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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA (Chair), Ms Tara Cheyne MLA (Deputy),
Ms Nicole Lawder MLA, Ms Bec Cody MLA



Answer to Question Taken on Notice in hearings

Asked by Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA on Thursday, 6 December 2018, Ms Julia Forner took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript of Thursday 6 July 2018, Page 101

In relation to: Canberra Times advertisement of Request for Tender for Block 30 Section 34 Dickson

MS CHEYNE: We are just interested in the time line and who told you. I will have to check—I do not want to miss the boat with Mr Ellis—but I am pretty sure he said yesterday that he rocked up to work on Monday and someone said, “You know that ad was in the *Canberra Times*”, and he was like, “Oh, no, was it?” And everyone was really embarrassed. That is certainly the impression that I got.

THE CHAIR: Part of the problem the committee has is that a lot of people no longer work in the ACT public service.

MS CHEYNE: And it is a long time ago.

THE CHAIR: It is a long time ago. Ms Forner and Mr Peters, if you can, on notice, go back and reconstruct that time line for us that would be very helpful.

Ms Forner: Yes.

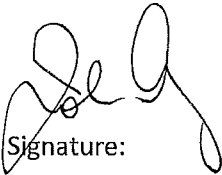
MR DIETZ: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

The timeline below has been prepared from email correspondence provided to the ACT Audit Office:

- 13 July 2012 – Mr Drummond supplied wording to be used to draft an advertisement for Block 20, Section 34 Dickson.
- 22 August 2012 – Mr Drummond advised that press should commence 8 September 2012 with Canberra Times advertisements and in the Australian Financial Review (AFR) the following Thursday.
- 3:58pm Friday 7 September 2012 – Mr Drummond advised that first press should be 15 September 2012. (The advertisement was unable to be stopped as the property section of the Saturday Canberra Times is printed on Thursday).

- 10 September 2012 – Mr Drummond was advised that the advertisement was run and forward media bookings had been made for the Canberra Times on 8 and 22 September 2012, 6 and 10 October 2012 and the AFR on Thursday 13 September 2012.
- 5:13 pm 11 September 2012 – Mr Ellis requested that future advertising be stopped.
- 5:36 pm 11 September 2012 – Mr Ellis advised that Government had agreed to the process so the advertisement could proceed.
- 5:47pm 11 September 2012 – Mr Peters advise that the AFR advertisement had already been cancelled, however the Canberra Times ones could run as originally scheduled, as per Mr Ellis' advice.
- 7:02pm 11 September 2012 – The Land Development Agency's appointed creative agency advised the Canberra Times advertisements had been rebooked and would run as per the original schedule.

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By the Chief Executive Officer, Suburban Land Agency, Mr John Dietz