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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 55

Thursday, 3 April 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 MR QUINLAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Rates and Land Tax Act 1926*. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *2 MR QUINLAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1996*. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *3 MR QUINLAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Government Procurement Act 2001*, and for other purposes. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *4 MR WOOD: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001*, and for other purposes. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *5 MS GALLAGHER: To present a Bill for an Act about tertiary accreditation and registration, and for other purposes. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *6 MS GALLAGHER: To present a Bill for an Act about vocational education and training, and for other purposes. (Notice given 2 April 2003).
- *7 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Animal Diseases Act 1993* and the *Plant Diseases Act 2002*. (Notice given 2 April 2003).

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

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

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

Notice

- *1 MR SMYTH: To move – That:
- (1) a Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 be appointed to examine the expenditure proposals contained in the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 and any revenue estimates proposed by the Government in the 2003-2004 Budget;
 - (2) the Committee be composed of:
 - (a) two Members to be nominated by the Government;
 - (b) two Members to be nominated by the Opposition; and
 - (c) one Member to be nominated by the Crossbench.be notified in writing to the Speaker by 4.00 pm today;
 - (3) the Committee report by 17 June 2003;
 - (4) if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee has completed its inquiry the Committee may send its report to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publishing and circulation; and

- (5) 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 2 April 2003*).

Orders of the day - continued

- 4 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 5 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 6 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.
- 7 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – THE OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

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- 8 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Crimes (Industrial Manslaughter) Amendment Bill 2002 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 December 2002, as amended 1 April 2003.
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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 GAMING MACHINE (CAP) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 2 LEGISLATION (STATUTORY INTERPRETATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ACT: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.

Notices - continued

- *8 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the resolution of the Assembly of 28 August 2002 concerning the compilation of a report into discriminatory references in ACT legislation be amended by omitting “by 1 May 2003” and substituting “by 8 May 2003”. (*Notice given 2 April 2003*).

Orders of the day - continued

- 4 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 5 STATE OF THE TERRITORY’S FINANCE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 6 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO COMPETITION IMPLICATIONS OF PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES BY A SINGLE NETWORK – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 December 2001 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT – CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 8 GAMING MACHINE ACT – ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 9 PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO RESTORE SECURITY OF TENURE TO PUBLIC TENANTS – STATEMENT BY MINISTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002 – Mr Smyth*).
- 11 FULL RETAIL COMPETITION – IMPACT ON ACT LOW INCOME EARNERS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – FOURTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003 – Ms Gallagher – in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 AGENTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 14 CONSTRUCTION PRACTITIONERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 15 INQUIRIES ACT – BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – FIRST SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Notices - continued

- 9 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, having noted that:
 - (1) subsection 8(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Assembly shall consist of 17 members;

- (2) subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations under the Act to fix a different number of members;
- (3) regulations may only be made for this purpose in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly; and
- (4) regulations would need to be made no later than April 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004;

hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 25 by regulations made by the Governor-General for the purposes of subsection 8(3) of the Act; and

calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Commonwealth Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made at the earliest opportunity but no later than 31 March 2003. (*Notice given 25 September 2002*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR SMYTH: To move – That this Assembly, noting that the Government's proposed new land rating system:
 - (1) has not been adequately tested or modeled;
 - (2) is unfair and regressive;
 - (3) will lead to wildly different rates being levied on owners of properties of equivalent value.

Calls on the Government to:

 - (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;
 - (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
 - (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 2 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).

- 3 MR PRATT: To move – That the ACT Legislative Assembly condemns Labor for blocking the suspension of Downer Preschool in October 1998 and now having to admit that it was wrong to do so given that it wants to suspend Lyneham Preschool for the same reason. (*Notice given 24 September 2002*).
- 4 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that the Department of Education will vacate the O’Connell Education Centre of the site of the old Griffith Primary School site by the end of this school year;
 - (2) notes that the Blue Gum School is currently in unacceptable accommodation and needs to move into more acceptable accommodation at the end of the current school year;
 - (3) calls on the Minister for Education to explore all educational options (Departmental, government and non government) for the O’Connell Centre before it is made surplus to requirement. (*Notice given 25 June 2002*).
- 5 MR SMYTH: To move – That the Government acknowledge the importance of openness and accountability and their election commitment to this end and calls on the Government to table the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospitals’ information bulletin – patient activity data, monthly reports at the first Assembly sitting after they have become available to the Government. (*Notice given 7 May 2002*).
- 6 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 7 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to immediately remove heavy vehicle diversions from Chuculba Crescent, Giralang and any other suburban streets and ensure that all heavy vehicle routes avoid suburban streets. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 8 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to enter into immediate negotiations with the National Capital Authority about the duplication of Caswell Drive to ensure that unoccupied land to the east of the existing road reserve is utilised so that the road does not encroach unnecessarily on the amenity of Aranda. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 9 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;

- (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 10 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 11 MRS DUNNE: To move – This Assembly:
 - (1) notes the Minister for Planning's decision of 27 November to extend the 5% interim limit on dual and triple occupancy, embodied in Draft Variation 192, until May 2003; and
 - (2) notes the creation of an overlapping and contradictory conditions between Draft Variation 192 and Draft Variation 200, which gained interim effect in September 2002;
 - (3) calls on the Minister to immediately suspend the operation of Draft Variation 192 as was initially intended. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 12 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 13 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 14 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

- 15 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister:
 - (1) to table Howard McBeth's 1994 report into the adequacy of the Territory's fire prevention strategies;
 - (2) to incorporate the McBeth report into the Government's operational response to the 18 January 2003 bushfires. (*Notice given 5 March 2003*).
- 16 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to empower the Gaming and Racing Commission to reduce the current number of gaming machines in the ACT to 3000, in line with the national per capita average, during the financial year 2003-2004. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).
- 17 MR CORNWELL: To move – That this Assembly amends Standing Order 118, in accordance with the Australian Labor Party's Labor's 2001 ACT Election Commitments (page 35, paragraph 8 'We will limit Ministers' answers to Questions to five minutes), by adding a new sub-section (c) shall not be longer than five minutes in length, and amends existing sub-section (b) by adding 'and' after 'refers'. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 18 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to audit the superannuation and workers compensation entitlements of all fire-fighters who have been transferred from the NSW Fire Brigade to the ACT Fire Brigade, and report to the Assembly by 19 August 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 19 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to immediately establish a Taskforce reporting directly to Cabinet, with parent, principal, teacher and Government representation, to evaluate and implement recommendations from the Connors Inquiry into ACT Education Funding. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 5 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 6 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate *(from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne)* on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 7 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNG AHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate *(from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas)* on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.
- 8 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 9 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 10 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 11 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 12 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 13 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.

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

**Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on
12 December 2002**

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

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

379, 381, 395, 399, 400, 402, 411, 413, 415, 418, 421, 423, 424, 425, 427, 429, 430, 431, 435, 438, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 448, 451, 456, 457, 458, 460, 464, 468, 469, 470, 471, 474, 475, 476, 479, 480, 481, 482, 484, 487, 488, 490, 491, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582

New questions

(30 days expires 3 May 2003)

*583 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to development applications and approvals:

- (1) How many development applications have been lodged with the government in each month for calendar year 2002 and up to the end of March 2003;
- (2) For each month of calendar year 2002 and up to the end of March 2003, how many development applications were approved;
- (3) How many of the development applications received under (1) have been approved up to the end of March 2003;
- (4) What is the value of works for which development approval was sought during the 15 month period from January 2002 to the end of March 2003;
- (5) What is the value of works approved during the 15 month period from January 2002 to the end of March 2003;
- (6) Of the development applications received and approved over the 15 month period from January 2002 to the end of March 2003, what is the value of works approved.

- *584 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the Government’s Spatial Plan:
- (1) How much money was allocated to develop a Spatial Plan in the additional appropriations for the 2001-02 budget and the 2002-03 budget;
 - (2) How much money has been expended to date on developing the Spatial Plan;
 - (3) How much money has been expended on consultancies to date in developing the Spatial Plan;
 - (4) Do you have an estimate of how much it will cost to develop the Spatial Plan in total and, if so, what is it;
 - (5) When will you be releasing the Spatial Plan;
 - (6) When did you originally plan to release the Spatial Plan and has development of the plan fallen behind schedule.
- *585 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Higgins Precinct Refurbishment:
- (1) What refurbishments will be undertaken as part of this project;
 - (2) Has the government consulted with the community regarding works to be undertaken;
 - (3) As at 31 December 2002 \$30,000 had been expended on this project, can the Minister provide a breakdown of what works were undertaken with this expenditure;
 - (4) Are plans running to schedule to complete the refurbishment at the end of June 2004.
- *586 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Canberra Connect homepage:
- (1) Why is there not a link on the Canberra Connect home page to the ACT Office for Women;
 - (2) Would the government consider creating a link for Women’s Affairs, if so, when, if not, why not;
 - (3) If the government won’t create a link to Women’s Affairs, would it consider creating a link for Multicultural (which also doesn’t have a link) and Community Affairs encompassing the Office for Women, Indigenous Affairs and Multicultural Affairs, if so, when, if not, why not.

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

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

*588 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the State of the Territory Report:

- (1) Will the Government still release a State of the Territory Report (or your equivalent) as foreshadowed last year;
- (2) If so, when will it be released;
- (3) Is the time for release listed above the original release date or is it a rescheduled date;
- (4) If the release of the State of the Territory Report has been delayed, why has it been delayed.

*589 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to public service early retirements:

- (1) A new study has found that up to a quarter of Commonwealth public servants will retire in the next five years. Can the Chief Minister advise whether the ACT Government has undertaken a similar study to that undertaken by the Commonwealth Government, if so, where can the results be found, if not, will the government consider undertaking such a study;
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any work that reveals how many public servants are considering retiring in the next five years;

(3) Has the Government undertaken any work that reveals how many of the following public servants are considering retiring in the next five years:

- (a) teachers;
- (b) nurses;
- (c) salaried medical officers;
- (d) sworn police officers.

*590 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the ACT Hospice:

(1) Have any beds been closed at the ACT Hospice this financial year, if so:

- (a) why;
- (b) when; and
- (c) how many beds were closed;

(2) How many beds were closed at the ACT Hospice over the Christmas/New Year period;

(3) Are there any plans to close beds at the ACT Hospice at any other time this financial year.

*591 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the bushfire recovery:

(1) How many applications has the Government received for grants of (a) \$5,000, (b) \$10,000 and (c) additional grants of \$5,000 for people without contents insurance, under its emergency payment scheme as at March 31, 2003;

(2) Of these applications for assistance, how many are (a) still awaiting a decision and (b) been rejected;

(3) In February it was reported that around 190 applications had been rejected for not meeting requirements, what are the requirements that fire victims have to meet for all of the grant categories;

(4) Is any assistance available to people under the grants scheme whose houses were damaged significantly in the bushfires of 18 January but were deemed to be still habitable;

(5) How many people whose houses were significantly damaged by the bushfires but are still habitable have been considered to be ineligible for the scheme;

(6) What was the average time to process applications.

*592 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Canberra Medical School:

- (1) Can the Minister advise where planning is up to for the Canberra Medical School;
- (2) What was delivered for the \$13,000 spent as at 31 December 2002 from the \$70,000 allocated this financial year in new capital works;
- (3) Did any additional expenditure from capital works take place between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details;
- (4) Has any of the \$500,000 allocated in new initiatives for the Canberra Medical School been expended, if so, please provide cost and works details.

*593 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the Social Plan:

- (1) How much has been allocated to develop the Social Plan in the additional appropriation bills for the 2001-02 budget and in the 2002-03 budget;
- (2) How much of these allocations have been expended to date;
- (3) How much has been spent on consultancies and research for the Social Plan;
- (4) Do you have a current estimate of the final cost of developing the Social Plan, and, if so, what is it;
- (5) When will you release the Social Plan;
- (6) What was the original release date of the Social Plan and if there has been a delay in its release date, what caused it.

*594 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Youth Justice Services:

- (1) How many clients did Youth Justice Services receive from the ACT Children's Court during 2001-02;
- (2) How many Community-Based Orders on these clients were Youth Justice Services responsible for enforcing during 2001-02;
- (3) How many instances of non-compliance with these orders were there during 2001-02;
- (4) What actions were taken against clients who did not comply with their Community-Based Orders.

*595 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to Question on Notice No 412 regarding consultancies and ‘locating poverty in the ACT’:

- (1) In response to Question 412 you noted that \$39,600 as at 5 March 2003 was paid to NATSEM for the ‘Locating poverty in the ACT’ report. In looking at the web site to locate this report the only document found was from December 2000 – is this the document that \$39,600 was spent on or is there another and what is the direct link to find it.

*596 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Mitchell Resource Recovery Centre:

- (1) How many tonnes of rubbish, per month, has been taken to the Mitchell Resource Recovery Centre since it opened;
- (2) How much of that rubbish has been able to be recycled;
- (3) Has there been a reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill since the opening of the Mitchell Resource Recovery Centre, if so, by how much has waste going to landfill been reduced, if not, why not;
- (4) Has the government measured if the ACT is on target to meet its goal of no waste by 2010, if so, can details be provided, if not, why is the government not measuring if we will reach that goal.

*597 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Erindale Library refurbishment:

- (1) Why hasn’t a start date for this project been determined;
- (2) When will a start date for this project be announced;
- (3) Will the project be completed by June 2003 as scheduled;
- (4) Why was funding allocated to refurbish Erindale Library, what refurbishments are needed, is there a draft breakdown of the cost for certain works;
- (5) Is there any danger to staff or clients if this refurbishment is not undertaken as scheduled.

*598 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Mugga Lane Landfill Disposal Trench:

- (1) What is the purpose of this project;
- (2) Has work started on this project, if not, why not, if so, what work has been undertaken;

- (3) This project was scheduled to commence in October 2002 why then was there nil expenditure as at 31 December 2002 on this project;
- (4) Will the project be completed by June 2003 as scheduled, if not, why not, and will the funds be rolled over to the next financial year or will the project be withdrawn, if so, can the Minister advise of a completion date;
- (5) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of where the \$2.4m allocated to this project will be spent, if not, why not.

*599 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to street lighting:

- (1) \$150,000 was allocated to street lighting in the 2002-03 budget as at 31 December 2002 none of that had been expended, why is this so;
- (2) Have any funds been expended on this project since 31 December, if so where has work been undertaken;
- (3) What streets (and in what suburbs) are on the list for this project;
- (4) This project had various start dates and the entire project is scheduled for completion in June 2003. Will the entire \$150,000 be expended on street lighting this financial year or will some be rolled over into next financial year;
- (5) If an amount is to be rolled over are you aware of what that amount will be.

*600 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to Transact connections following the bushfires:

- (1) How many Transact customers are still waiting for the following services to be restored following the bushfires:
 - (a) telephone services to be restored after the bushfires;
 - (b) pay television services;
 - (c) video on demand;
 - (d) Internet services;
- (2) When does the Minister expect that the services listed in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above will be fully restored;
- (3) Is there a timetable for restoration of each of the above services for each suburb affected by the bushfires, if so, can details please be provided, if not, why not.

*601 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Question on Notice No 403 the Minister advised that ticket/voucher machines will be used for pay parking in Belconnen and Tuggeranong. Are there any estimates of what cost a motorist will pay for:

- (1) 0-30 minutes;
- (2) more than 30 minutes but less than 1 hour;
- (3) more than 1 hour but less than 2 hours;
- (4) more than 2 hours but less than 3 hours;
- (5) more than 3 hours.

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

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

*603 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the land auction on Thursday 27 March. For each lot put up for auction:

- (1) Who was the successful bidder;
- (2) What was the final price paid for the lot;

- (3) What was the reserve price for the lot;
- (4) How much stamp duty will be paid;
- (5) What is the final date for payment of the purchase price;
- (6) When must the stamp duty be paid.

*604 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to Units Plan 928, known as Georgetown Apartments and correspondence sent to the Minister from one of the unit owners in Units Plan 928 who is concerned about what appears to be illegal structures in the roof space of unit 4:

- (1) Is it an approved structure;
- (2) If so, was it approved before construction or was it approved afterwards;
- (3) If it was approved after construction, did it need to be modified to obtain approval;
- (4) Is the structure a breach of the Covenant on the leasehold restricting the gross floor area to not more than 4800m².

*605 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to Units Plan 928, known as the Georgetown Apartments and correspondence received by various Ministers from one of the unit owners in Units Plan 928 who is concerned about what appears to be illegal structures in the roof space of unit 4:

- (1) Was the work done by the unit owner before seeking approval of the Body Corporate for Units Plan 928;
- (2) is the space common property or does it form part of unit 4;
- (3) if it is common property, to what purpose can it be applied by the body corporate;
- (4) is it necessary for a body corporate to unanimously agree to modifications to the units plan;
- (5) has the Body Corporate for Units Plan 928 agreed to modifications to the units plan in relation to the roof space in unit 4.

*606 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 10 April 2002 in relation to Animals Afloat which resolved to immediately commence a draft variation over block 3, section 129, Narrabundah to change the use of broadacre, and the Minister's decision instead to commence a land use study of the block:

- (1) Who is conducting the study;
- (2) What progress has been made on that study;
- (3) When does the Minister expect to receive the results of the study;
- (4) Will the Minister consult with the present lessees of block 3, section 129, Narrabundah about the land use study before the Minister makes any decisions about land use;
- (5) When will the Minister inform the Legislative Assembly on progress in accordance with the resolution of 11 April 2002.

*607 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the additional helipad at Hume:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what works have been undertaken as part of the \$28 000 spent on this project at 31 December 2002;
- (2) Has this project been completed or are there more works still to be undertaken;
- (3) What are the benefits to Canberra residents due to this project expenditure;
- (4) Can the Minister explain why there was a \$13 000 over spend on this project.

*608 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the Australian Federal Police:

- (1) Has the Australian Federal Police:
 - (a) established a 24 hour police operations centre for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;
 - (b) tightened security around embassies and High Commissions for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;
 - (c) tightened security around vital infrastructure such as dams for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;
 - (d) tightened security around national institutions such as Parliament House for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;

- (e) tightened security around Commonwealth Government Departments and agencies for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;
 - (f) tightened security around places of worship such as mosques and synagogues for the duration of hostilities against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq;
- (2) If so, how many additional resources have been devoted to each task and what is the approximate cost.

*609 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to facilities for students with autism:

- (1) What has been delivered to students with Autism for the \$21,000 expended as at 31 December 2002 as part of this project;
- (2) Were any more funds expended between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide funding details and what was delivered for that funding, if not, why not;
- (3) What will be delivered for the remaining funds - \$84,000 as at 31 December 2002.

*610 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to child care parenting infrastructure:

- (1) What was delivered for the \$167,000 expended on this project at 31 December 2002, can the Minister provide a breakdown of costs, works undertaken, area/suburb that benefits;
- (2) Have any funds been expended on this project between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details, if not, why not;
- (3) Can the Minister advise what works will be undertaken with the remaining \$3.055m for this project.

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

- (1) Can the Minister advise what works have progressed on:
 - (a) the Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre;
 - (b) the West Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre;
- (2) What works are still to be undertaken on (a) and (b) above;

- (3) In (a) above there is a \$330,000 outstanding authorisation and in (b) above there is a \$601,000 outstanding authorisation. Can the Minister confirm if those funding allocations will remain with these two projects and not be reallocated elsewhere;
- (4) When will these projects be completed.

*612 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Lanyon Neighbourhood and Youth Centre:

- (1) What is the status of the capital works project at the Lanyon Neighbourhood and Youth Centre;
- (2) As the project was scheduled for completion in April 2001, why is there \$15,000 still not expended from prior years funding as shown in the December 2002 Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report;
- (3) What is the purpose of the remaining \$15,000;
- (4) What percentage of this project has been completed;
- (5) Will that \$15,000 be spent on Lanyon Neighbourhood and Youth Centre or will it get rolled over into another project within the Department.

*613 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the O'Connell Centre relocation:

- (1) What is the current situation with relocation of the O'Connell Centre;
- (2) What was delivered for the \$27,000 expended as at 31 December 2002 on this project;
- (3) Have any funds been expended on this project between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details of cost and reason for cost;
- (4) When will a final decision be made on the relocation of the O'Connell Centre.

*614 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to older schools refurbishments:

- (1) What schools have benefited from the \$35,000 expended as at 31 December 2002 on this project, and can the answer please detail works undertaken, amount of expenditure;

- (2) Have any further funds been spent between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details, including the school, amount of expenditure and works undertaken;
- (3) Can the Minister provide any details about how the remaining funds will be expended - \$2.465m as at 31 December 2002 – if so, please list school, amount of expenditure and works to be undertaken.

*615 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school liability for absent students:

- (1) Has the Minister received advice as to whether a school is liable if a student is injured while not on school grounds during school hours, if so, what is the substance of the advice;
- (2) Has the Minister received advice as to whether a note from a student's parents frees the school of concerns about liability if a student is injured while not on school grounds during school hours, if so, what is the substance of the advice;
- (3) Do schools check with parents if notes are legitimate if there is any danger in the child leaving the school grounds ie: to attend a protest where the student could be injured;
- (4) Can the Minister advise how many students have been absent from school this year to participate in anti-war protests and what percentage of these students had permission to leave school grounds.

*616 MR PRATT: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Quamby Youth Detention Centre facilities Improvement Program:

- (1) Given this project was scheduled for completion in June 2002 but there is still a \$63,000 outstanding authorisation, what works are still to be completed and what works have already been completed;
- (2) Will this project be completed by June 2003, will the spending be deferred again, or will it be reallocated elsewhere.

*617 MR PRATT: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Quamby upgrade:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what works are planned at Quamby as part of the \$300,000 allocation in the 2002-03 Budget and is this project running according to schedule;
- (2) When will works start on this project;
- (3) When will the works be completed.

*618 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to safety facilities in various schools:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what has been delivered for the \$11,000 expended as at 31 December 2002 on this project;
- (2) Have any further funds been spent between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details, including the school, amount of expenditure and safety measures implemented;
- (3) Can the Minister provide any details about how the remaining funds will be expended - \$789,000 as at 31 December 2002 – if so, please list school, amount of expenditure and safety measures to be implemented.

*619 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Transportable Amenity Improvement Program (TAIP):

- (1) How many schools have taken up the offer to install air conditioning in transportables as part of this program, can the Minister list schools that have taken up the offer and used funds for air conditioning, and how much funding did each school/transportable receive;
- (2) What other purposes have schools used the TAIP funding for outside of air conditioning, please list schools, purpose and amount allocated to the school per transportable;
- (3) Will this program be continued as part of the 2003-04 budget.

*620 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to transportable classrooms:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what schools have benefited from the \$345,000 expended as at 31 December 2002 on this project, and can the answer please detail the provision of any new transportables to particular schools;
- (2) Have any further funds been spent between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details;
- (3) Can the Minister provide any details regarding which schools will need to access the remaining funds - \$1.535m as at 31 December 2002 – as part of this project;
- (4) Does the government expect the remainder of these funds to be expended by the end of the financial year.

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

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

M J McRae

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 12 November 2001):* The Speaker *(Presiding Member)*, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne *(from 18 February 2003)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald *(during the absence of Mr Hargreaves from 11-27 May 2002)*.

Pursuant to resolution

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY: *(Formed 11 December 2001; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002):* Mr Hargreaves *(Chair)*, Mr Cornwell *(from 21 November 2002)*, Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas.

EDUCATION: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms MacDonald (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mr Pratt.

HEALTH: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mrs Burke (*from 18 February 2003*), Ms MacDonald.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Stefaniak (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves, Ms Tucker.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: (*Formed 11 December 2001; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002*): Mrs Dunne (*Chair*), Mrs Cross (*from 21 November 2002*), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves (*from 30 January 2003*).

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Smyth (*Chair*), Ms MacDonald (*from 30 January 2003*), Ms Tucker.

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Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2001-02: (*Formed 19 February 2002*): Mr Humphries (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. (*Presented 9 April 2002*).

ESTIMATES 2002-03: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Mr Humphries (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Ms Gallagher. (*Printing, circulation and publication authorised 19 August 2002; presented 20 August 2002*)

PRIVILEGES: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Smyth. (*Presented 14 November 2002*).

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Gallagher (*Chair*), Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas. (*Presented 21 November 2002*).