NOTICE PAPER

No. 18

THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2005

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

*1  MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Utilities Act 2000. (Notice given 4 May 2005).

*2  MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Water Resources Act 1998, and for other purposes. (Notice given 4 May 2005).


*5  MR CORBELL: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Unit Titles Act 2001, and for other purposes. (Notice given 4 May 2005).

*6  MR CORBELL: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to construction occupations, and for other purposes. (Notice given 4 May 2005).

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

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

1 MR GENTLEMAN: To move—That:

(1) a Select Committee on Working Families in the Australian Capital Territory be appointed to examine the effect on working families in relation to health costs, effects of industrial relations changes, adjustments by the Commonwealth Grants Commission and the allocation of funds by the Commonwealth, impacts on current or potential ACT legislation by the Commonwealth and any other related matter;

(2) the Committee be composed of:
   (a) two members to be nominated by the Government; and
   (b) one member to be nominated by the Opposition;

to be notified in writing to the Speaker within four hours after the passing of this resolution;

(3) the Committee report by the first sitting day in August 2006 and that the Committee also provide interim reports on its progress; and

(4) the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (Notice given 3 May 2005).

Order of the day

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 PEST PLANTS AND ANIMALS BILL 2005: (Minister for the Environment): Resumption of debate (from 3 May 2005—Mrs Dunne in continuation) on the motion of Mrs Dunne—That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment.


HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005: (Minister for Health): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 7 April 2005—Mr Smyth).


FAIR WORK CONTRACTS BILL 2004: (Minister for Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mr Mulcahy).


GAMING MACHINE ACT—COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES—SEVENTH REPORT—ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2004—Mr Stefaniak) on the motion of Mr Quinlan—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mr Mulcahy) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 9 December 2004—Mrs Burke) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.


A.C.T. ASBESTOS TASKFORCE—PROGRESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (from 17 March 2005—Mr Mulcahy) on the motion of Ms Gallagher—That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR GENTLEMAN: To move—That this Assembly:
   (1) notes the Government’s:
       (a) commitment to the future of Canberra through the introduction of the Canberra Plan; and
       (b) progress with implementation of the Plan; and
   (2) commends the Government for its demonstrated commitment to the future of Canberra. (Notice given 17 February 2005).

2 MR STEFANIAK: To move—That this Assembly calls on the Government to improve the infrastructure and services in the West Belconnen area. (Notice given 7 December 2004).

3 MRS DUNNE: To move—That this Assembly:
   (1) notes recommendation 9 of Report No 34 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment entitled Long-term planning for the provision of land for aged care facilities in the A.C.T.; and
(2) directs the Planning and Land Authority to immediately commence a variation to the Territory plan to remove the residential overlay for the community land at section 87, Belconnen. (*Notice given 7 December 2004*).

### MR SESELJA

To move—that this Assembly:

(1) recognises that significant problems exist with the current ACT planning regime;

(2) calls on the Planning Minister to introduce amendments to the current approvals process that provide transparency, openness and certainty for all parties involved;

(3) condemns the Planning Minister for the failure of his reforms during his first term in office; and

(4) calls on the Chief Minister to remove the Planning Minister from his position immediately so that the portfolio can be correctly managed. (*Notice given 15 March 2005*).

### MR GENTLEMAN

To move—that this Assembly:

(1) reasserts the importance to the City of Canberra of the Friendship Relationship with the District of Dili, and in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation with the people of Timor Leste;

(2) notes the progress made in talks between the Australian Government and the Government of Timor Leste over maritime boundaries and Timor Sea resources last week;

(3) recognises:

   (a) that the development of Timor Sea resources has the potential to contribute significantly to Timor Leste’s development and economic self-sufficiency;

   (b) that industrial development will provide an economic future for Timor Leste, guaranteeing skills and income for the nation’s people; and

   (c) the importance of sovereignty to Timor Leste in the negotiation of a permanent maritime boundary, and

(4) urges the Australian Government to conduct ongoing negotiations in good faith, and to consider the economic and political sovereignty of Timor Leste as of paramount concern during negotiations. (*Notice given 16 March 2005*).

### DR FOSKEY

To move—that the current Assembly formally adopt or agree to the 20 recommendations of the 8th report of the Standing Committee on Health entitled ‘A pregnant pause: the future of maternity services in the ACT’ that was tabled in the last Assembly on 5 May 2004. (*Notice given 3 May 2005*).

### MS MACDONALD

To move—that this Assembly acknowledges that:

(1) cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Australia, responsible for more than 1 in 3 deaths;

(2) the effects and treatment of cardiovascular disease cost the community millions of dollars every year;
(3) poor nutrition, lack of exercise and smoking all increase the risk of cardiovascular disease;
(4) the important role events, such as Heart Week, play in raising awareness about cardiovascular disease and promoting healthy living;
(5) the valuable work the ACT Division of the Heart Foundation does to raise awareness and reduce incidences of cardiovascular disease in the ACT community;
(6) initiatives such as Promoting Healthy Students, College Health Coordinators and the Kids at Play program will lead to a healthier ACT adult community in the future;
(7) ACT Health’s “Eat Well ACT: A Public Health Nutrition Plan 2004-2010” provides a strategy to improve the dietary health of all Canberrans; and
(8) the important work Healthpact does in the area of health promotion, particularly through events such as the Healthpact Australian Master Games and the Health Promotion Awards. (Notice given 3 May 2005).

Orders of the day

1 **ANIMAL LEGISLATION (PENALTIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2005**: (Mr Stefaniak) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 16 February 2005—Ms Gallagher).

2 **AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL ON HEALTHCARE STANDARDS ACCREDITATION—THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL**: Resumption of debate (from 16 February 2005—Dr Foskey, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Smyth—That this Assembly:

   (1) notes:
   (a) the failure of The Canberra Hospital to attain full four-year accreditation from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS);
   (b) this failure indicates that The Canberra Hospital did not meet at least one of the 19 mandatory ACHS criteria; and
   (c) the ACT Government was aware of this failure in mid-2004 and concealed this information from the public; and
   (2) calls on the Government to table the full ACHS report by close of business today.

3 **PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2005**: (Mr Smyth) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 16 March 2005—Mr Stanhope).

4 **CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2005**: (Mr Pratt) Agreement in principle—Resumption of debate (from 6 April 2005—Mr Stanhope).
MEDICARE FUNDED TREATMENTS FOR ACT RESIDENTS: Resumption of debate (from 4 May 2005—Mr Smyth, in continuation) on the motion of Ms Porter—That this Assembly:

(1) recognises the importance to the ACT community of maintaining accessibility to Medicare funded treatments and services based on objective merit rather than subjective value judgements;

(2) notes the negative implications associated with restricting Medicare subsidisation for In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) treatments on an arbitrary basis; and

(3) affirms its commitment to accessible and affordable health services for all ACT residents, including the provision of IVF, at the discretion of the individual, in consultation with their medical practitioner.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Unanswered questions


T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: (Formed 4 November 2004): The Speaker (Presiding Member), Mrs Dunne, Dr Foskey, Ms MacDonald.

Pursuant to resolution

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUNG PEOPLE: (Formed 7 December 2004): Ms Porter (Chair), Mrs Dunne, Mr Gentleman.

HEALTH AND DISABILITY: (Formed 7 December 2004): Ms MacDonald (Chair), Mrs Burke, Ms Porter.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: (Formed 7 December 2004): Mr Stefaniak (Chair), Dr Foskey, Ms MacDonald.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: (Formed 7 December 2004): Mr Gentleman (Chair), Ms Porter, Mr Seselja.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (Formed 7 December 2004): Mr Mulcahy (Chair), Dr Foskey, Ms MacDonald.

Select

ESTIMATES 2005-2006: (Formed 7 April 2005): Ms MacDonald (Chair), Dr Foskey, Mr Mulcahy, Ms Porter, Mr Seselja.