
 - a) Has any analysis been conducted on the value of the site with a pre-committed long term lease to a private developer?
 - b) Is yes, how much would this be valued at and what would be the stamp duty collected on this sale?
2. Assuming that the proposed building was built; has any analysis been conducted on the amount of stamp duty that can be collected over the life of the proposed project if sold to a private developer?
 - a) If yes, what would be the stamp duty collected from a constant re-sale?
3. Have either of the above been included in one of the 5 scenarios?
 - a) If not, how would the inclusion affect the outcome of the reports?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1.
 - a) The intent of the CBRE feasibility analysis was to verify that the design work undertaken to date and the detailed project costing was competitive with similar proposals offered in the commercial market. As such, the methodology assumes that Government will be the long term tenant and parallels commercial sector assumptions in its analysis. Should the site be sold with a pre-committed lease for the commercial

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office space only, the value of the land would be dependent on the conditions of the sale, the length and terms of the pre-committed lease, and the amount and type of development that the private developer gains from the site.

- b) The stamp duty payable on the sale of the site would be in accordance with the statutory scale.
2. Every time a property is sold, stamp duty is payable on the sale at the statutory scale. If the site was sold with a long term pre-committed lease to a quality tenant, it is highly unlikely that the building would be subject to constant re-sale.
3. No, because Government is not proposing to sell the building.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by **MR SMYTH** on 30 May 2011: Minister Burch took on notice the following question :

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011, Pages 1403]

In relation to :

What contracts does the ACT Government have with Billabong for the delivery of services during the financial year 2010-2011?

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

Billabong Aboriginal Development Corporation Head Lease 17 properties from Housing ACT to operate as Community Housing.

The Service Funding Agreement for the operation of Community Housing expired 30 June 2010.

To engage in further service funding agreements there was a requirement that Billabong Aboriginal Development Corporation register as a Not For Profit housing provider. There has been ongoing discussion regarding the best way for the organisation to do this.

The Community Services Directorate is currently negotiating a Service Funding Agreement with Billabong Aboriginal Development Corporation for operation of the Community Housing in 2010/2011.

It is anticipated that this will be completed prior to the end of the financial year.

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Date:

14.6.11

By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Joy Burch MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth on 27 May 2011 : Mr Thomson took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011 page 1311

In relation to : Economic Development Directorate Output 1.3

Provide details by activity of the GPO for the output 1.3

MR BARR MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The GPO for output 1.3 is \$22.289m comprising \$17.560m for Tourism, \$1.980m for Events and \$2.749m for Territory, Venues and Events.

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By the Minister for Economic Development Directorate, Andrew Barr MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by Ms Meredith Hunter MLA on 20 May 2011: Ms Karen Greenland, Director Transport Regulation, took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 20 May 2011, page 59

In relation to : Concessions for wheelchair accessible taxi licences

A list of the subsidies and concessions provided to wheelchair accessible taxi operators and drivers.

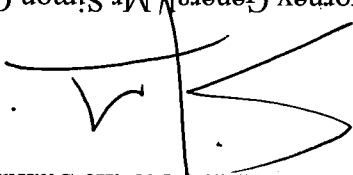
Mr Corbell : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Government makes available Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) licences at a highly concessional fee, compared with the \$20,000pa cost of a standard taxi licence. Currently the annual fee for a WAT capable of carrying two wheelchairs is \$1000 and the annual fee for a WAT capable of carrying one wheelchair is \$3000. These low fees recognize the higher vehicle purchase and modification costs associated with operating a WAT. Consistent with recommendations of the ACT Taxi Review, intended to address WAT operator viability, the fees will be reduced from 1 July 2011. The annual leased licence fee for a WAT capable of carrying two wheelchairs will be reduced from \$1000 to \$100 and the annual leased licence fee for a single WAT will be reduced from \$3000 to \$1000.
2. The ACT Government pays a lift fee to WAT drivers for each WAT job logged through a taxi network. The daytime lift fee of \$12.40 is to compensate the driver for the additional time taken to load a wheelchair and passenger. A \$25 lift fee is also available for WAT drivers who undertake a wheelchair hiring between 9.00pm and 6.00am Monday to Sunday, in order to encourage greater WAT availability during hours when operators often find it difficult to obtain drivers.

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3. There is also an incentive scheme for operators and drivers to have their vehicles available for hire on ten specified days throughout the year, again in order to ensure that WAT users have access to transport at times when they may wish to be with family and friends. An amount of \$150 per day is available to operators to pay WAT drivers who drive on the specified days. A lift fee of \$25 applies for every wheelchair hiring undertaken on those days.

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By the Attorney General Mr Simon Corbell MLA
Date: 25.11



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

MS LE COUTEUR MLA : To ask the Minister for Economic Development

Ref: Land and Property Services, Budget paper 4, page number 131, output class 1.1 Major project facilitation

In relation to : Government office building carbon neutrality

At what point will the government office building be carbon neutral?

MR BARR MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The building is being designed from first principles focussing on achieving the lowest energy consumption. This approach assures that the building can achieve carbon neutrality at any time after completion at the cheapest cost.

Arup has recommended a number of options to move the building from carbon neutral enabled to full carbon neutrality. Its preference is to develop sustainability options on the understanding that any renewable energy initiatives being considered for inclusion on site would only be adopted if they offered a better return on investment than large off site renewable technologies.

This approach will offer the opportunity to progress the building to carbon neutrality at any time after completion and certainly within the government policy timeframe of 2020 to achieve carbon neutrality in government buildings.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Minister's Directorate, Budget paper 3, page number 83, output class 1.1
Government policy and strategy

In relation to: Community Engagement

This budget has \$200,000 each year for the next 2 years for online engagement training for directorates. Is this effectively a continuation of what was done within the former departments or a completely new initiative for the new directorates to help get the directorate model going?

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


The budget funding is to enable the implementation of a number of community engagement initiatives across the ACT Government to ensure there is a more consistent, joined-up approach to community engagement across the new directorates.

In 2011-12 the funding will be used to:

- further develop the *Time to Talk* 'open governance' platform to gain community input in relation to detailed consultations to be undertaken on transport, planning, sustainability and climate change;
- improve skills and knowledge of staff involved in community engagement activities by introducing a training program based on the principles and methodology outlined in the recently revised *Guide to Community Engagement*;
- develop an online 'community engagement toolkit';
- evaluate selected community engagement projects to determine their effectiveness and aid continual improvement in the field; and

- review and upgrade the community engagement website to improve its interactivity and functionality.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Minister's Directorate, Budget paper 3, page number 83, output class 1.1
Government policy and strategy

In relation to: Chief Information Officer

Given the stated functions of the new CIO and the Government's intentions to achieve savings across government, could CMD please advise:

1. Whether there is a consistent approach across government to ensure environmental criteria are included in ICT business planning and procurement that explicitly requires energy efficiency and environmental performance standards for equipment;
2. What targets and cost efficiency processes are in place to ensure ICT procurement across government has regard to environmental considerations, including whether these targets and cost efficiency processes have been factored into next year's budget and forward estimates;
3. Whether there is a consistent approach to power management across government, including measures such as automatic shut down of monitors and personal computers when not in use and whether the cost savings of such measures have been included in the budget and forward estimates;
4. What is the average yearly rate of disposal of ICT equipment across government? Is there a consistent approach to disposal of ICT equipment that ensures environmental stewardship? Do current ICT contracts across government allow for and require environmental stewardship when disposing of ICT equipment?

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

The questions have been directed in relation to a "Chief Information Officer". Following the *Governing the City State* Review the Government has created the role of Director of the

Government Information Office, a strategic co-ordinating role focused on whole of government information management and ICT governance within the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate. The role complements the operational services role provided by Shared Services ICT (formerly known as InTACT). In so far as the questions concern operational issues, responses have been sought and included from Shared Services ICT.

1. Yes. ACT Government procurement templates already require compliance with ACT Sustainability Policies. Shared Services Procurement has a Procurement Circular 2007/08 'Sustainable Procurement' which provides guidance to Directorates on how to incorporate sustainability considerations into the procurement of goods, works and services
(http://www.procurement.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/16027/2007_08_Sustainable_Procurement.pdf).

The Whole of Government focus on improving the energy efficiency of ICT infrastructure and promoting the use of ICT to assist sustainability initiatives is also a key objective of the proposed ICT Strategic Plan.

2. Cost efficiency figures very strongly in all ICT budget initiatives and operational budget formulation. Where relevant, specific environmental targets are included in tender documentation. For example, planning for new data centre capacity will be centrally focused on the sustainability outcomes and the cost of energy among other technical requirements.

The draft ACT Government ICT Sustainability Plan also calls for mandatory environmental standards to be applied to the purchase of ICT equipment and consumables that pose significant environmental risk or impact.

3. Yes. Power management for desktop computers is centrally managed by Shared Services ICT.

Operational budgeting reflects previous actual costs. Where savings have been realised and reflected in actual costs they will automatically be incorporated by directorates in future planning.

The average rate of disposal is 5,767 items of equipment each year (over the last four financial years).

4. Yes. Except for a limited amount of end-of-life equipment which is donated at no cost for social policy reasons (e.g. to not for profit organisations), the ACT Government's disposal activities are managed by a contracted disposal broker selected through a public tender process.

Yes. Over 95% of equipment is sold through the disposal broker. If the equipment cannot be resold, the broker will dispose of the equipment through an ISO14001 accredited recycling company.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Chief Minister's Directorate, Budget paper 4, page number 29, output class 1.1
Government policy and strategy

In relation to: Sustainability policy analysis

1. Triple bottom line analysis would undoubtedly fit into sustainability policy analysis – could you please elaborate on how the new government structure will help sustainability and triple bottom line outcomes?
2. Will there also be in increased focus on creating meaningful whole of government indicators (such as for affordable housing, and meeting our climate targets)?
3. Are you aware that RMIT in conjunction with the UN Global Compact Cities Program has been developing a local urban sustainability indicators toolkit, called the Circles of Sustainability method - It is being developed to identify critical issues and help solve intractable urban development issues. The toolkit will be completed in 2013, and will be an open access resource for governments and other entities.


Is the Government is looking into whether it can be used to help the ACT Government develop indicators as part of the triple bottom line analysis work?

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

1. As part of its central agency policy coordination role, Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate will continue to have specific responsibility for sustainability coordination. This supports development of wider policy frameworks as well as analysis across the three dimensions of sustainability i.e. the triple bottom line (TBL). Since taking on this role, the main projects have been:
 - to update and release the Government's sustainability policy *People Place Prosperity*;
 - development of a model for TBL reporting – piloted in 2008-09 and implemented across government in the 2009-10 Annual Reports; and

- development of a TBL Assessment Framework, which is scheduled for release shortly.
2. Indicators are reviewed regularly, both through the annual budget process and when strategic planning documents such as the Canberra Plan are updated. This work will continue.
 3. I have asked Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate to examine this work.

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Asked by MR HARGREAVES MLA on 27 May 2011: MR BARR took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1317

In relation to:

How far are we from being able to host a CHOGM? What is the breakdown of beds available and required for CHOGM?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

CHOGM 2011 will be held in Perth and will host approximately 4000 delegates. Canberra has a total of 4899 rooms and 500 of those rooms are located in a five star hotel (Hyatt Hotel Canberra, Diamant Hotel Canberra and Hotel Realm).

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Date: 7.6.11

By the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA



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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1310

In relation to :

What is the Tourism Industry Council's funding allocation from Australian Capital Tourism's current GPO?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Australian Capital Tourism is currently in negotiation with the Tourism Industry Council for future funding however it is expected the arrangement will remain the same as 2010-2011 which was \$20,000 for accreditation program support and \$50,000 for the delivery of agreed tourism development programs.

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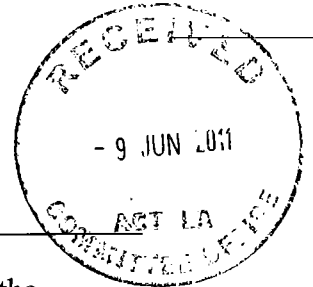
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1322

In relation to:

How much did the Government spend on *Enlighten* and what was received in kind. What did partners contribute?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In relation to the staging and marketing of *Enlighten* expenditure is expected to be \$3.4 million. \$1.5 million in government appropriation to establish the event, \$1.45 million from Australian Capital Tourism's marketing budget as well \$0.45 million in ticket sales.

As well as undertaking late night openings, participating partners – the National Gallery of Australia, Museum of Australian Democracy and Parliament House also undertook additional advertising campaigns incorporating *Enlighten*. This was paid for separately by the Attractions and Australian Capital Tourism does not have information on the value of advertising provided.

Industry partners participated through paid advertising in an Autumn destination campaign featuring *Enlighten* that included a total partner investment of approximately \$74,000 with the following participants:

Attractions:

Australian War Memorial
National Gallery of Australia
Museum of Australian Democracy
National Museum of Australia
National Film and Sound Archive
National Archives
Questacon
National Portrait Gallery

Accommodation:

Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Best Western Tall Trees Motel

Crowne Plaza Canberra.

Capital Executive Apartments

Mantra on Northbourne

Rydges Lakeside Canberra

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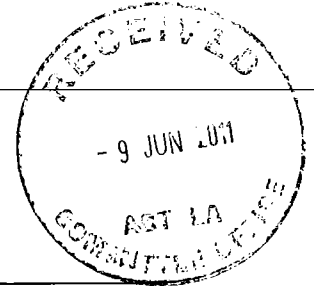
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Pages: 1324 and 1330

In relation to :

Enlighten – how many individuals attended? Is the figure of 8678 visits or persons? Please provide breakdown of how many were complimentary, how many were VIP tickets, how many visits were by individuals, how many tickets were sold how many were family tickets etc. Provide as much breakdown as possible.

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

This figure is the gross patron attendance – i.e. it includes people who attended the event on more than one night. The total figure of 8,678 is made up of 5,787 purchased tickets, 2,629 complimentary tickets and 262 invited guests. It is not possible to determine unique visitors through ticket sales data.

From the information gathered from the post-event survey, it has been estimated that there was approximately 7,500 unique patrons over the four nights.

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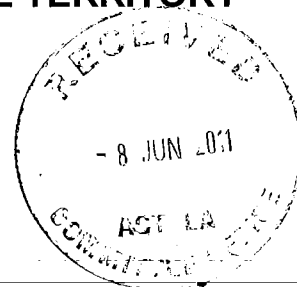
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1326

In relation to :

Enlighten - 2415 is the number of interstate/international visitors – what is the split of who came or extended their stay because of *Enlighten*?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

2,415 is the number of unique interstate or overseas visitors who came to the ACT specifically for *Enlighten* or extended their stay in the ACT because of *Enlighten*. Interstate or overseas visitors who came to *Enlighten* but were already in the ACT for other purposes are not included in this figure or in calculations for direct visitor expenditure.

Of the 2,415 'specific' visitors in 2011, it is estimated that 2,380 came to the ACT specifically for *Enlighten* and 35 extended their stay because of the event.

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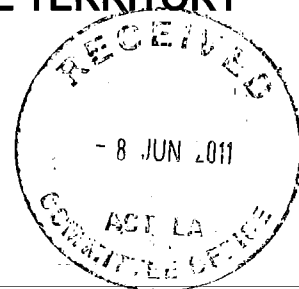
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1325

In relation to:

Canberra and Region Visitors Centre figures for period during *Enlighten* – provide figure for previous four years of same period.

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

During *Enlighten* the Canberra and Region Visitors Centre received 5004 visitors. During the same period in 2010 there were 9517 (please note that *Masterpieces from Paris* on at the NGA on during this period), for the same period in 2009 there were 5786, in 2008 there were 4477 and in 2007 there were 4011 visitors.

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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 May 2011: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May 2011, Page: 1326

In relation to :

What were the issues people were not happy with about *Enlighten*, what were their complaints. More information requested.

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Overall, Australian Capital Tourism received positive feedback relating to *Enlighten* from Canberrans and visitors including some constructive feedback. Constructive feedback related to a small number of issues including the number of toilets, information available on the website, traffic management issues, the inability to bring alcohol into the *Enlighten* event hub and the price of food served in the event hub.

Findings from the Ernst and Young *Enlighten* survey found that; 89% of attendees surveyed were 'very satisfied' or 'somewhat satisfied' with their overall experience at *Enlighten*. This supports the assertion that there were very few complaints.

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Asked by MR SMYTH on 27 MAY: SIMONNE SHEPHERD took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript, 27 May, PAGE 1324 and 1330

In relation to :

Enlighten – how many individuals attended? Is the figure of 8678 visits of persons? Please provide breakdown of how many were complimentary, how many were VIP tickets, how many visits were by individuals, how many tickets were sold how many were family tickets etc. Provide as much breakdown as possible.

MR BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

This figure is the gross patron attendance – i.e. it includes any multiple attendances from patrons. The total figure of 8,678 is made up of 5,787 purchased tickets, 2,629 complimentary tickets and 262 invited guests. It is not possible to determine unique visitors through ticket sales data.

From the information gathered from the post-event survey, it has been estimated that there was a total of 7,514 unique patrons.

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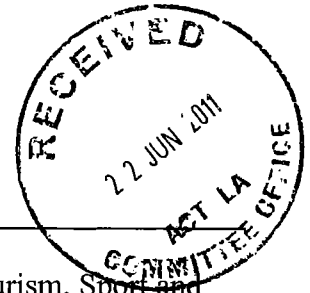
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Asked by ZED SESELJA MLA on 27 May 2011 : To ask Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation the following additional question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1331

In relation to: Valley Dragons Rugby League Club-fees and charges for ground hire

Why have sportsground hire fees and charges increased 260 per cent in the 11 years up to 2010?

Minister Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The approved sportsground fees and charges are increased annually in line with the WPI (Wages Price Index) and this has been the case since the 2006/2007 financial year. Prior to that the fees and charges increases were set according to CPI (Consumer Price Index). Any variation to this increase, including minor rounding, is subject to Treasury approval and requires written justification. The WPI and CPI are those quoted in the budget papers.

The following table shows the index applicable for the 11 years referred to in your question.

YEAR	WPI %	CPI %
2010/2011	2.5	
2009/2010	3.5	
2008/2009	4.25	
2007/2008	3.75	
2006/2007	3.7	
2005/2006		2.0
2004/2005		2.5 (2.0 was applied)
2003/2004		2.5
2002/2003		2.75
2001/2002		2.25
2000/2001		5.5 (GST of 3% introduced)
1999/2000		2.5
1998/1999		2.5

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Ms Shepherd: Again, I will provide any further information if this is not correct, but our events people specialise in this particular area and know the suppliers fairly closely. Electric Canvas are recognised worldwide for that reason, because of their technical ability. They have done events such as the Vancouver Olympics. The reason they are used is that they cannot be matched, to the best of my knowledge, on their technical capability.

MR SESELJA: And there were no other tenders where there was an exclusion of any local suppliers?

Ms Shepherd: Not to my knowledge—not on those architectural projections. I am assuming that we are not talking about stage lighting. No, not to my knowledge. I would stand corrected if there is something that I am not aware of.

THE CHAIR: We might move to sport and rec. In the spirit of generosity and inclusion that has been the hallmark of this estimates, we will go to the far end of the room and start with Mr Seselja and work our way back, given that the sports shadows are on that table.

MR SESELJA: Thank you, chair.

Mr Barr: We will just do a quick shuffle of officials.

THE CHAIR: Minister, thank you for attending for output class 1.4, sport and recreation. Over to you, Mr Seselja; then Mr Rattenbury and Mr Doszpot.

MR SESELJA: Thank you, chair. I just have questions around one area, and I will declare a personal interest. It is in relation to a football club that my family is associated with, a Rugby League club, the Valley Dragons. They have raised a couple of things with me which I would like to explore briefly, if I could. In their treasurer's report of 2010—so last year's treasurer's report for the Valley Dragons—the treasurer noted that there have been significant cost increases for the club, and overall cost increases, which include a range of costs from 54,000 to 112,000 over 11 years, particularly noting that ground hire had the highest percentage increase in that time, of 260 per cent, despite the fact that, even with increases in club team numbers, the club has been unable to obtain additional ovals for training due to shared commitments with the Vikings. Can I get you first to comment on that significant increase over a number of years. What is the justification for ground hire fees going up that much for the Valley Dragons?

Mr Barr: We will need to have a look at the—I cannot ascertain exactly what the starting and end point of that is. I do know that the proportion of costs returned in terms of the operating costs of maintaining a sportsground versus the hire fees is a very small proportion, so the level of subsidy is in the order of 80 or 90 per cent. If you were able to forward the treasurer's report to me, I could have a look at the different dates and—

MR SESELJA: I am very happy to provide the treasurer's report and I will take you to another couple of more specific dates now if I could as well, minister, but are you



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Asked by ZED SESELJA MLA on 27 May 2011 : MR BARR MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1333

In relation to: Sportsground Facilities Improvement Program

Which local sportsgrounds have received those upgrades to both lighting and other facilities over the last two years?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There has been an extensive program of sportsground facilities improvements in place since the 1994/95 financial year. I am attaching a copy of the of improvements for 2009/10 and 2010/11 for your information.

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SPORTSGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OUTLINE OF WORKS

2009/10 (includes \$659K roll over from 08/09)

- Hawker Softball Centre couch conversion of all three diamonds
- Stirling DPF Baseball back nets, dug outs and infield couch conversion
- Potable aluminium sportsground seating
- Ainslie Baseball outfield fence co funded 50/50
- Jerrabomberra (Narrabundah) Oval car park sealing and bollard installation
- COMTROL field radio unit upgrades
- Ngunnawal Neighbourhood Oval restoration and couch establishment
- Reid Oval irrigation system replacement
- Jamison (Macquarie) Enclosed Oval perimeter fence replacement
- Equestrian Park electricity supply upgrade
- Majura (Ainslie) DPF floodlighting system co-funded 50/50 Ainslie Football Club
- Kaleen DPF pavilion refurbishment and extension (in progress)
- Kaleen Enclosed Oval pavilion refurbishment and extension and new cricket equipment shed (design and DA 09/10)- proposed build in 2010/11
- Manuka Pool Café design and DA-proposed build in 2010/11
- Dickson Pool Children's Water Play Park-(design and DA) –proposed build in 2010/11-equipment purchased in advance \$230K
- Narrabundah Ballpark electrical upgrade and new national league floodlighting design and DA-proposed build as part of Narrabundah Ballpark Upgrade funding in 2010/11
- Civic Pool diving board replacement
- ACTAS gym equipment

2010/11

- \$257K for the relocation of the old Narrabundah Ballpark floodlight system on to the number one diamond on the adjoining Narrabundah District Playing Field
- Dickson Pool Childrens' Water Playground-\$200K to complete construction (equipment pre-purchased under 2009/10 FIP)
- Kaleen DPF pavilion upgrade and extension-\$795K
- Design for Mint Oval pavilion-\$20K
- Design for Wanniasa District Playing Field new toilet block (only has one women's pan)-\$15K
- Narrabundah Ballpark upgrade for Canberra Cavalry inclusion in Australian Baseball League partially funded out of this program in order to complete project-(balance of FIP budget expended here)



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Asked by STEVE DOSZPOT MLA on 27 May 2011 : MR BARR MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1335

In relation to: Lanyon Football Club

Why was the Lanyon Football Club not permitted to use the Banks neighbourhood Oval?

MR BARR MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Banks Neighbourhood Oval is a dedicated Athletics facility. The infrastructure in place, including long jump pits and throwing sectors, would not allow for the two football pitches, as required by the Lanyon Football Club, to fit.

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Asked by MR STEVE DOSZPOT MLA on 27 May 2011 : MR BARR MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1340

In relation to :

Can you provide details of a grant for \$24,850 provided last year for a blind sports in schools program?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Funding of \$24,845 was provided to Vision Impaired Sports ACT (VISACT) in 2009-10 through the *Healthy Schools, Healthy Children* funding round coordinated by the Health Promotion Branch within the Health Directorate.

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Asked by Mr John Hargreaves MLA on 27 May 2011: Mr Neale Guthrie took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page: 1342

In relation to :

Provide a list of motor enthusiast organisations to be consulted on the design and redevelopment of Fairbairn Park

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

The following motorsport organisations will be consulted in the design and redevelopment of Fairbairn Park:

- National Capital Motorsports Club (National Capital Speedway)
- ACT Motorcycle Club (Motocross and flat track)
- Canberra Kart Racing Club
- Southern District Motorsport Association (hill climb)
- Canberra Bulls (motorcycle speedway proponents)
- Fairbairn Park Control Council
- Transport Training ACT (Sutton Road Driver Training Complex)

In addition, the appropriate state and national motorsport controlling bodies and relevant motorsport industry representatives will also be consulted.

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Asked by BRENDAN SMYTH on 27 May 2011 : LIZ CLARKE took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard transcript of 27 May 2011, page 1344

In relation to :

To provide the Committee with a copy of Exhibition Park Corporation's Rejuvenation Program.

ANDREW BARR MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Attached is a copy of Exhibition Park Corporation's Rejuvenation Program.

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Exhibition Park Corporation

Rejuvenation Program

2011-2016

Flemington Road
Mitchell ACT 2911
PO Box 456
Dickson ACT 2602
Phone: (02) 6241 3022

Introduction

Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) is a Territory-owned national exhibition centre. This major events venue is the largest of its kind in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding region. The Exhibition Park Corporation (EPC), governed by a Board established by the *Exhibition Corporation Act 1976*, manages EPIC.

EPIC hosts indoor and outdoor events for businesses and the community, including a number of high focus events throughout the year such as the Royal Canberra Show, Summernats, the National Folk Festival and the Capital Region Farmers' Markets.

EPIC has venue facilities to cater for a diverse range of events from trade shows to non for profit events, such as the Lifeline Book Fair.

EPC's Vision

To be a leading gathering place that is treasured by our community and is a sustainable commercial enterprise.

EPC's Mission

To provide an economic and environmentally sustainable venue facility, enriching the economic and cultural development of Canberra and the region by providing indoor and outdoor opportunities for entertainment, recreation and commercial interests.

Key Result Areas

- Optimise the efficient use of EPIC to improve financial outcomes.
- Provide the best possible results and experience for our clients.
- Ensure the EPIC experience is valued and meets expectations by the Canberra community and visitors.
- Provide efficient and effective systems and operations.
- Develop and support our staff.

Rejuvenation Program for EPIC

EPC's key aims are to optimise the efficient use of EPIC to improve financial outcomes; provide the best possible results and experience for clients; ensure the EPIC experience is valued and meets expectations of the Canberra community and visitors; provide efficient and effective systems and operation; and develop and support staff.

EPC has developed a Rejuvenation Program to guide the future development and improvement of EPIC, to support the increased use by general purpose and specific purpose events; and cement the long term financial viability of the venue. A combination of increased events, improved facilities, complimentary commercial partnerships and improved use of space at EPIC has been identified which will generate additional revenue streams.

In developing this program, the EPC Board has taken into account EPC's Community Advisory Group's vision for the future.

EPC's Community Advisory Group – vision for the future

By 2015, EPIC will be visually appealing with permanent art displays and will have an 'art space', better fencing and quality pathways. We will maintain our traditional role in showground events, ie agriculture, and will continue to develop the facilities and grounds to sustain large-scale crowds. The campground will be enhanced and pet friendly, although no permanent residential facilities will be developed.

EPIC will have repositioned in the market to attract additional activities that appeals to the local community, in particular, our youth and the aged, where people will come to enjoy smaller activities and attractions, like a 'mini Big Day Out', in addition to the usual large scale events.

EPIC will attract new partnerships to develop commercially viable, economical and environmentally sustainable facilities, such as large group accommodation. Such developments will be actively planned and integrated with consideration to our neighbours' facilities in our vicinity, like the Canberra Racecourse and the Mitchell precinct. We will strive to ensure that we create value-for-money in our infrastructure investments to maximise community value and benefit without creating duplication and redundancy in surrounding supporting facilities.



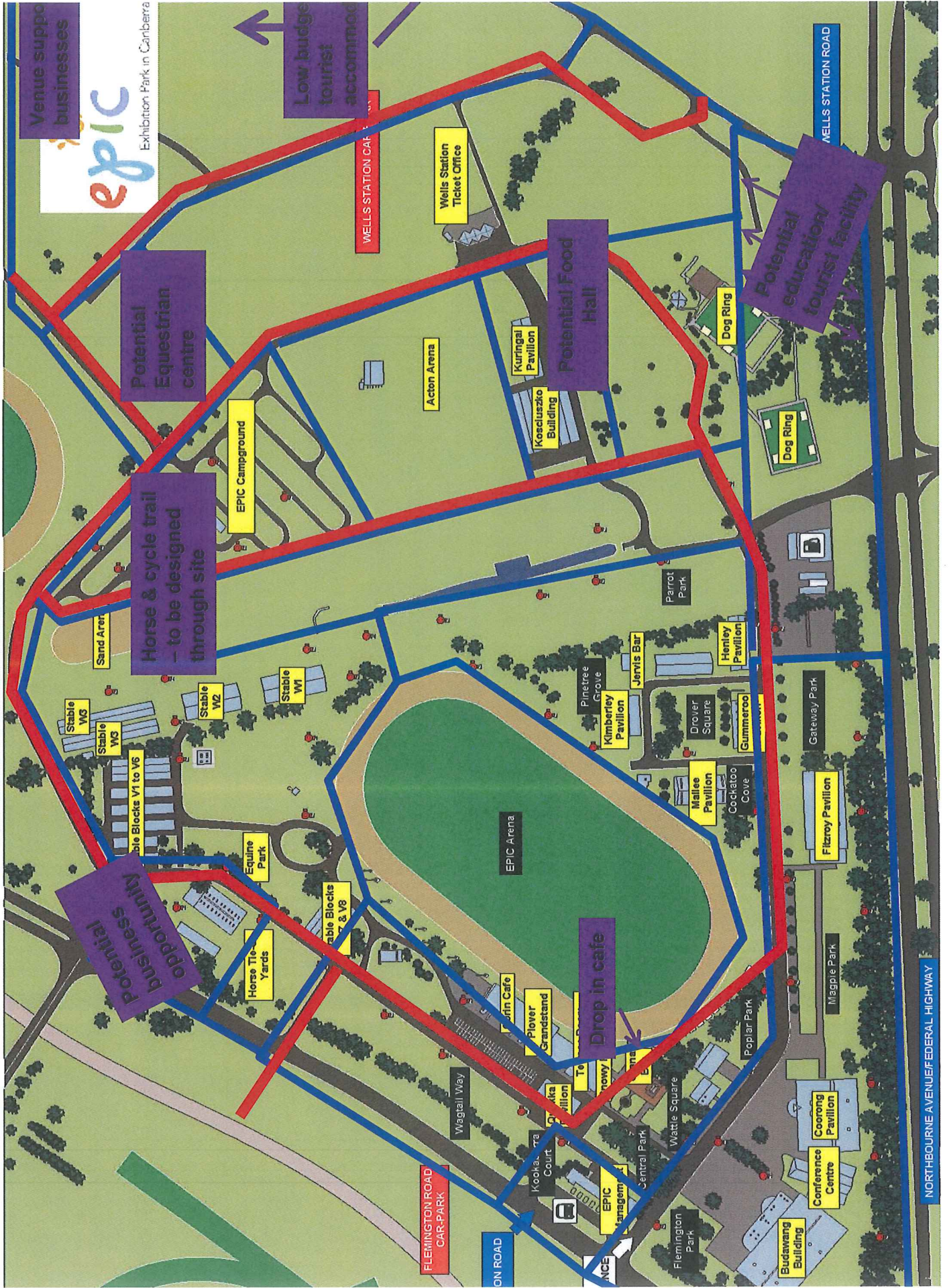
The Rejuvenation Program will ensure EPIC becomes a destination synonymous with events, design, lifestyle and culture, hosting world-class events and shows all year round. Proposed opportunities include:

- New service station and fast food outlet
- New low budget tourist accommodation
- Enhanced camping/caravan ground
- Upgrading of pavilions and buildings, including toilet facilities
- Commercial partnerships – areas identified in attached site plan
- Increased number of events and functions
- Additional community activities hosted through identified weeks, such as 'ACT Seniors Week'
- Improved fencing and signage
- Improved green spaces, landscaping and surrounds
- Educational/tourist facility
- Horse/cycle path
- Equestrian facilities
- Drop in Café
- Improved facilities for visitors to EPIC, such as water bubblers and outdoor seating/shade areas

EPC will review this program on an annual basis.



Exhibition Park In Canberra



NORTHBOURNE AVENUE/FEDERAL HIGHWAY

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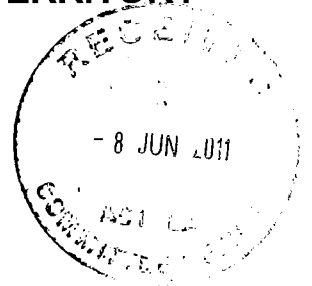
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Asked by Mr John Hargreaves MLA on 27 May 2011: Mr Neale Guthrie took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page: 1343

In relation to :

Will there be any discussions with the Queanbeyan City Council about coughing up their share to the effect of the road pavement leading in and out of the place (Fairbairn Park)?

MINISTER BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) was consulted as part of the preparation of the ACT Motorsport Strategy. At this point there have been no discussions with the QCC in relation to contributing to the cost of improvements or maintenance to Pialligo Avenue as a result of increased visitation to Fairbairn Park. It is expected that the volume increases, resulting from an upgrade of Fairbairn Park, will not be significant compared to the overall volume of traffic using the Pialligo Avenue.

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Asked by MR ZED SESELJA MLA on 27 May 2011: To ask MR BARR MLA the following additional question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1332

In relation to: Fees and charges for unenclosed ovals 2009-2011

- a) Are you able to tell us then, between 2009 and 2011, how much the fees for hire of unenclosed ovals have gone up?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- a) The approved sportsground fees and charges for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 seasons are attached for your information.

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ACT Sportsground Hire Charges

TERRITORY SERVICES DIVISION

Effective 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2011. All prices are GST inclusive.

Enclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Football / Hockey / Ballpark	Admission	Senior \$95.70 Junior \$47.85
	Non-admission	Senior \$61.20 Junior \$30.60
	Training – Ballpark only	Senior \$30.60 Junior \$15.30
Lights – when available	Ball Park and Greenway	\$34.75

Athletics	Admission	Senior \$119.60 Junior \$59.80
	Non-admission	Senior \$91.40 Junior \$45.70
	Training	Senior \$35.00 Junior \$17.50

Unenclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Cricket – Concrete	Matchplay	Senior \$11.30 Junior \$5.65
	Training	Senior \$7.00 Junior \$2.65
Cricket – Synthetic	Matchplay	Senior \$14.00 Junior \$7.00
	Training	Senior \$7.00 Junior \$2.65
Cricket – Turf	Matchplay	Senior \$14.00 Junior \$7.00
	Training	Senior \$7.00 Junior \$2.65

Unenclosed Ovals – cont.		Per hour / per field
Athletics	Matchplay	Senior \$70.30 Junior \$35.15
	Training	Senior \$35.15 Junior \$4.00
Baseball / Softball	Matchplay	Senior \$9.50 Junior \$4.75
	Training	Senior \$4.65 Junior \$2.30
League / Rugby / Gridiron / Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$34.40 Junior \$17.20
	Training	Senior \$17.20 Junior \$4.00
Hockey	Matchplay	Senior \$19.00 Junior \$9.50
	Training	Senior \$9.50 Junior \$3.00
Six-a-side Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$17.30 Junior \$8.65
	Training	Senior \$8.65 Junior \$3.00
Australian Rules	Matchplay	Senior \$34.40 Junior \$17.65
	Training	Senior \$17.65 Junior \$4.00
Touch Football / Oztag	Matchplay	Senior \$9.90 Junior \$4.95
	Training	Senior \$4.95 Junior \$2.45

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Unenclosed Ovals – cont.		Per hour / per field
Ultimate	Matchplay	Senior \$10.60 Junior \$5.30
	Training	Senior \$5.30 Junior \$2.65
Netball – grass court	Matchplay	Senior \$4.40 Junior \$2.20
	Training	Senior \$2.20 Junior \$1.10
Narrabundah Velodrome		Per hour
Competition	Senior	\$25.70
	Junior	\$12.85
Training	Senior	\$12.85
	Junior	\$4.00
Non-cycling use		\$25.50
Multi Purpose Synthetic (Nicholls 1)		Per hour
Competition (all sports)	Senior	\$61.20
	Junior	\$30.60
Training (all sports)	Senior	\$30.60
	Junior	\$15.30
Competition – half field (all sports)	Senior	\$30.60
	Junior	\$15.30
Training – half field (all sports)	Senior	\$15.30
	Junior	\$7.65
Floodlights – Competition	All	\$34.75
Floodlights – Training	All	\$15.05

Extra Charges		Per hour
Sundry – Unenclosed Oval – Fete / Archery / Presentation day		\$8.40
Sundry – Enclosed Oval		\$30.65
Bootcamps		\$17.50
Floodlights – Training		\$15.05
Electricity only		\$6.10
Pavilion		\$15.05

Portable Seating		
Sporting Hire		per week or part thereof
Commercial Hire		per week or part thereof

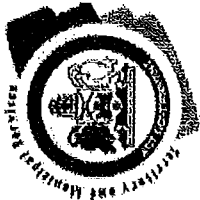
Hall Showground		
BBQ Area		per session
9.00 am – 3.00 pm		\$90.75
3.00 pm – 9.00 pm		
Equestrian Area		per day
Hartley Lifecare Markets		per day
Commercial Hire		per day
		\$1,576.50

Yarralumla Woolshed		
Daily Hire		\$500
Security Deposit		\$500

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Touch Football / Oztag / Ultimate	Matchplay	Senior \$9.60 Junior \$4.80
	Training	Senior \$4.80 Junior \$1.70
Netball – grass court	Matchplay	Senior \$4.30 Junior \$2.15
	Training	Senior \$2.15 Junior \$1.70
Narrabundah Velodrome		Per hour
Competition	Senior	\$24.90
	Junior	\$12.45
Training	Senior	\$12.45
	Junior	\$2.35
Non-cycling use		\$24.65
Extra Charges		Per hour
Sundry – Unenclosed Oval – Fete / Archery / Presentation day		\$8.15
Sundry – Enclosed Oval		\$29.55
Bootcamps		\$16.95
Floodlights – Training		\$14.55
Electricity only		\$5.90
Pavilion		\$14.55

Portable Seating		per week or part thereof	\$47.00 per unit
Sporting Hire		per week or part thereof	\$47.00 per unit
Commercial Hire		per week or part thereof	\$162.00 per unit
Hall Showground			
BBQ Area 9.00 am – 3.00 pm 3.00 pm – 9.00 pm		per session	\$87.70
	Equestrian Area	per day	\$53.90
Hartley Lifecare Markets	per day		\$202.55
Commercial Hire	per day		\$1,523.20
Yarralumla Woolshed			
Daily Hire			\$500
Security Deposit			\$500

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Enclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Football / Hockey / Ballpark	Admission	Senior \$92.50 Junior \$46.25
	Non-admission	Senior \$59.30 Junior \$29.65
	Training – Ballpark only	Senior \$29.65 Junior \$14.80
Lights – when available	Ball Park and Greenway	\$33.60
Athletics	Admission	Senior \$115.60 Junior \$57.80
	Non-admission	Senior \$88.40 Junior \$44.20
	Training	Senior \$33.90 Junior \$16.95
Unenclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Cricket – Concrete	Matchplay	Senior \$11.00 Junior \$5.50
	Training	Senior \$5.50 Junior \$1.70
Cricket – Synthetic	Matchplay	Senior \$13.60 Junior \$6.80
	Training	Senior \$6.80 Junior \$1.70
Cricket – Turf	Matchplay	Senior \$13.60 Junior \$6.80
	Training	Senior \$6.80 Junior \$1.70

Unenclosed Ovals – cont.		Per hour / per field
Athletics	Matchplay	Senior \$68.00 Junior \$34.00
	Training	Senior \$34.00 Junior \$3.65
Baseball / Softball	Matchplay	Senior \$9.25 Junior \$4.65
	Training	Senior \$4.65 Junior \$1.70
League / Rugby / Gridiron / Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$33.25 Junior \$16.65
	Training	Senior \$16.65 Junior \$1.70
Hockey	Matchplay	Senior \$18.45 Junior \$9.30
	Training	Senior \$9.30 Junior \$1.70
Six-a-side Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$16.80 Junior \$8.40
	Training	Senior \$8.40 Junior \$1.70
Australian Rules	Matchplay	Senior \$34.20 Junior \$17.10
	Training	Senior \$17.10 Junior \$1.70

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Enclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Football / Hockey / Ballpark	Admission	Senior \$88.70 Junior \$44.30
	Non-admission	Senior \$57.30 Junior \$28.60
	Training – Ballpark only	Senior \$28.60 Junior \$14.20
Lights – when available	Ball Park and Greenway	\$32.50
Athletics	Admission	Senior \$110.85 Junior \$55.35
	Non-admission	Senior \$84.75 Junior \$42.30
	Training	Senior \$32.50 Junior \$16.20
Unenclosed Ovals		Per hour / per field
Cricket – Concrete	Matchplay	Senior \$10.65 Junior \$5.25
	Training	Senior \$6.50 Junior \$1.65
Cricket – Synthetic	Matchplay	Senior \$13.00 Junior \$6.50
	Training	Senior \$6.50 Junior \$1.65
Cricket – Turf	Matchplay	Senior \$13.00 Junior \$6.50
	Training	Senior \$6.50 Junior \$1.65

Unenclosed Ovals – cont.		Per hour / per field
Athletics	Matchplay	Senior \$65.20 Junior \$32.50
	Training	Senior \$32.50 Junior \$3.50
Baseball / Softball	Matchplay	Senior \$8.95 Junior \$4.35
	Training	Senior \$4.35 Junior \$1.65
League / Rugby / Gridiron / Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$32.15 Junior \$16.00
	Training	Senior \$16.00 Junior \$1.65
Hockey	Matchplay	Senior \$17.85 Junior \$8.80
	Training	Senior \$8.80 Junior \$1.65
Six-a-side Soccer	Matchplay	Senior \$16.10 Junior \$7.95
	Training	Senior \$7.95 Junior \$1.65
Australian Rules	Matchplay	Senior \$32.80 Junior \$16.40
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Unenclosed Ovals – cont.		Per hour / per field
Touch Football / Oztag / Ultimate	Matchplay	Senior \$9.20 Junior \$4.45
	Training	Senior \$4.45 Junior \$1.65
Netball – grass court	Matchplay	Senior \$4.10 Junior \$1.95
	Training	Senior \$1.95 Junior \$1.65
Narrabundah Velodrome		Per hour
Competition	Senior	\$23.85
	Junior	\$11.75
Training	Senior	\$11.75
	Junior	\$2.30
Non-cycling use		\$23.85
Extra Charges		Per hour
Sundry – Unenclosed Oval – Fete / Archery / Presentation day		\$7.90
Sundry – Enclosed Oval		\$28.55
Bootcamps		\$16.20
Floodlights – Training		\$14.10
Electricity only		\$5.70
Pavilion		\$14.10
Portable Seating		
Sporting Hire		per week or part thereof \$45.45 per unit
Commercial Hire		per week or part thereof \$156.60 per unit
Hall Showground		
BBQ Area 9.00 am – 3.00 pm 3.00 pm – 9.00 pm		per session \$84.75
Equestrian Area		per day \$52.10
Hartley Lifecare Markets		per day \$195.70
Commercial Hire		per day \$1,471.10
Yarralumla Woolshed		
Daily Hire		\$500
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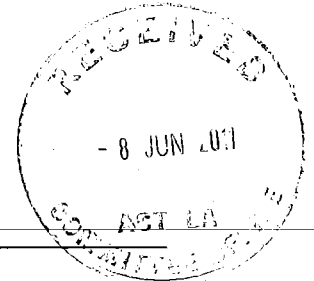
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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth on 25 May 2011: Dr Maxine Cooper took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 25-05-11 Page 996

In relation to: the administrative adjustment in our 2010-11 budget

Dr Maxine Cooper: The answer to Mr Smyth's question is as follows:

The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate's Finance area advises the following:

A rollover of \$318k was included in the output cost of the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment in error. The actual budget for the Commissioner for 2010-11 is \$1,618k which consists of \$1,189k in base funding plus \$429k in rolled over funding which will fund the preparation of the State of the Environment report and ongoing investigations.

An amended output table is as follows:

	<i>Total Cost</i>		<i>EBT Payment for Outputs</i>	
	<i>2010-11 Est. Outcome \$'000</i>	<i>2011-12 Budget \$'000</i>	<i>2010-11 Est. Outcome \$'000</i>	<i>2011-12 Budget \$'000</i>
<i>EBT Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment</i>	<i>1,621</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>1,618</i>	<i>n/a</i>

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The incorrectly allocated rollover (\$318k) related to funding which was inadvertently transferred to DECCEW as part of the Administrative Arrangements in 2008. In order to allow the return of this money to TAMS, a rollover was requested of the over allocated funding from TAMS from 2009-10 to 2010-11. The situation has now been rectified and no further adjustments are required.

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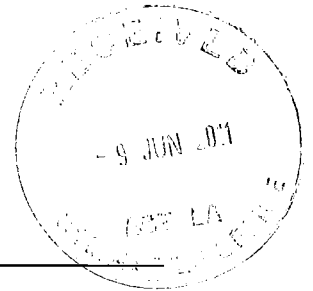
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Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 26 May 2011: Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 99

In relation to: Jamison Centre

MR COE: I think whether it is in, like, a fact sheet form or in some statement, I think it would be worthwhile having on the website what that process is, as briefly as possible, and giving some context to where the master plans actually sit, because that is certainly a question that we regularly get.

Mr Corbell: All right.

MR COE: And the meeting that I host where we had two—

Mr Corbell: We can do that.

MR COE: Thank you—where we had 230 people at the meeting, that was one of the issues that came up repeatedly.

Mr Corbell: Sure, very happy to do that, Mr Coe.

MR COE: It is just where the master plans actually sit and what is that process. So that certainly might help.

Mr Corbell: Sure, very happy to do that.

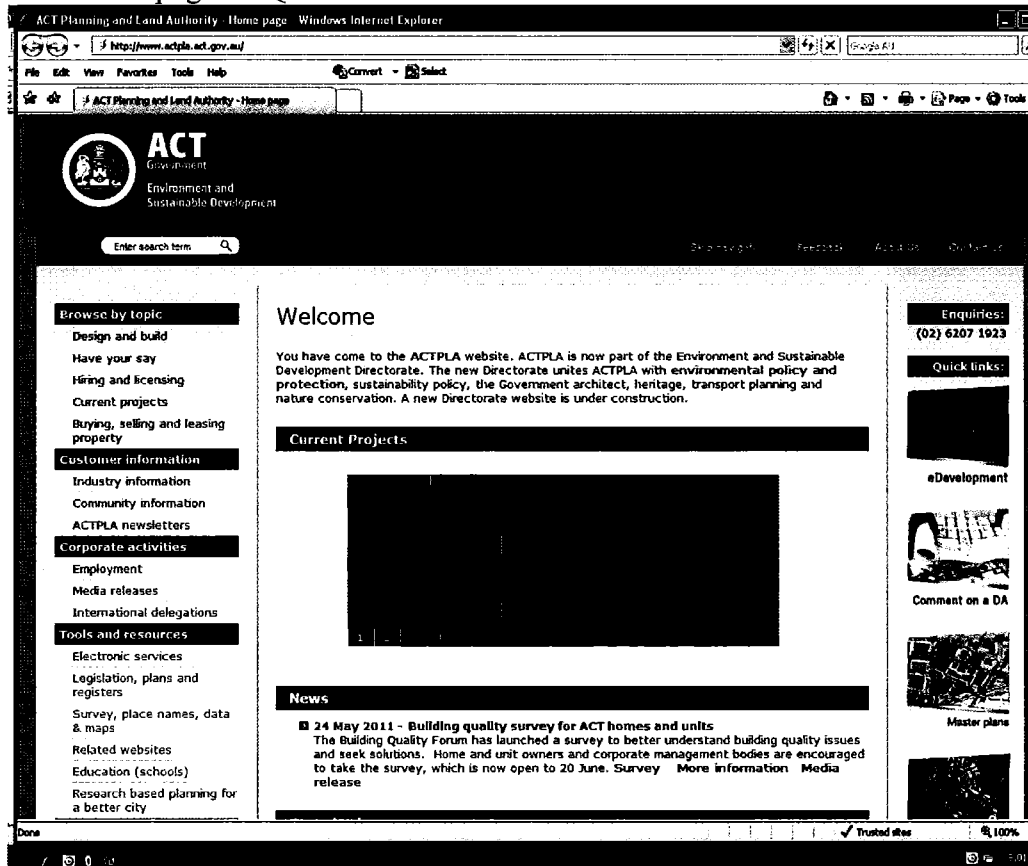
Simon Corbell MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACTPLA website contains a page for master plans (www.actpla.act.gov.au/masterplans), which details:

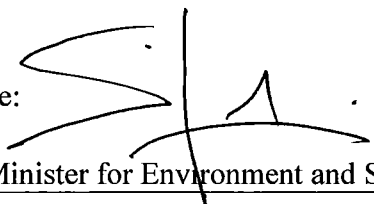
- What is a master plan?
- Who prepares a master plan?
- How is a master plan prepared?
- How is a master plan implemented?

The page also includes links to current master planning projects, and completed master plans.

To improve master plans visibility on the website, a Master Plan button has been added to the homepage in 'Quick Links' – see below:



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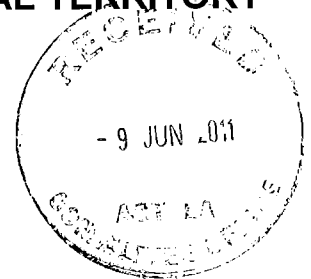
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Jeremy Hanson MLA on 26 May 2011 : Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 117

In relation to : Infrastructure projects

MR HANSON: Listen, these do appear to be systemic issues. I mean we see them repeated and I am just trying to look to see whether that is the case. Can you point to a project of significance that has been delivered on time, on budget and on scope by this government?

Mr Corbell: Stage 1 John Gorton Drive.

MR HANSON: Do you have any others? I mean, ten years of delivering projects of significance, could we—

Mr Corbell: Well, I would be very happy to provide a list, Mr Hanson, should you wish.

MR HANSON: You cannot think of any right now? You have got your passion for planning that you talked about earlier. You cannot name a single project and you are having to get advice from your department officials to try and come up with one, in ten years, that has been delivered on time, on budget and on scale?

Mr Corbell: Believe it or not, Mr Hanson, I do not walk around with a list of infrastructure projects in my head and their completion dates, target and actual.

Simon Corbell MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as it relates to examples of works projects undertaken by ACTPLA is as follows:—

Major infrastructure projects completed on time, on budget and on scope by this government include:

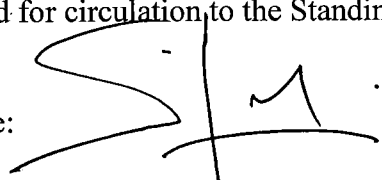
- Lawson South – Ginninderra and Aikman Drives Intersection Upgrade (\$2.5 million, expected completion by early 2011/12 which is approximately ten months ahead of the programmed completion date of June 2012)
- Bonner – Western Distributor Road and Sewer (\$11 million, expected completion by

early 2011/12 which is also approximately ten months ahead of the programmed completion date of June 2012)

- Coombs and Wright – Water Supply (\$2 million, completed August 2010)
- Gundaroo Drive Water Main (\$1.8 million, completed June 2007)
- Bonner Water Quality Control Pond (\$3 million, completed April 2006)
- East O'Malley Infrastructure (\$2 million, completed November 2005)
- North Watson Access Road and Stormwater (\$2 million, completed October 2005)
- Amaroo Infrastructure Stage 3 (\$1.5 million, completed June 2005)
- Gungaharra Creek Stormwater Infrastructure Stage 1 (\$1 million, completed June 2005)
- Horse Park Drive – Katherine Avenue South to Katherine Avenue North (\$2.8 million, completed August 2004)
- Horse Park Drive – Katherine Avenue to Community Precinct (\$1.6 million, completed June 2004)
- Water Main to Service Conder 4 (\$0.5 million, completed June 2004)
- Amaroo North Infrastructure Stage 2 (\$0.9 million, completed June 2002)
- Amaroo North Infrastructure Stage 1 (\$0.95 million, completed June 2002)
- Amaroo Neighbourhood Oval (\$0.56 million, completed June 2002)
- Point Hut Pond GPT and Floodway (\$0.81 million, completed June 2002)
- Gundaroo Drive/Horse Park Drive Access to Amaroo (\$4.65 million, completed June 2002)
- Gordon - Jim Pike Avenue Extension (\$1.43 million, completed June 2002)
- Gordon – Knoke Avenue Infrastructure (\$1.1 million, completed June 2002)

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Asked by Brendan Smyth on 26 May 2011 : Craig Simmons Director Construction Services Branch ACTPLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 104

In relation to :

THE CHAIR: Sure. Just a final on that whole issue of assessment, Mr Seselja asked some questions earlier about energy rating assessments. I had heard that some of the assessors were having trouble getting insurance. Is that correct?

Mr Simmons: That has not been raised with me, but I can look into it for you.

THE CHAIR: Yes, could you? That is great. Thanks very much.

Mr Simmons: Yes, if you have got anything specific that would help.

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

Registered assessors have been expected to hold professional indemnity insurance from the commencement of the ACT House Energy Rating Scheme. No particular concerns have been reported to ACTPLA about new entrants to the industry gaining insurance.

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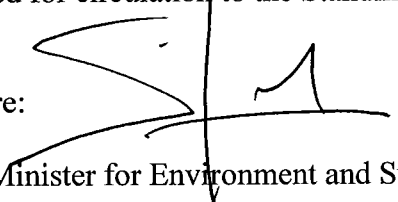
The only reported problems in the transfer to licensing have been with a small number of insurance documents not specifically listing provision of energy efficiency assessments as an activity covered by the policy and some individuals working for a business not having personal policies.

In cases where the scope of the insurance is not clear licensing staff verify the coverage of the policy with the applicant and their insurer.

Where individuals are not personally insured, applicants are able to use their employer's insurance and if the applicant is eligible the licence is issued with a condition that it is valid only for work undertaken for that employer.

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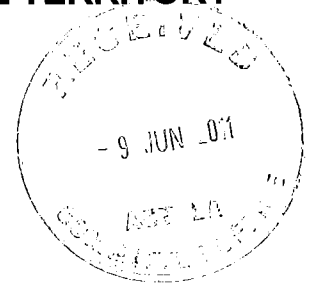
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Asked by Zed Seselja MLA on 26 May 2011: Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 135

In relation to: Dame Pattie Menzies House upgrade

MR SESELJA: There you go. It is amazing what an upgrade can do. The average per square metre per person at Dame Pattie Menzies?

Mr Savery: I cannot tell you off the top of my head, but I think it is in the report on the ACT government office building, because they did an assessment of—

Mr Corbell: We will take it on notice, Mr Seselja.

Mr Savery: Yes, we will have to take it on notice.

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

At the end of June 2010 the average use of space per employee at Dame Pattie Menzies House (DPMH) was 16.04 m² (refer ACTPLA Annual Report 2009-10).

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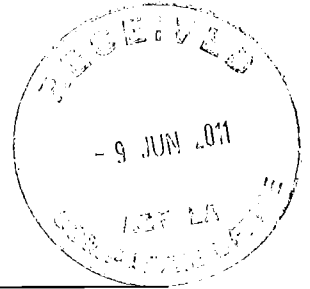
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Asked by Zed Seselja MLA on 26 May 2011 : Neil Savery, Chief Planning Executive ACTPLA and Simon Corbell MLAtook on notice the following questions:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 pages 127/128

In relation to: East lake

MR SESELJA: Just going back to that question though, what is the estimate of how long it would take whether you stage it or not? If you were to undertake that task of removal, what is the estimate?

Mr Savery: Look, I could not answer that question without asking one of the engineers, yes.

MR SESELJA: Okay, could you ask one of the engineers for us? The—

THE CHAIR: Sorry, you will take that on notice?

Mr Savery: Yes, we will take that on notice.

THE CHAIR: Yes, cool. Just for the benefit of the committee, could you provide a map which shows the 180 hectares and the 120—

Mr Savery: I am speaking figuratively so—

THE CHAIR: Well, whatever, could you—is there a map of—

Mr Corbell: Yes, we can do that.

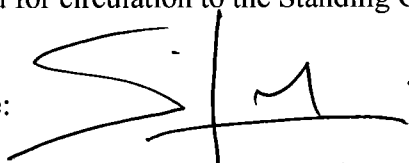
Simon Corbell MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The amount of uncontrolled fill and contaminated material on site is in excess of 1.1 million tonnes (equivalent to over 600,000m³). Drawing a comparison, the whole of Canberra generated approximately 800,000 tonnes of domestic, industrial and commercial waste in 2008-09. The proposed remediation actions comprise extensive works including removal of contamination hot spots, excavation, segregation and screening of uncontrolled fill in order to extract material that can be reused on site. The time frame is highly dependent on the scale of resources engaged on site and the staging program for development. Ballpark estimates based on engagement of equipment and workforce at a moderate level would facilitate remediation of the entire site within 3 years. Another study comprising a review of the Remedial Action Plan and cost estimates is currently in progress and will be finalised by end June 2011.

The provided map shows the area of developable land of approximately 180Ha and the area of approximately 30Ha confirmed to be affected by uncontrolled fill and contamination. An additional 5-10Ha of potentially contaminated land is located within the rail corridor and can not be investigated while the railway station and the corridor are operational.

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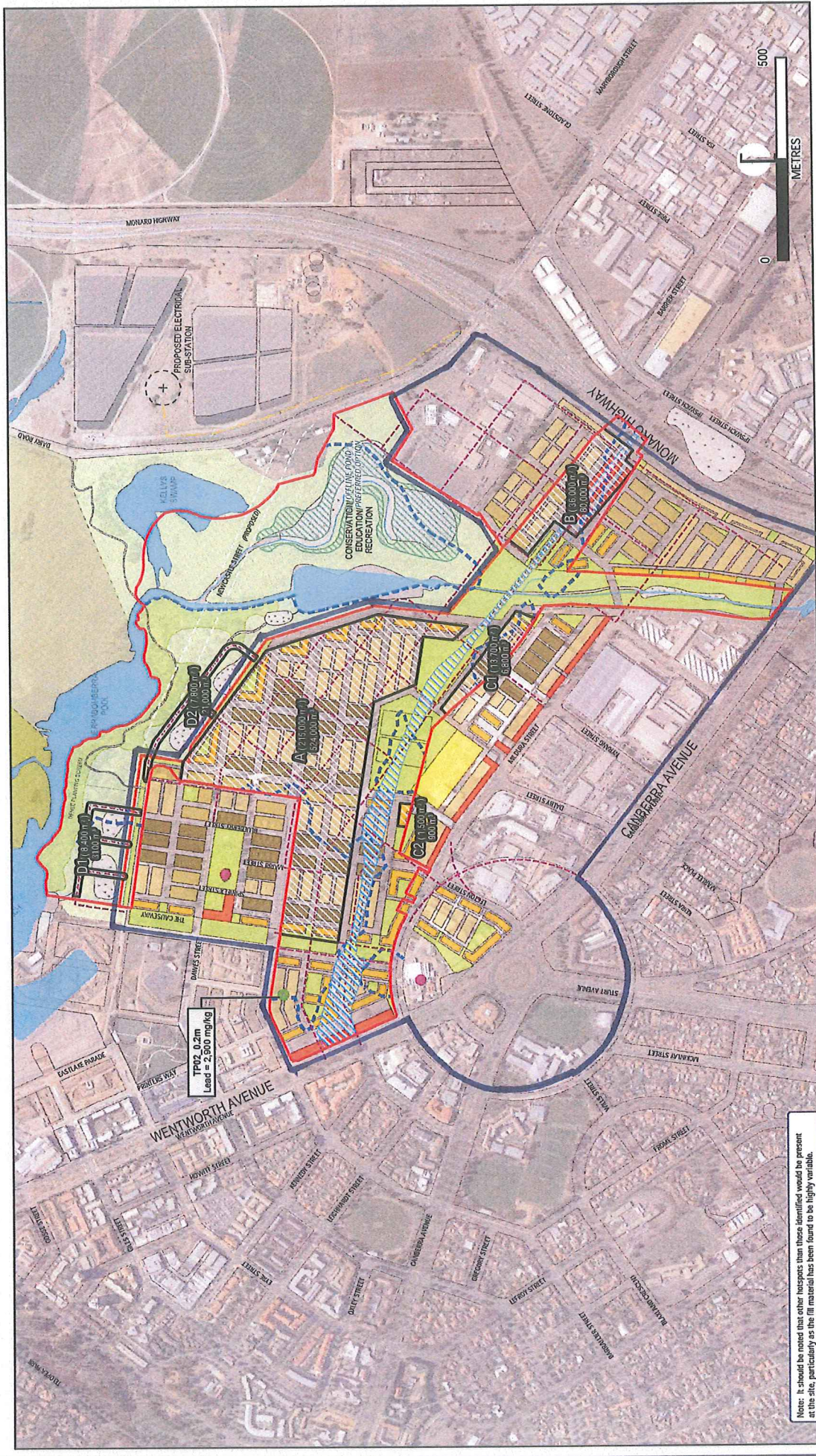
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- Proposed roadworks / earthworks (identified in the Draft Planning Report, 2007)
- Fill extent as investigated by PB, 2010
- Railway corridor excluded from investigations
- Heritage items
- Multi unit type
- Compact type
- Terrace type
- Mews type
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- Commercial
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Figure 5: Proposed remediation areas
ACT Planning and Land Authority

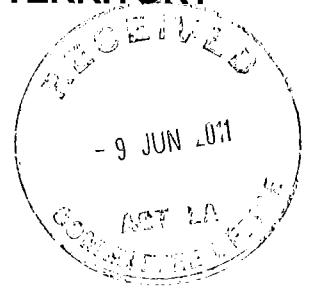
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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 26 May 2011: Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 139

In relation to: North Weston Pond Reports

THE CHAIR: All right, I might just have a question before we go to a final from Mr Seselja and then a final from Ms Le Couteur.

Minister, on page 19 of the auditor-general's report number 3 of 2011 concerning the North Weston pond project, there are a number of consultants and contractors and their roles and responsibilities. Many of them produced a report, is it possible for the committee to have copies of those reports please?

Mr Corbell: We will take it on notice and seek some advice on those matters.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, minister.

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

We provide the following information:

- o CD containing the investigation and design reports prepared by the consultants and contractors as listed on Page 19 of the Auditor General's report.
- o A paper copy of the Site Audit Report for Block 1204 - Former Pine Plantation in Weston Creek.

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Asked by Zed Seselja MLA on 26 May 2011] : Ben Ponton, Director, Development Services Branch ACTPLA took on notice the following questions:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 pages 92 and 93

In relation to:

MR SESELJA: One of those problems that has been identified when we speak to the traders is it has been particularly exacerbated as a result of a new development that is going ahead there next to the gym and I think an expansion of the gym services. So those two things coming together. When that development was approved what consideration was given and what conditions if any were put in place to ensure that adequate car parking did exist.

Mr Savery: I might refer this to Mr Ben Ponton to deal with the specifics but any development application that has major car parking and traffic management issues associated with it will always be referred to our colleagues in TAMS in the transport planning area and we will obviously take their advice on the implications. And typically, and Mr Ponton may be able to confirm this, on a project such as that in the location that it exists, and I am very familiar with the project you are referring to, we would seek traffic management report as part of the submission for the application.

Mr Ponton: Ben Ponton, director of development services. Mr Savery is correct in what he said that that application for the expansion of the gym did remove some car parking spaces and obviously increased the GFO. It was referred to Territory and Municipal Services for advice. They looked very carefully at the traffic and parking issues and they did support the application. In addition to that as I recall for that particular proposal, and it has been some time since I have reviewed that, but the crown lease did also provide for the provision of car parking off site and that was also looked at by TAMS and in terms of the provision rate that was included in the lease development ...(indistinct)... [3.03.53]

But I can certainly provide some more detailed information for you on notice.

MR SESELJA: Yes. When are those assessments done? Because if you do go down to that area, you know, on a Friday night or a Saturday night in particular you can barely move and that was true before lease developments were there. So how is that taken into account in assessing the impact of this development?

Mr Ponton: Again I would need to look at the specifics of that particular proposal but in the normal course of events when a traffic study is prepared the consultant who is preparing that study will go and look at what is occurring on site and different times of the day and also if it is in a school holiday period for example they will also look during school time.

MR SESELJA: Is that study public, that traffic study?

Mr Ponton: It would be yes.

MR SESELJA: Are you able to provide it to the committee or point just to areas?

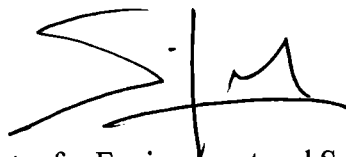
Mr Ponton: I can provide you—

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

Development Application (DA) No. 200914847 sought approval for a 432m² extension to the Southern Canberra Gymnastics Club located on Gartside Street Wanniasa, (Block 4 Section 293 Wanniasa). The car parking for the development is required to be provided at a rate of 2 car spaces per 100m² of gross floor area. The development generated an additional 8.6 car spaces and a traffic study was not deemed warranted for this scale of development. DA200914847 was referred to Territory and Municipal Services who advised the development is supported.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE



Asked by Shane Rattenbury MLA on 26 May 2011: Craig Simmons, Director, Construction Services, ACTPLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 101

In relation to: Polarised isolators on the roof

MR RATTENBURY: I wanted to ask some questions about the safety inspections for solar installations, Mr Simmons' area. I received a letter from Minister Barr on 2 May in response to questions that I had posed and in that letter he said:

“It is important to clarify there are only two sets of enforceable standards in the ACT, the Australian Wiring Rules ASNZ3000, and the ActewAGL Service and Installation Rules, or the S&I Rules.”

Is that a correct summation of what is applicable in the ACT?

Mr Simmons: Within ACT law, yes.

MR RATTENBURY: Or within the ACT?

Mr Simmons: Well, those laws—are you—is that—Chair, is the question you are asking is what is the role of the Clean Energy Council's—

MR RATTENBURY: I believe there is a number of other—

Mr Simmons: —role in this?

MR RATTENBURY: Yes, I believe there is a number of other standards such as AS5033.

Mr Simmons: 5033 are—they are all partner standards. They are all called up by AS3000. So what happens is that when you go to do an installation like this, it then references within AS3000. AS3000 is the principal standard. Everything else is subordinate, so are dragged through because of it. So that is why AS3000 is the—because the electrician is licensed and is required to work in accordance with that and all of its referenced standards. Those other standards are reference standards within AS3000.

MR RATTENBURY: So does that also apply to AS4777, the grid connection standards, as well?

Mr Simmons: 4777, yes, is a reference standard too.

MR RATTENBURY: Okay, thank you. And in the same letter Minister Barr made reference to the use of DC circuit breakers for when it comes to solar installations. Are they actually used in solar installation? My understanding is they are not.

Mr Simmons: There is a debate within the industry about this and they have been used in other jurisdictions and it has caused some degree of problems and people have sought to use them as DC switches which they are not and that is where the confusion has been at a national level. It is identified here because our inspection rate is 100 per cent which is by far and away superior to any other jurisdiction in the country.

MR RATTENBURY: I wanted to ask then in that vein, and the minister touched on the double inspections in energy estimates the other day, but in the ACT when the safety inspectors come out to a property to inspect, do they go up on the roof to check that the polarised isolators have been installed correctly?

Mr Simmons: There are—the answer to that is it depends, but progressively as the—we, like every other regulator in the country, have been learning on the job as these—we are further ahead than anybody else and our inspection techniques and what we inspect for has changed. Up until early this year we were considered to be aberrant in a requirement for having rooftop isolators.

And in fact, the Clean Energy Council and a number of their people argued that we were inconsistent with the rules for requiring them. The floods in Queensland sort of put that one to bed because once the sun came out and the water was still there, they started generating again. And without a rooftop isolator it is a very difficult disconnection job, as in it is not possible. We sort of won that debate but that has been sort of three to four years of being told we were wrong by others. We insist on that.

Over the time we do get on the roof now more than—where the roof is safe for our inspectors to get on it. So we—say there is occupational health and safety law we must abide by as well. Now, the safety inspection we are doing is to ensure that there are no electrical faults within the system. And so each installation is judged on its merits about its safety but there are certainly—you know, I would not say that we are on—that we climb on every roof but we do inspect on the roofs as well.

MR RATTENBURY: Just so that I understand correctly, do all installed systems have a polarised isolator on the roof?

Mr Simmons: I would have to get back to you on whether they are all isolated on the roof, and our—I will have to confirm with you the exact detail because there was a debate this week about that, whether we actually—the preference is to use non-polarised switching devices because that takes the issue away.

MR RATTENBURY: I get it, yes. I understand that is the emerging trend.

Mr Simmons: Yes.

MR RATTENBURY: But so if you do not get on the roof to check the isolators on all occasions, how do you know that they are installed correctly?

Mr Simmons: Because you can test the polarisation at the inverter.

MR RATTENBURY: Okay.

Mr Simmons: Because you will know where the—because it comes down as DC to the inverter.

MR RATTENBURY: Okay, thank you. And regarding electrical licensees, again the minister made some reference to the loss of demerit points. Have any electrical licensees in the ACT lost demerit points because of the installation of solar systems specifically?

Mr Simmons: Many, many. The Registrar has cancelled six electrical licenses so far this year.

MR RATTENBURY: And have they been because of solar or have they been for a range of reasons?

Mr Simmons: Some of them for a range of reasons. Two in particular are two—which were people who came from New South Wales, had a licence for exactly one month, because between the pair of them they managed to get 76 demerit points on the first time they submitted material to us.

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

No, polarised isolator are not installed on all roof based PV installation. However, all roof installations of PV arrays do have a form of isolation on the roof.

The form of isolation has varied over time as new and improved products have come to the market. Current best practice for isolating PV arrays at the panel is by the use of double pole DC isolating switches.


The use of polarised isolators has reduced significantly over this time as double pole DC isolating switches have become more cost effective and readily available.

In April of 2011 the Chief Electrical inspector advised the ACT electrical industry that the use of polarised DC switches will not be acceptable as a roof top isolating device after 1 July 2011.

Polarised isolating switches will remain as an acceptable isolating device but only at the inverter.

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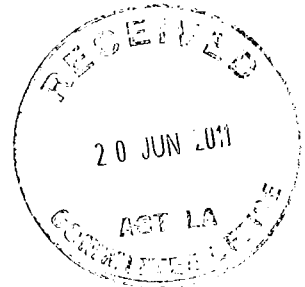
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Asked by Caroline Le Couteur on 26 May 2011 : Ben Ponton, Director, Development Services Branch ACTPLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 page 110

In relation to :

MS LE COUTEUR: Good. Why is there no change of use charge valuation attached to the current DA application, given my understanding that it is one of the things that you are supposed to do?

Mr Ponton: I would need to have a look at that in more detail. My understanding is that the proposal does include a variation to the lease and therefore there should be a valuation report with a before-and-after value identified. But I can certainly clarify that for you.

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

- a) A Valuation Report was submitted in support of the lease variation component of the Development Application;
- b) The Before Value (V1) identified in the Report at (a) above is \$1,365,000; and
- c) The After Value (V2) identified in the Report at (a) above is \$1,410,000.

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

Asked by Meridith Hunter MLA and Caroline Le Couteur MLA on 26 May 2011: Neil Savery Chief Planning Executive ACTPLA and Craig Simmons Director, Construction Services Branch, ACTPLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 May 2011 pages 132-133

In relation to : Service Stations and Extensions of Time

MS HUNTER: It was around the Budget Paper 4, page 303. Or Budget Paper 3, 102. But it is around the accelerated development of unused leased land in established areas, and I just wanted to get an update in terms of the non-compliant leases. Are there particular sites which you are able to let us know about, that are on some sort of list?

Mr Corbell: Are you able to answer that?

Mr Savery: Yes. Again, I might ask Mr Simmons to elaborate, but this is essentially additional funding to assist us in ensuring compliance with some of the questions that have been asked already about—around lease and development covenants, particularly on residential properties that have remained undeveloped.

You know, a conservative estimate is that there are several hundred properties that remain undeveloped and have now exceeded their development conditions, which is another 500 houses or so that could be on the market.

MS HUNTER: So that is a mixture of sort of green fields land and also those that are burnt by bushfires? What are we—

Mr Savery: No, no, no, no, no. This is not bushfire related. There is a separate initiative around bushfires, and most of the properties that were affected by the bushfires have now been redeveloped, I think there is maybe half a dozen.

The fact that they are not operating as a service station now is where the complexity of the issue is, because those leases were typically commonwealth, so they have been written a long time ago and when it comes to trying to ensure that the activity is continuing the way that use it defined, it becomes very, very difficult to enforce because it could be a case of the owner or the lessee only has to go onto the site one day a year, open up the petrol bowers; they have used the service station in accordance with their lease.

It is very difficult to enforce. So it is a “softly, softly” approach to try and get them over the line. A combination of those that have been sold where DAs have been issued for redevelopment to ensure that as much as possible and hence the government’s waiver of the change of use charge, assist them in increasing the viability of the site.

MS HUNTER: And how has that gone, Mr Savery? Because it was introduced and then it was extended the following budget.

Mr Savery: Yes.

MS HUNTER: How many did you get over the line with that particular initiative? Because I know particularly out in Page—

Mr Corbell: Take the question on notice.

Mr Savery: Yes, I will take that on notice.

MS HUNTER: That would be great, because I am particularly interested in a number in Ginninderra, including Page, which has been a thorn in the side of many residents for a long time.

Mr Savery: Yes. Suffice to say that a number of them came to us, they have advanced their projects but there are still issues around project feasibility and the polluters of the service station still needing to decontaminate the site. The other initiative that the government undertook that we also believe will assist in advancing not only those projects but commercial development sites that are affected by contaminated material; Braddon being a really good example, is that the government has created a land farm out at the Belconnen tip where—

MS HUNTER: Yes, to take the soil.

Mr Savery: And one of the real hindrances that we did not appreciate when the government first offered the waiver was that that only got you so far, but what was really costing them was the cartage of contaminated material outside of the ACT. Putting material back in the site that then itself got contaminated at a lower level and that had to get carted back out. That issue has also been resolved.

MS LE COUTEUR: Have you any idea of the quantum of sites that you are looking at?

Mr Savery: Yes, I think it is more likely to be a number than a location.

Mr Simmons: An individual site.

MS LE COUTEUR: Numbers would be useful. Have you any idea of the motivation of the people who are not developing? Are they land banking because they are hoping for something better?

Mr Corbell: There can be a whole range of reasons, Ms Le Couteur. There can be intractable or very difficult family circumstances that result in just people not being able to focus on issues about the future use of land, there can be financial reasons, there can be any number of reasons.

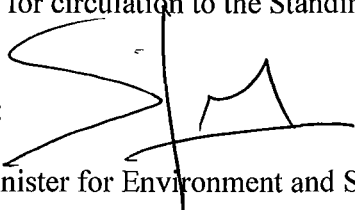
Simon Corbell MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

No service station sites took advantage of the CUC remission over the last 2 budget cycles. There were a number of service station proprietors who had been working towards compliance with the Disallowable Instrument (DI) but unfortunately they were unable to meet the timeframes in the DI which has since expired.

ACTPLA has received a proposal (DA201017439) that was submitted for a lodgement check with respect to the Page Service Station however, this was not finalised by the applicant and therefore has not been formally lodged.

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Asked by MR HARGREAVES on 18 May 2011: MR HAMISH MCNULTY took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 May 2011 Page 277-278

In relation to : Government Office Building Net Assets

1. What is the net gain in assets to the Territory as a result of this project?

MR BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The net gain in assets as a result of the Government Office Complex project and consequential moves is \$56 million upon project completion (Year 5). This incorporates the use of the Territory's cash to construct the building, the sales of existing assets, and refurbishment and fit-out works on other leased buildings.

The asset (building and fit-out) is depreciated over their useful life. The gain in net assets by Year 25 is \$20 million (excluding asset revaluations throughout the useful life of the building).

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**NEEDS OF ACT STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY – PROGRESS REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REPORT 5 OF STANDING
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATE HEARINGS

**Presented by
Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for the Education and Training
June 2011**

(Tabled on 23 June 2011)

NEEDS OF ACT STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

PROGRESS REPORT MAY 2011

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
1.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate support the capacity for cross-sector dialogue and information and skills sharing on best practice in the delivery of disability education services between government and non-government education systems	Agreed	The Cross-Sectoral Disability Steering Group has been formed and meets regularly. It is comprised of representatives from the public, independent and Catholic school systems.
2.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate liaise with the non-government education sector to ensure consistency in the descriptors of educational services.	Agreed	Common descriptors of education services are addressed as an activity of the Cross Sectoral Disability Education Steering Group.
3.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate confer with the providers and users of educational services to ACT students with disabilities regarding any proposed changes to service names.	Agreed	Changes to service descriptions are tabled at the meeting of the Disability Education Reference Group. Work has begun on the <i>Excellence in Disability Education in ACT Public Schools</i> Strategic Priority 3 - The development of a parent guide to disability education that describes services, processes and policies. This guide will incorporate a clear description to providers and users the names and functions of all disability education services. The parent/carer sub-committee of the Disability Reference Group is providing advice on the content of this guide.
4.	The Committee recommends that Individual Learning Plans should be developed as a formal benchmarking tool which will assist in the refinement of teaching strategies at the classroom level and be able to measure the level of success of schools in the delivery of educational services to students with disabilities.	Agreed	This recommendation has been incorporated into the <i>Excellence in Disability Education Strategic Plan 2010-2013</i> . The timeline for completion is 2011 - 2012.

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
			Development and Youth Senior Officials (AEEYSOC) and the Ministerial Council on Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA) for endorsement
8.	The Committee recommends that the ACT Government review the <i>ACT Discrimination Act 1991</i> to ensure consistency with the provisions set out in the <i>Commonwealth Discrimination Act 1992</i> .	Agreed	The ACT Government made a commitment in the Canberra Plan to review the <i>Discrimination Act 1991</i> . In addition, the Human Rights Commission recently provided advice on the specific issue of reasonable accommodation. While it is not certain in advance of the results of the review that it is necessary to amend the current Act to ensure consistency with the Commonwealth Act, the Attorney General will ask that consistency with the Commonwealth Act be taken into account in the proposed review.
9.	The Committee recommends that the Minister for Education and Training provide an explanation to the Legislative Assembly as to why the estimated average cost of providing education services to students with disabilities in mainstream public schools has not been subject to the same cost pressures as other service delivery costs and why the percentage growth in this cost between 1999 and 2008 is nearly half that of other percentage estimate average cost growth.	Noted	<p>The total cost derived for this output class did not appropriately attribute the enrolment growth and the complexity of need of students with a disability. Some weighting of these cost pressures was attributed to output class 1.1 to 1.3.</p> <p>In 2009-10 financial statements, the enrolment growth and complexity in need (output class 1.4) is appropriately attributed to reflect the true cost of special education in both the mainstream and special schools. The cost of special education is reported through the Directorate's annual report process.</p>

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
12.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate undertake exit interviews with students with disability and their parents or carers who move from mainstream to special schools to identify common concerns or reasons for student movements.	Agreed	The Education and Training Directorate is developing a process, involving students with a disability and their parent or carers, to identify common concerns and/or reasons for students exiting a program, or moving from one program to another.
13.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate provide details in the Annual Report of the delivery of special needs transport services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of students accessing service; • Numbers of trips per annum; • Details of average and longest trips; and • Adverse events on transport services. 	Agreed in part	Number of students accessing service and the number of formal complaints will be published in the Annual Report 2010-2011.
14.	The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate provide information at enrolment about all available funding programs which may assist students with disabilities.	Agreed	Work has begun on the <i>Excellence in Disability Education in ACT Public Schools</i> Strategic Priority 3 - The development of a parent guide to disability education that describes services, processes and policies. The parent/carer sub-committee of the Disability Education Reference Group is providing advice on the content of this guide. The guide will include information about available funding programs that may assist students with a disability. The guide will be accessible to families prior to student enrolment.
15.	The Committee recommends that as a part of the review of School-Based Management funding arrangements the ACT Government ensure that the quantity of, and processes established for allocating, funding for students with disabilities within government schools be clearly articulated and monitored by the	Noted	The Directorate will report ongoing investment in disability education through the budget process.

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
	Review of Special Education in the ACT.		student centred appraisal of need and individual learning plan processes in order to align allocation of resources better with actual adjustments made in classrooms.
19.	The Committee recommends that the students' needs for inclusive technology be assessed as a part of the Student Centred Appraisal of Need (SCAN) process.	Agreed	The Directorate's ILP guidelines are being reviewed and will identify appropriate inclusive technologies in addition to other curriculum adaptations, modified teaching strategies and designated resources as important tools to support the achievement student learning outcomes. The <i>Excellence in Disability Education in ACT Public Schools Strategic Plan 2010–2013</i> priority of developing an Inclusion Support Centre will embed Inclusive Technologies in core business of all Disability Education consultant teachers.
20.	The Committee recommends that Education and Training Directorate Network Coordinators be required to report on the audit of Individual Learning Plans from schools in their areas and that outcomes of the audit process be detailed in the Annual Report.	Noted	<i>Excellence in Disability Education in ACT Public Schools Strategic Plan 2010–2013</i> Strategic Priority 2 outlines as a key action that accountability measures be put in place for ILPs by instituting an audit of ILP quality and implementation. The outcome of this audit will be shared with School Network Leaders and reported. The audit of ILPs will be reported against that achievement of all actions in the plan. The Directorate will continue to survey parents and carers about their satisfaction with the ILP process.

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
	ratios; providing initial training and professional development opportunities; and clarifying duties within the classroom in terms of maximising the learning outcomes for students with disabilities.		role of learning support assistants (LSAs). This will include developing a system-wide set of guidelines on appropriate roles for LSAs. LSAs are able to access formal qualifications in Education Support – Certificates III and IV, through the qualified Registered Training Organisations such as the Canberra Institute of Technology. Additional professional learning for LSAs is also offered regularly throughout each year by the Education and Training Directorate. Schools have been encouraged to explore the use of LSAs in the classroom through the allocation of Innovative Practices grants. Schools will report on the outcomes of these grants.
24.	The Committee recommends that the Department of Education and Training, in reviewing the role of Learning Support Assistants, review the need for additional Indigenous Education Officers and Indigenous Learning Support Assistants to support the learning of Indigenous students with disabilities.	Noted	<p>The Directorate has an employment strategy with a fundamental outcome to increase the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including teachers and LSAs. Actions to achieve these are described and reported against in the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Matters Strategic Plan 2010-2013</i>. <i>Excellence in Disability Education in ACT Public Schools Strategic Plan 2010-2013</i> Strategic Priority 1 outlines actions to develop the quality of LSA provision, including improved skills and cultural competence through increased investment in professional learning.</p> <p>The philosophy of the</p>

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
			<p>Community Services Directorate guides service development, including the implementation of planning practices, beginning as early as year 7.</p> <p>Disability ACT will continue to monitor the capacity of funded providers to deliver appropriate services to school leavers and re-assess resource allocation where appropriate.</p>
27.	<p>The Committee recommends that the ACT Government ensure that the formula used to determine the allocation of funding for post-school options is based on the number of students graduating each year so that adequate services can be provided.</p>	Not agreed	<p>The funding provided to each student graduating from high school is based on the needs of the individual and not on a 'formula' based on the number of students graduating in that particular year.</p> <p>The ACT Government provides support to assist young people with disability who are leaving school and who cannot presently participate in full time employment or full time education, or may not be able to do so in the future.</p> <p>To do this, Disability ACT offers two forms of specialist support for young people with disability leaving school:</p> <p>Transitional support</p> <p>The House With No Steps Transition Service provides school leavers who require time limited additional assistance to progress to their preferred vocation with information and assistance with planning and coordination. The Transition Service works with students in the final years of school (generally years 11 and 12)</p>

	Recommendations	Response	Implementation progress
			<p>providers; students, and parents and oversees the totality of services to support post school transitions. This group has as a major priority the enhancement of community support pathways.</p> <p>The Joint Advisory Group will develop an information guide for parents on available pathways and will capture data about the relative use of these services, including attendance at the post school options expo and its efficacy. The post school options expo is one activity of a significant array of activities aimed at improving post-school transitions for students and their families. Incorporating the reporting of outcomes from the post school options expo into a broader report from the joint advisory group will provide a more complete picture of government and community links in supporting transitions to post-school life.</p>
30.	<p>The Education and Training Directorate assess the impact of the changed vocational education structure on the pathways available to students with disabilities.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>The Education and Training Directorate has contracted the House with No Steps to provide work experience and social placement opportunities for all students with a disability in ACT public schools in years 9 and 10. This will assist students in identifying appropriate pathways to post-school life. Students with a disability in the college system can access vocational courses on the same basis as students without a disability. The school is required to</p>



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by ZED SESELJA MLA on 27 May 2011 : To ask Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation the following additional question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 May 2011, page 1332

In relation to: Water pricing escalation

Why has the cost of water doubled in two years-in particular between 2009 and 2011?

MINISTER BARR MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The price of water has increased considerably in recent years in line with determinations by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC). The price increase history from 1994/95 when water was priced at \$0.64 per kilolitre for consumption over 351kL and higher (which is the rate applicable to the majority of consumption on ACT Sportsgrounds) to the rate of \$4.66 per kilolitre applicable from 1 July 2011 is attached for your information. The last three years have been highlighted to further assist you.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Estimates 2011-2012

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 29.6.11

By the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA

ACT WATER TARIFF HISTORY

SUPPLY CHARGE	STEP	PRICE	ACT Government Water Abstraction Charge	Comments	ACT Gov Utilities Water Network Tax	ACT Gov Utilities Sewer Network Tax
1994/95	\$130.00	First 1kL Next 350 kL 351 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.280 \$0.640			
1995/96	\$130.00	First 1kL Next 350 kL 351 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.300 \$0.700			
1996/97	\$133.90	First 1kL Next 350 kL 351 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.309 \$0.721			
1997/98	\$135.00	First 1kL Next 350 kL 351 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.350 \$0.760			
1998/99	\$125.00	First 1kL Next 300 kL 301 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.370 \$0.760			
1999/00	\$125.00	First 1kL Next 275 kL 276 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.380 \$0.830	\$0.100 Introduced on 17th March 2000		
2000/01	\$125.00	First 1kL Next 250 kL 251 and higher	\$0.000 \$0.380 \$0.860	\$0.100		
2001/02	\$125.00	First 225kL 225 and higher	\$0.400 \$0.940	\$0.100		
2002/03	\$125.00	First 200kL 200 and higher	\$0.410 \$0.970	\$0.100		
2003/04	\$125.00	First 175kL 175 and higher	\$0.430 \$1.050	\$0.100 \$0.200	1 July 2003 - 31 December 2003 1 January 2004 - 30 June 2004	
2004/05	\$75.00	1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	\$0.515 \$1.000 \$1.350	\$0.200		
2005/06	\$75.00	1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	\$0.580 \$1.135 \$1.530	\$0.250		
2006/07	\$75.00	1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	\$0.660 \$1.290 \$1.740	\$0.550		
2007/08	\$75.00	1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	\$0.775 \$1.670 \$2.570	\$0.550	\$18 added to the supply charge for sewerage services, including the unconnected charge, and \$18 added to any flushing-	\$0.090
2008/09		1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	\$0.000 \$1.850 \$3.700			
2009/10		1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	 \$4.010			
2010/11		1-100 kL 100-300 kL over 300 kL	 \$4.660	As of 1 July 2011		

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able to perhaps take that on notice and come back.

I also received an email with some specifics from them over the last couple of years. What they tell me is that in 2009—and they tell me that they have not changed the amount of ovals that they use in this time, so it is basically the same number of ovals for the same time—they were paying \$11,793. In 2010 that jumped to \$17,880 and in 2011 to approximately \$20,144—so another significant increase. Is there a reason? From looking at some of the schedules, it seems that the main one that has gone up in the last year, although I do not know what it was from 2009-10, is some of the training fees. I am told that that has gone up from \$1.70 to \$4 per oval for training. What is the rationale for that significant jump?

Mr Barr: Water costs would have increased, so the costs of maintaining facilities increase. As I say, the level of subsidy would be amongst the highest in the nation in terms of utilisation of sportsgrounds. As to the exact dollar amounts you referred to, without being privy to how many hours of time they were purchasing, it would be difficult to—I am happy to take this on notice and have a look at this as a case study, but undoubtedly the costs associated with the provision of these facilities rise each year. Factors that impact on that clearly are climatic conditions and the amount of watering that is required—and it certainly was during a number of years of this particular period. I am advised that cost recovery for sportsgrounds overall remains at between 16 and 20 per cent of the total cost of providing such facilities, and that that has remained constant over that time.

MR SESELJA: Are you able to tell us then, between 2009 and 2011, how much the fees for hire of unenclosed ovals have gone up?

Mr Barr: We can provide that information, yes.

MR SESELJA: What has been the percentage increase overall? Obviously the Valley Dragons, not doing anything differently, are paying a lot more, so some fees have gone up significantly.

Mr Barr: Certainly fees have gone up, yes.

MR SESELJA: Yes.

Mr Barr: As have costs.

MR SESELJA: But the \$1.70 to \$4 I am interested in—that is a more than doubling. I do not think water has doubled in that time. I do not think anything else has. What is the rationale for such a significant increase in training fees?

Mr Barr: I think you will find that it actually has.

MR SESELJA: In two years?

Mr Barr: Yes.

MR SESELJA: Why has the cost of water doubled in two years?