



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur : To ask the Treasurer

Ref: Shared Services Centre, Budget paper 4, page number 170, Shared Services ICT

In relation to: new data centre

- 1) What energy efficiency measures are you requiring of the new data centre?
- 2) How much will energy use and greenhouse gas emissions be reduced by having a new data centre?

Caroline Le Couteur MLA

1 June 2011

PLEASE NOTE

- 1: Answers to questions on notice must be lodged electronically and in hard copy with the Committee Office within **5 working days** of receipt of the question.
- 2: Where an answer provides a referral to sources of information in published documents, the answer should include the exact name of the document, the author and agency publishing the document, the specific page numbers and an electronic link to the document.

The answer to the member's question is as follows:

- 1) Energy efficiency in data centres is measured by the Power Utilisation Effectiveness (PUE) metric. The PUE is determined by dividing the amount of power entering a data centre by the power used to run the computer infrastructure within it.

PUE is therefore expressed as a ratio, with overall efficiency improving as the quotient decreases toward 1.

The ACT Government's largest data centre at Callam Offices has an average PUE of 1.95. A target PUE of 1.6 or better will be sought for the new data centre.

- 2) An estimated reduction of about 21,00 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions and 20,062,180 kWh in power over 10 years based on a PUE of 1.6 and an average 15% annual increase in ICT equipment power consumption.

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Signature: 

Date: 9 6 11

By the Treasurer, Katy Gallagher MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur: To ask the Chief Minister:

Ref: Shared Services Centre, Budget paper 4, page number 83, Shared Services ICT

In relation to: Chief Information Officer

I note that a Government Information Office is going to be created, including the establishment of a Chief Information Officer:

1. Given the role of InTACT, why is the Chief Information Officer being funded out of CMD, rather than TAMS?
2. If there is a need for a Chief Information Officer, why isn't this role being assumed by the Head of InTACT?
3. Does this funding initiative suggest dissatisfaction with the current services provided by InTACT or evidence of a lack of confidence in the current management of InTACT?
4. If it does suggest a lack of confidence, what steps will be put in place to ensure InTACT provides a cost effective and efficient service to government in the future?

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

1. Under the administrative arrangements following the *Governing the City State* review, the Shared Services organisation (including the organisation formerly known as InTACT) was moved from the Department of Territory and Municipal Services to the new Treasury Directorate. Within the context of its "one government" recommendation, the review also recommended the creation of a Chief Information Officer role which, as a strategic across government role, is complementary to the operational role that Shared Services ICT plays. The Government Information Office will focus on whole of government information management and ICT strategy and governance. The Government has adopted this idea and subsequently funded the creation of a new role of Director of the ACT Government Information Office.
2. See above explanation.

3. No. The decision to follow the Hawke Review's recommendation reflects the growing importance of knowledge and information management and the need to plan and co-ordinate the "business" use of ICT across Government rather than any dissatisfaction with the operational services that Shared Services ICT provides.
4. See above.

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Date: 17.6.11

By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Vicki Dunne on 30 May 2011 : Katy Gallagher took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011 Page 45

In relation to : Sham contracting:

Can the Minister provide a copy of the paper that went to the Workplace Relations Minister's Council concerning sham contracting?

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

A copy of the relevant papers is attached.

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: 10.6.11

By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher

Factors

	Labourer (CW1(D))- 12 mths exp ACT Award 1/10/2008	Labourer on ABN with full records	Labourer on ABN with full records	Labourer - L1(d) on EBA
Hourly Rate of Pay	\$17.26	\$13.33	\$6.90	\$22.63
Hours in Day	8	8	8	8
Sick Day (10 days/yr)	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Rain Days (5 /year)	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%
Public Holidays (12/year)	4.61%	4.61%	4.61%	4.61%
LSL	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Payroll Tax	2.50%			2.50%
Workers Comp	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
Heavy Block Allowance (p/h)	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98
Multi-storey Allowance (p/h)	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45
Superannuation (9% per day)	\$ 14.94	\$ 12.11	\$ 7.48	\$ 95.00
Redundancy Fund (per week)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00
Travel Allowance (per day)	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 20.00
Parking (per day)	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
Phone (per day)		\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	
Downtime (5 days per year)	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%
Offsite Training (4 days per year)	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%
Bookkeeping/Accountant (\$500 py)		\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	
Safety Allowance (per week)				\$ 20.00

Calculations

	Award	ABN	ABN	EBA
Base rate	\$ 15.26	\$ 13.33	\$ 6.90	\$ 16.63
Clothing & laundry				\$ 2.00
Tool				\$ 2.00
Productivity	\$ 2.00			\$ 2.00
	\$ 17.26	\$ 13.33	\$ 6.90	\$ 22.63
Base Pay - 8hrs	\$ 138.08	\$ 106.64	\$ 55.20	\$ 181.04
Travel	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 20.00
HB & MS	\$ 11.44	\$ 11.44	\$ 11.44	\$ 11.44
Safety Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.80
sub total	\$ 166.02	\$ 134.58	\$ 83.14	\$ 214.28
Holiday Pay	\$ 10.01	\$ 7.73	\$ 4.00	\$ 13.13
Leave Loading	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.70	\$ 2.30
Sick Pay	\$ 5.52	\$ 4.27	\$ 2.21	\$ 7.24
Public Holidays	\$ 6.37	\$ 4.92	\$ 2.54	\$ 8.35
Rain Days	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.06	\$ 3.48
LSL	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.83	\$ 2.14
Payroll Tax	\$ 4.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.36
Workers Comp	\$ 21.38	\$ 16.92	\$ 9.64	\$ 23.57
Superannuation	\$ 14.94	\$ 12.11	\$ 7.48	\$ 19.00
ACIRT	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 15.00
Clothing (\$1400 per year)	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36
Parking (per day)	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
Phone (per day)		\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	
Downtime (5 days per year)	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.06	\$ 3.48
Offsite Training (4 days per year)	\$ 2.49	\$ 1.92	\$ 0.99	\$ 3.26
Bookkeeping/Accountant (\$500 py)		\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	
TOTAL per day	\$ 260.95	\$ 220.10	\$ 144.52	\$ 335.93
Hourly rate of pay	\$ 32.62	\$ 27.51	\$ 18.06	\$ 41.99
Weekly rate	\$ 1,304.76	\$ 1,100.52	\$ 722.59	\$ 1,679.63

[REDACTED]

**Contractors Agreement
For the
Provision of Services**

[REDACTED]

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CONTRACTORS AGREEMENT

THIS Agreement is made on the day referred to at **Item 1** and between the parties listed at **Item 1 (a)** and **Item 1 (b)** of the Schedule.

1. Recitals.

- 1.1 The **Principal** operates the business described at **Item 3** of the **Schedule**.
- 1.2 The **Contractor** operates the business described at **Item 4** of the **Schedule**.
- 1.3 The **Principal** has agreed to retain the services of the **Contractor** on the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement for the provision of the **Contractors** services.

2. The Contractor's Duties.

- 2.1 The **Contractor** will provide the services described at **Item 5** of the **Schedule** (the **Services**)
- 2.2 The **Contractor** will provide such other services as the **Principal** may require from time to time as are within the general scope of the contracted works detailed in this Agreement AND within the capacity of the **Contractor** to provide.

3. Remuneration.

- 3.1 The **Contractor** will be entitled to payment for **Services** provided as set out at **Item 6** of the **Schedule**. Payment will be made to the **Contractor** by the method identified at **Item 2** of the **Schedule**. The method of payment will be determined at the **Principal's** discretion.
- 3.2 The **Contractor** will, provide the **Principal** with a Tax Invoice for all services claimed to have been provided by the **Contractor**. The **Principal** will pay such invoices within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the invoice provided that the works claimed to have been completed by the **Contractor** are agreed to by the **Principal**.
- 3.3 The **Contractor** will be responsible for remitting all taxation on its earnings to the Australian Taxation Office, and acknowledges that the **Principal** will not make any deductions from the fees paid for performing the **Services** under this Agreement in respect of taxation or any other operational expenditure or liability of the **Contractor**.

4. Duration of the Agreement.

- 4.1 This Agreement will continue in force until the date of termination which is specified at **Item 7** of the **Schedule** unless terminated earlier in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement.

5 Premature Termination of the Agreement.

5.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party prior to the date specified at **Item 7** giving to the other:

- (a) two (2) months notice; or,
- (b) not less than half the time remaining for the duration of the agreement, which ever is the lesser,

5.2 of its intention to terminate the agreement.

5.3 Without limiting the generality of the above, the **Principal** may Terminate this Agreement at any time and without prior notice should the **Contractor**, its employees or agents:

- (a) are guilty of serious misconduct (including, but not limited to theft, fraud, or assault);
- (b) are negligent or otherwise incompetent in the performance of the **Contracted** services;
- (c) commits a serious or persistent breach of the terms of this Agreement;
- (d) are guilty of conduct which causes serious risk to the health and safety of another person;
- (e) refuses to carry out a reasonable instruction of the **Principal** or the **Principal's** employee or agent when that instruction is consistent with the requirements of the Agreement between the **Principal** and the **Contractor** for the provision of services and other provisions of this agreement;
- (f) if the **Contractor** becomes bankrupt or suspends payment or compounds with or assigns its assets for the benefit of creditors; or
- (g) if the **Contractor**, its agents or employees commits a crime or other civil wrong, or acts in such a way which in the reasonable opinion of the **Principal**, may seriously impact on the **Contractors** ability to provide the service described in this Agreement or is likely to significantly damage the reputation or business of the **Principal**.

5.4 If the engagement of the **Contractor** is consequential to or as a result of a contract between the **Principal** and at least one of its customers or clients, the **Principal** may terminate this Agreement if that other contract is terminated for whatever reason.

6. Employees and Agents of the Contractors.

6.1 The **Contractor** is responsible for any works carried out by its employees, agents or sub-contractors. The **Contractor** must not engage agents of sub-contractors to carry out the work of the **Contractor** without the **Principal's** previous consent in writing.

6.2 The **Contractor** will at all times during the life of the contract ensure that it has sufficient employees, agents or sub-contractors to carry out the **Contractor's** works in accordance with the provisions of this contract.

6.3 The **Principal** may at any time by notice in writing to the **Contractor** require that the **Contractor** cease to permit a particular person or persons employed or acting as agents or sub contractors by it to be engaged in carrying out the **Contractor's** works under this Agreement. In that event the **Contractor** will provide the service of an alternative person or persons or Agents or Sub-contractors as may be acceptable to the **Principal**.

7. Tools and Equipment.

7.1 The **Contractor** is responsible for providing all tools and equipment and the supply of all materials necessary to complete the contracted works.

7.2 The **Contractor** may hire tools or equipment from the **Principal** at the rate of hire charged by the **Principal** and agreed between the parties from time to time.

7.3 The **Contractor** may purchase the necessary materials from the **Principal** at cost price plus an administrative consideration as agreed between the parties from time to time.

8. Insurance.

8.1 The **Contractor** will affect all insurance required to be effected by it by law.

8.2 Without limiting the generality of the above Clause, the **Contractor** shall arrange all necessary insurance with respect to;

(a) its employees under the provisions of any applicable workers compensation legislation and to indemnify the **Principal** against any and all claims which may arise from a work related injury sustained by an employee or agent or sub-contractor of the **Contractor**.

(b) its public liability providing for a minimum coverage of \$10,000,000.00.

(c) professional indemnity insurance which protects the interests of the **Principal** against claims which may arise from services provided by the **Contractor**, its agents and employees on behalf of the **Principal**.

8.3 The **Contractor** will provide the **Principal** with, before the commencement of any contracted works, copies of certificates of currency of all insurance held by it pursuant to this requirement. The **Contractor** is required to keep the **Principal** informed of any changes in circumstance that may affect the **Contractors** ability to maintain the appropriate and proscribed level of insurance.

9. Indemnity of the Principal.

- 9.1 The **Contractor** will be responsible for and will indemnify the **Principal** against liability for all loss, damage or injury to any persons or property that has been caused by an action or inaction of the **Contractor**, its employees or agents or sub-contractors.
- 9.2 The amount of all claims, damages, costs and expenses which may be paid suffered or incurred by or against the **Principal** will be made good at the **Contractor's** expense.

10. Compliance with Laws.

- 10.1 The **Contractor** shall comply at its own cost with all Acts, Ordinances and other Statutory obligations as may apply in the Australian Capital Territory to the **Contractor** or the Services being carried out by the **Contractor** for the duration of the agreement.

11. Waiver and Variation of the Agreement.

- 11.1 The failure or omission by a party to require strict or timely compliance with any provision of this Agreement will not affect or impair the rights of that party to avail it of the remedies it may have in respect of any breach of that provision or this agreement.
- 11.2 A provision of or this Agreement may only be waived in writing signed by the party granting the waiver.
- 11.3 A provision of this Agreement may only be amended by agreement in writing signed by both parties.

12. Contractor's Warranties.

- 12.1 The **Contractor** will be responsible to carry out all such works as are within the limits of its skills and resources, competence and training and consistent with the required provision of services required under this agreement in a conscientious, expeditious and professional manner.
- 12.2 The **Contractor** warrants that it, its employees, agents and sub-contractors are competent and have the necessary skills, expertise and resources to provide the **Contractor's** services.

13. Confidential Information.

- 13.1 "Confidential Information" means any of the following information which is obtained by the **Contractor** in the course of or as a result of provision of the services:
- (a) information which is marked "Confidential" or which is described or treated by the **Principal** as confidential;
 - (b) information of a business-sensitive nature;
 - (c) trade secrets;

- 13.2 Without limiting the generality of the above, Confidential Information is not confined to information of the **Principal**, but may also include information of its Related Bodies Corporate, clients, contractors and employees.
- 13.3 Confidential Information will not include information which is readily available to the general public through no fault of the **Contractor**.
- 13.4 The **Contractor** must not use or disclose Confidential Information during or after the term of this Agreement except in the following circumstances:
- (a) the **Principal** has given its prior written consent; or
 - (b) in the proper course of the **Contractor** performing the services and for the benefit of the **Principal**; or
 - (c) to the extent required by law.
- 13.5 The **Contractor** must immediately notify the **Principal** if the **Contractor** suspects that Confidential Information has been improperly used or disclosed by anyone.
- 13.6 The **Contractor** must take all reasonable steps to prevent the unauthorised disclosure or use of Confidential Information.
- 13.7 The **Contractor** must execute all other confidentiality agreements required by the **Principal**.
- 13.8 The **Contractor** must not copy or remove from the **Principal's** premises any data which contains Confidential Information without the consent of the **Principal**.
- 13.9 The confidentiality provisions contained in the agreement apply to the **Contractor**, its employees and agents.

14. Conflict of Interest

- 14.1 The **Contractor** must not provide any services to any other party (including paid or unpaid) which may either compromise or give rise to a conflict with either:
- (a) the **Contractors** duties and responsibilities under this agreement to provide services to the **Principal**; or
 - (b) the business interests of the **Principal**, unless the **Contractor** has obtained the prior consent of the **Principal** in writing.

15. Non Assignment of this Contract.

- 15.1 This Contract may not be assigned to another party without the prior consent in writing of the **Principal**.

16. Relationship of Parties.

- 16.1 The parties specifically agree that it is intended that this contract will create the relationship of **Principal and Contractor** between them and that it is not their intention to create any other relationship.
- 16.2 Without limiting the generality of the above the Parties specifically agree that the relationship is not:
- (a) the relationship of employer and employee; or
 - (b) the relationship of Business partners.

17. Notices.

- 17.1 All notices required to be served under this Agreement may be sent either by personal delivery or by pre-paid mail to the last known address of the party to be served. Notices sent by mail are deemed to be received two days after posting.

18. Governing Law.

- 18.1 This Agreement will be governed by and be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the **Australian Capital Territory** and both parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts and Tribunals of that Territory.

19. Previous Representations and Warranties by The Principal.

- 19.1 The **Contractor** acknowledges that in entering into this agreement, the **Contractor** has not relied on any representations, assurances, warranties, understandings, conclusions or assumptions about its subject matter, except as provided for in this Contract.
- 19.2 Except where the contrary intention appears, this Contract and its **Schedule** constitute the entire Contract relating to its subject matter and any previous agreements, arrangements, understandings, negotiations, offers and representations, whether in writing or oral, cease to have any effect after the signing of this Contract.

20. Independent Legal Advice.

- 20.1 The **Contractor** acknowledges that prior to entering into this contract that the **Contractor**:
- (c) has had a reasonable opportunity to obtain independent legal advice regarding the contents of this Contract;
 - (d) has had sufficient time to review the contents of this Contract and understands its effect; and
 - (e) has not been placed under any undue pressure to enter into this Contract.

Schedule

Item 1:	This Agreement is made on [REDACTED]						
Item 1 (a)	<p>The Principle: [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>						
Item 1(b)	<p>The Contractor: [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>						
Item 2:	<p>Payment will be made to the contractor by cheque or by Electronic Funds Transfer. The Contractor's nominated bank account is</p> <p>•</p>						
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Item 3:	<p>The Principal operates a business that:</p> <p>Commercial Bricklaying</p>						
Item 4:	<p>The Contractor operates a business that:</p> <p>Brickwork</p>						
Item 5:	<p>The services that are to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laying bricks and blocks as required and be responsible for they own Mishap • 						

Item 6:	The contract fee paid by the Principal to the Contractor for providing the services under this Agreement are as follows: For each Day of service provided. [REDACTED]
Item 7:	This Agreement will terminate on the completion of the project

EXECUTED AS AN AGREEMENT

Signed for and on behalf of)
The Contractor)

in the presence of:)

Signature of witness

Signature of Contractor


Name of witness (please print)

Name of Contractor
(please print)

Signed for and on behalf of)
The Principal)

in the presence of:)

Signature of witness



Signature of representative of the
Principal

Name of witness (please print)

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Principal (please print)





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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by John Hargraves on 30 May 2011 : Meg Brighton took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011 Page 47

In relation to : Access to information released on the performance of the ACT private sector workers' compensation scheme for the 2009/2010 policy year:

1. Can the Select Committee be provided with the webpage link to the information released by the Government on the claims and payment profile of the ACT private sector workers' compensation scheme for the 2009/2010 policy year, including the actuarially determined reasonable premium rates for the upcoming 2011/2012 policy year?

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

<http://www.worksafety.act.gov.au/news/view/1160/title/important-new-workers-compensation-documents>

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: 10.6.11

By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Meredith Hunter on 30 May 2011 : Katy Gallagher took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011, Page 48

In relation to : Accountability Indicators on page 39 of Budget Paper 4.

Could the Minister pass to the committee details of point (h) *Maintain consultative fora within the ACT on workplace safety and workers compensation*, including who sits around the table and some key issues being discussed.

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

The ACT Work Safety Council is a tri-partite advisory body and is established under s184 of the *Work Safety Act 2008*. The present Members of the Council are:

Mr Robert Knapp – Chair

Members representing employees are:

Ms Kim Sattler
Mr Dean Hall
Ms Jane Timbrell
Mr Bill Book

Members representing employers are:

Ms Cathy Hudson
Mr Michael Baldwin
Mr Greg Schmidt
Ms Di Jay

Ministerial Appointees are:

Dr Andrew Hopkins
Mr Alan Reid

The Work Safety Commissioner, Mark McCabe is also a member.

The Council generally meets four times a year and advises me on matters relating to Work Safety and Workers Compensation. I am also required to consult with the Council in respect of changes to the Work Safety Act and Regulations, and Codes of Practice under the Act.

Over the past twelve months, Council has been consulted and has advised me on a range of matters, including:

- the harmonisation of occupational health and safety legislation;
- the continuation of ACT Codes of Practice as they relate to Work Safety matters, whilst harmonisation is finalised;
- minor amendments to the Work Safety Act and Regulations; and
- proposed changes to the ACT Workers Compensation legislation.

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: *10-6-11*

By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher MLA



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Asked by John Hargreaves on 30 May 2011 : Katy Gallagher took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011 Page 49

In relation to : ACT Public Service employees' salary packaging bus fares.

Can the Minister provide the Committee with more information on the details of the salary packaging arrangements being put in place by the Government.

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

The Government has provided a web page containing further information for staff on the issue which is accessible at

https://actgovssc.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1201

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Date: 10.6.11

By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Vicki Dunn on 30 May 2011 : Meg Brighton took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011, Page 50

In relation to : Passage of the *Magistrates Court (Workers Compensation Infringement Notice) Amendment Regulation 2011* (Amendment Regulations)

Why does the Explanatory Statement to the Amendment Regulations state that the infringement notices provide an employer an opportunity to accept decreased penalties in respect of non-compliance with the *Workers' Compensation Act 1951* when the value of all of the penalties have increased?

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

The *Workers Compensation Act 1951* (the WC Act) prescribes a hierarchy of offences that apply to employers in connection with their workers' insurance arrangements. In part, the WC Act empowers the Courts to impose financial penalties and, in some cases imprisonment, in respect of these offences.

Since 1 July 2006 the *Magistrates Court (Workers Compensation Infringement Notice) Regulation 2006* (the Regulation) has provided Government with a framework for the issue of infringement notices in relation to specified offences against the WC Act.


This framework allows the Government (via the now WorkSafe ACT inspectorate) to impose penalties on non-compliant employers equal to 20% of the maximum penalty that the Court may impose under the WC Act.

For example, s 147A(2) provides that an employer commits an offence if the employer fails to maintain a compulsory insurance policy with an approved insurer. The maximum penalty that a Court may impose for that offence is set at 50 penalty units – which is equal to \$5,500 (\$110/penalty unit) for an individual and \$27,500 (\$550/penalty unit) for a corporation.

Under the Regulations WorkSafe ACT may issue an infringement notice in respect of an offence under s 147A(2) of the WC Act, **which carries a significantly reduced penalty**. In the case of a corporation, the reduced penalty would be equal to \$5,500 – **being 20% of the maximum \$27,000** which the Court could impose for the offence.

Since the Regulation was last published (23 November 2007), the value of each penalty unit has been increased by s 133 of the *Legislation Act 2001* causing a consequential increase in value of penalties which WorkSafe can impose under the Regulation.

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Signature: 

Date: 10.6.11

By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Vicki Dunne on 30 May 2011 : Liesl Centenera took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 30 May 2011 Page 52

In relation to : In relation to total costs of Output 1.3 on page 34 of Budget Paper 4.

Could the Minister provide the committee with a breakdown of the budget allocation for IR, in particular explaining the change between 2010-11 and 2011-12?

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

The increase of \$1.4m in the 2011-12 Budget from the estimated outcome is due to new funding provided for the ACTPS Worker's Compensation and Work Safety Improvement Plan Initiative (\$1.186m) and funding for OHS Harmonisation (\$0.157m).

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By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Katy Gallagher MLA



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Gallagher MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – page 7

In relation to:

Infrastructure Grants Expenditure

MR HANSON: How much have we spent of the infrastructure grants?

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The General Practice (GP) Development Fund provides four million dollars over four years to develop, attract and retain the general practice workforce through:

- Practice infrastructure grants to support and maintain the general practice workforce
- Supporting teaching and learning at all levels in general practice
- Supporting ideas to attract and retain the general practice workforce
- Encouraging innovation in the organisation and provision of primary health care services to the ACT.

Two funding rounds have been completed. As a result of these first two funding rounds, nineteen grants to the value of \$640,200 (including GST) have been made to support infrastructure in 16 ACT general practices.

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By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Gallagher MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – page 9

In relation to :

Recommendations from GP Taskforce and Health Committee Inquiry

MR HANSON: It is just for those ones which, you know, recommendations were agreed to, just an update on how that is rolling out and how that is being implemented?

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There has been significant progress made with regards to implementing the recommendations in both the GP Taskforce (ACT GP Taskforce Final Report – General Practice and Sustainable Primary Health Care – The Way Forward) and Health Committee Inquiry (Standing Committee on Health, Community and Social Services Report 02: Inquiry into access to primary health care services).

GP Taskforce

- On 26 March 2009, in response to the community concern regarding a number of closures of GP practices in the ACT and the well-documented shortage of GPs in the ACT, the ACT Minister for Health, Ms Katy Gallagher announced the establishment of a GP Taskforce to investigate access to primary health care in the ACT.
- The GP Taskforce's Final Report, *General Practice and Sustainable Primary Health Care: The Way Forward*, was tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly in September 2009.
- The ACT Government Response to the GP Taskforce's Final Report was tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly by ACT Minister for Health, Ms Katy Gallagher on 8 December 2009.
- The ACT Government agreed or agreed in principle to all of the recommendations made by the Taskforce in its Final Report.

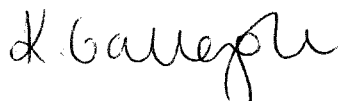
- Implementation of the GP Taskforce's recommendations is continuing and progress is occurring. There are a total of 30 GP Taskforce Report recommendations of which:
 - 6 are completed
 - 1 is ongoing and will need to be considered further in context of the COAG reforms
 - 1 is likely to be progressed by the Australian Government
 - 22 are in various stages of progress
- Progress is being monitored by the Joint ACT Division of General Practice and ACT Health Executive (Joint Executive) that meets four times per year.

Health Committee Inquiry

- In 2009 the Standing Committee for Health, Community and Social Services (the Committee) undertook an inquiry into primary health care services in the ACT. The Report entitled *Access to Primary Health Care Services* was released in February 2010.
- The ACT Government tabled their response to the *Access to Primary Health Care Services* Report in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 22 June 2010.
- The ACT Government agreed or agreed in principle to 10 of the 24 recommendations, and has noted a further 11 recommendations. The ACT Government did not agree to a small number of recommendations
- Implementation of the Standing Committee's recommendations is continuing and progress is occurring. There are a total of 24 Standing Committee recommendations of which:
 - 2 are completed
 - 2 are ongoing and will need to be considered further in context of the COAG reforms
 - 7 have been deemed to warrant no action
 - 13 are in various stages of progress
- As per the GP Taskforce report, progress is being monitored by the Joint ACT Division of General Practice and ACT Health Executive (Joint Executive) that meets four times per year.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Bresnan MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Kohlhagen took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – page 14

In relation to :

Aged Care Assessments – Higher Care places

MS BRESNAN: Like, with the assessments I know there has been like, speediness of that providers that I have spoken to that they are finding that people are being assessed now at a higher level because people are possibility not going into aged care at that lower level. Is that something we find here in the ACT, it is more higher, people needing higher care places?

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

It is correct that there is an increase in the percentage of people assessed and approved for high level versus low level care in the ACT.

Percentages for the past three years of the total assessed and accepted:

- 2008/09 – 42.5% high level
- 2009/10 – 44.6% high level
- 2010/11 (YTD - 31 May 2011) – 49.2% high level

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Smyth MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Kohlhagen took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – page 14

In relation to :

Aged Care Assessments – Staffing

MR SMYTH: And just to find there how many staff are there in the ACAT Team?

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

There are currently 11 full-time equivalent (FTE) assessors budgeted in the ACAT Team for 2010/11, and an additional 1 FTE manager.

Due to staff vacancies the average FTE throughout the year has been 9.6 FTE.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Smyth MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Kohlhagen took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – page 15

In relation to :

Aged Care Assessments – Length of Assessment

MR SMYTH: How long does the assessment take?

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The actual assessment time of an individual takes approximately 2.5 hours.

The 2.5 hours includes meeting with the client and completing associated record keeping procedures including data entry. Complex patients may take longer than 2.5 hours depending on the nature of the patients social and health status.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Smyth MLA on Monday 30 May 2011:

Ms Gallagher MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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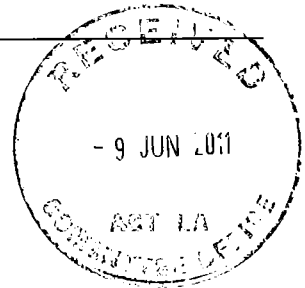
In relation to :

Community Organisation Funding

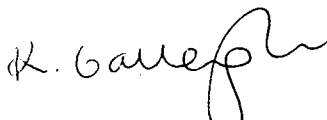
MR SMYTH: Well perhaps if we started with those that have applied but missed out or did not get all that they asked for and have you done – I guess it raises the question...

MS GALLAGHER MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Health Directorate receives frequent requests for funding through a number of sources. There is no comprehensive register kept of all of the requests and therefore it is not feasible for the Health Directorate to answer this question.

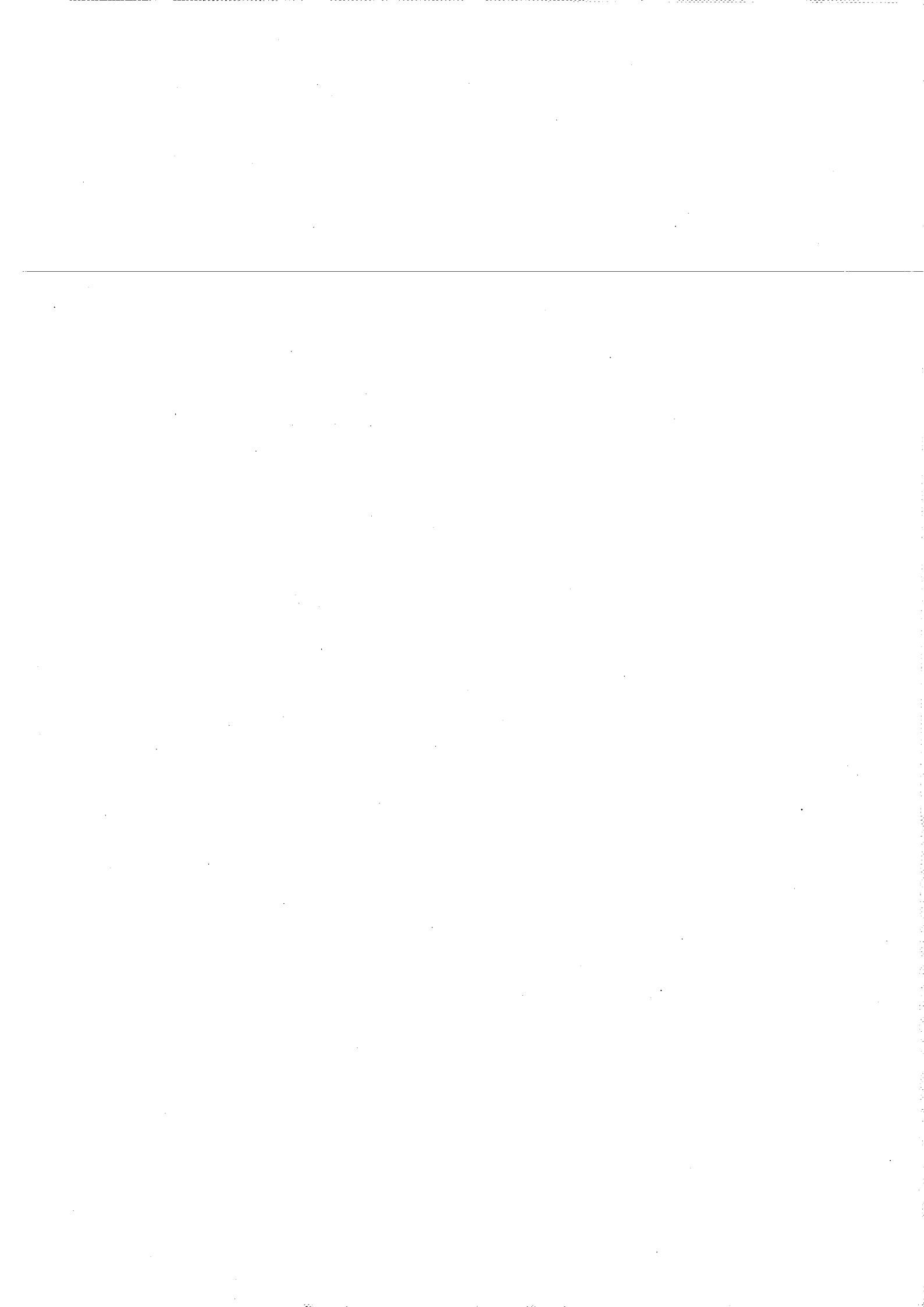


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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA on Monday 30 May 2011 :

Dr Brown took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Transcript – Monday 30 May 2011 – Page 37

In relation to :

Roll overs contained on page 234 Budget Paper 4.

MR HANSON: On page 234 of budget paper 4 there are figures for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Under “Budget Technical Adjustments” there are a number of rollovers. I would like to get an understanding of what they are. They start with “Rollover—Healthy Future—Preventative Health Program” and “Rollover—GP Workforce Initiatives” and so on. Could someone provide an explanation of those rollovers?

MS Katy Gallagher : The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

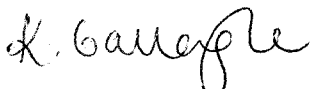
The rollovers are summarised below:

Commonwealth Funded		
1	Health Services NP	394.8
2	Indigenous Early Childhood Development NPP	176.0
3	Essential Vaccines NPP	500.0
4	Preventative Health NPP	40.0
5	Hospital and Health Workforce Reform NPP	260.0
6	<u>National Health Reforms</u>	
	Emergency Department	1,750.0
	Elective Surgery	810.0
	Flexible Funding	3,022.0
ACT Funded		
7	A Healthy Future	1,010.5
8	GP Workforce Initiative (2009-10)	30.0
9	Health Workforce Initiative (2009-10)	815.0
		8,808.3

Explanations for each rollover is provided below.

1. This rollover relates to delay in three national programs: National Bowel Cancer, National Perinatal Depression and Bringing Nurses Back to the Workforce. The delays largely relate to the flow-on effect of late commencement of the programs in their first year of operation.
2. The delay occurred due to the project coordinator being on extended sick leave during the early part of 2010-11. Recruitment was undertaken and a new officer started in March 2011.
3. The Essential Vaccine rollover includes 2 years' facilitation payments which will be used for the replacement of the vaccine inventory database in 2011-12.
4. This funding is planned to be used to conduct a survey to measure a number of performance indicators on Preventative Health. Despite the funding being provided in 2010-11, the survey was not planned to be conducted in that financial year.
5. These funds were provided by the Commonwealth to assist with progressing the National Health Reform Agenda. These funds will be used to develop Activity Based Funding within the Health Directorate.
6. National Health Reform funding was announced late in the 2010-11 Budget process and during 2010-11 the Commonwealth confirmed its planned cash flows. Access to the funds is through an Implementation Plan that requires Commonwealth approval. The process has taken longer than envisaged, however the ACT expects to use these funds in 2011-12 to support meeting agreed performance targets.
7. This rollover relates to delays in a number of sub-components of this initiative for mass screening for chlamydia, chlamydia testing in pharmacies, a breastfeeding project, a smoking cessation program and health promotion grants (associated with procurement delays).
8. This rollover relates to delayed recruitment of a GP marketing and support officer.
9. This rollover relates to delays in recruitment and contracting for a number of workforce initiatives for allied health research, assistants in nursing, nursing and midwifery and scoping workforce development in other nations.

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By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref:

In relation to : Hospital Bed Costs

1. What is the cost of an acute bed?
 - a) What floor space does an acute bed occupy?
 - b) Can this floor space be converted into an average capital cost, if so, what is the average capital cost?
2. What is the cost of a sub-acute bed?
 - a) What floor space does a sub-acute bed occupy?
 - b) Can this floor space be converted in to an average capital cost, if so, what is the average capital cost?
3. What is the cost of an Intensive Care Unit bed?
 - a) What additional capital (compared to a standard acute bed) is required for an Intensive Care Unit bed?
 - b) What is the total cost for this additional capital?
 - c) How many additional staff are required for an Intensive Care Unit bed?
 - d) What is the total cost for these additional staff?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. What is the cost of an acute bed?

Within the health sector (nationally and internationally) the cost of hospital services is not measured by cost of hospital bed. A hospital bed can occupy patients with different diagnosis, associated complications, different procedures undertaken and different resource consumption (staffing, on-costs, consumables, pharmacy, pathology, etc). A bed occupied on one day may have a considerably different cost the following day. The accepted classification to determine hospital resource consumption for acute services is the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group (AR-DRG). The cost of acute separation by AR-DRG is the nationally accepted determinant of acute cost, not the cost of hospital bed. In 2008-09, the estimate of ACT acute cost was approximately \$1797 per day.

- a) What floor space does an acute bed occupy?

For the Capital Asset Development Program (CADP) the Space Standards for a single bed room 16.5m² (standard) -18m² (special), a double room 25m² or a 4 bed room 42 m². This space provision only applies to the actual room and not the support space such as ensuite, storage, staff stations, utilities or circulation in a ward or other clinical or operational support space in a health facility.

- b) Can this floor space be converted into an average capital cost, if so, what is the average capital cost?

- (i) Floor space cannot be converted with reliability into average capital cost as a proxy for cost of acute bed. The cost of an acute bed in capital works depends on the nature of the capital works undertaken to refurbish or construct a new facility or the age and current depreciated value of an existing facility.

2. What is the cost of a sub-acute bed?

There is no nationally agreed Australian classification system to determine the cost of sub-acute services. In 2008-09, the estimate of ACT rehabilitation cost is approximately \$834 per day.

- a) What floor space does a sub-acute bed occupy?

For a single bed room 16.5 (standard) -18m² (special), a double room 25m² or a 4 bed room 42 m².

This space provision only applies to the actual room and not the support space such as ensuite, storage, staff stations, utilities or circulation in a ward or other clinical or operational support space in a health facility. The support space is generally higher for a subacute bed as there are many more shared areas including lounges, dining areas, rehabilitation space, gym space and outdoor space.

- b) Can this floor space be converted in to an average capital cost, if so, what is the average capital cost?

- (i) As per answer to question 1(b) above.

3. What is the cost of an Intensive Care Unit bed?

There is no nationally agreed Australian classification system to determine the cost of an intensive care unit bed. In 2008-09, the estimate of the ACT cost of an intensive care unit bed was approximately \$3,400 per day. This is the estimated direct costs for intensive care unit services, independent of overheads and other indirect costs.

- a) What additional capital (compared to a standard acute bed) is required for an Intensive Care Unit bed?

An enclosed Intensive Care Unit single bedroom is 25m². This excludes support spaces such as staff stations, bathrooms, storage, offices, utilities and circulation space.

b) What is the total cost for this additional capital?

(i) As per answer to question 1(b) above.

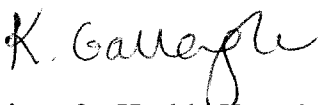
c) How many additional staff are required for an Intensive Care Unit bed?

An ICU bed requires approximately 6-7 full time equivalent registered nurses, as well as a proportion of medical staff, physiotherapists, social workers, dietitians, nurse educators and support staff such as wardman, ward clerk etc. This provides for a one to one nurse to patient ratio for intensive care patients. General ward beds are staffed at ratios of between one-to-four, to one-to-six, dependent on the care needs of the patients. These ratios are also subject to change based on changes to patient needs.

d) What is the total cost for these additional staff?

Approximate operational costs for an ICU bed \$ 1.2-1.3million per annum

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health; Budget Paper 4; page 228, Output Class 1.1

In relation to : Nurse Costs

1. What is the pay scale for a registered nurse working in an ACT public hospital?
 - (a) What is the total annual recurrent cost for a nurse working in an ACT public hospital, other than wage costs?
 - (b) What penalty rates or retainers are paid to nurses who work outside standard business hours in an ACT public hospital
2. What is the pay scale for a non-registered nurse working in an ACT public hospital?
 - (a) What is the total annual recurrent cost for a non-registered nurse working in an ACT public hospital, other than wage costs?
 - (b) What penalty rates or retainers are paid to a non-registered nurse who works outside standard business hours in an ACT public hospital


KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The current pay scales for registered nurses working in ACT public hospitals can be found in Schedule 1 of the *ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011*. The agreement can be accessed at:
<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health?a=sendfile&ft=p&fid=2049481740&sid=>
 - a) The Directorate uses the Treasury Administrative on-cost Model on-cost Model (August 2010) to estimate non-salary costs. The total standard figure for administrative on-costs (in the August 2010 Guideline) was \$16,838.
 - b) The current penalty and overtime rates for registered nurses working in ACT public hospitals can be found in Sections E and K respectively of the *ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011*. The agreement can be accessed at:
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2. In addition to registered nurses, the Health Directorate employs enrolled nurses. The current pay scales for enrolled nurses working in ACT public hospitals can be found in Schedule 1 of the *ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011*. The agreement can be accessed at:
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health; Budget Paper 4; page 228; Output Class 1.

In relation to : Hospital Staff Costs

1. Can you please provide a comprehensive list of hospital staff pay grades, including medical, paramedical, nursing and administrative staff.

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The pay grades for all Directorate staff can be found in the respective certified and enterprise agreements:

Schedule 1 of the *ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011*.

This agreement can be accessed at:

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health?a=sendfile&ft=p&fid=2049481740&sid=>

Annex A of the *ACT Public Sector Medical Practitioners Union Collective Agreement 2008-2011*.

This agreement can be accessed at:


<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health?a=sendfile&ft=p&fid=718693911&sid=>

Annex A of the *ACT Health General Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011*.

This agreement can be accessed at:

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health?a=sendfile&ft=p&fid=-1135200739&sid=>

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By the Minister for Health,



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health; Budget Paper 4; page 228; Output Class 1.1

In relation to : Orthopaedics

1. What is the estimated number of incidences of orthopaedic surgery that will be provided to ACT Health patients in a private hospital, in the 2010 – 11 financial year?
2. What is the total cost to ACT Health for these surgeries?
3. Please outline how the contract for these surgeries was allocated to private surgeries.

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The estimated number of orthopaedic surgeries provided to ACT Health patients in a private hospital is 60 patients.
2. The cost of orthopaedic surgeries in the ACT are not provided. This information is commercial in confidence, however the costs associated with these surgeries are consistent with ACT public hospital costs.
3. The contract for these surgeries was allocated to private providers through a select tender process open to all private hospitals in the ACT.

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By the Minister for Health,



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health; Budget Paper 4; page 230; Output Class 1.5

In relation to: General Practitioners (GP)

1. How many GPs currently practice in the ACT?
2. How many GPs currently bulk bill for all patients in the ACT?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. According to the 2011 Report on Government Services, in 2009-10, there were 398 GPs practising in the ACT. This equates to 238 Full time Workload Equivalent (FWE) GPs, or 66.5 FWE GPs per 100,000 people.
2. The ACT Government does not routinely collect details on the billing practices of GPs in the ACT. This is because general practices are privately owned businesses and as such the ACT Government is not able to influence their billing practices. To further complicate matters, individual doctors billing practices may vary with a particular general practice. The decision to bulk bill a patient is often negotiated between the patient and the individual GP.

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By the Minister for Health,

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health; Budget Paper 4; page 228; Output Class 1.5

In relation to : Nurse Walk In Clinic

1. What is the total annual recurrent cost for the Nurse Walk In Clinic?
 - (a) What is the annual recurrent cost for staffing the Nurse Walk In Clinic?
 - (b) What is the annual recurrent cost for accommodation of the Nurse Walk In Clinic?
 - (c) What are the other substantive recurrent costs for operations of the Nurse Walk In Clinic?
2. What is the pay scale for a registered nurse employed at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic?
 - (a) What is the total annual cost associated with employment of a registered nurse employed at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic, additional to wage?
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown of these costs.
3. What is the pay scale for an unregistered nurse employed at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic?
 - (a) What is the total annual cost associated with employment of a registered nurse employed at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic, additional to wage?
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown of these costs.
4. What penalty rates or retainers are paid to nurses who work outside normal business hours in the Nurse Walk-In Clinic?
5. What is the current retention rate for nurses at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic?
6. How many non-nursing staff are employed at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic?
 - (a) What are the pay scales for these staff?
 - (b) What is the total annual cost associated with employment of non-staffing employee at the Nurse Walk-In Clinic, in addition to wage?
 - (c) Please provide a breakdown of these costs

7. What is the total annual recurrent cost for the Nurse Walk In Clinic?
The Walk-in Centre's 2010-11 Annual budget is \$2.528m

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1.
- (a) \$1.857m
 - (b) There is no recurrent accommodation costs for the Walk-in clinic as it is located on The Canberra Hospital campus.
 - (c) \$0.671m

2.

RN3.1	\$	83,861	to \$87,312	range
RN3.2	\$	94,804		single level
RN4.2	\$	101,525		single level
RN4.3	\$	108,239		single level

- (a) Average approximately \$24.4k per full-time staff member\

(b)

Superannuation	\$	8,817
LSL Liabilities & Leave Bonus	\$	3,919
Comcare premium	\$	3,449
IT/PC related costs	\$	3,894
Voice/Mobile/Canberra Connect Subsidy	\$	640
Training	\$	2,000
Fleet	\$	334
Other Admin	\$	1,331
Total annual associated costs / employee	\$	24,384

3.

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable

4. Staff are employed under the current ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement 2010-2011.

5. Current retention rate for nurses is 92%

6. 3.5 Full Time Equivalent Staff

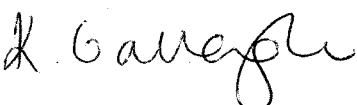
(a) ASO3 \$49,306 to \$53,214 range

(b) Approximately \$16.7k per full-time person

(c)

Superannuation	\$ 4,789
LSL Liabilities & Leave Bonus	\$ 2,129
Comcare premium	\$ 1,873
IT/PC related costs	\$ 3,894
Voice, Canberra Connect Subsidy	\$ 640
Training	\$ 2,000
Other Admin	\$ 1,331
Total annual associated costs / employee	\$ 16,656

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Date: 10-6-11

By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON MLA : To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health Directorate, Budget Paper 3, page 96

In relation to : Surgery Costs

1. What assumptions and data (including source of data) informed the costings for the Expenditure Initiative *Growth in Demand for Surgical Services*?
 - (a) How many incidences of elective plastic surgery will be performed under this initiative?
 - (b) What is the average cost per incidence of elective plastic surgery?
 - (c) How many incidences of emergency plastic surgery will be performed under this initiative?
 - (d) What is the average cost per incidence of emergency plastic surgery?

2. What is the average cost for the ACT for an elective surgery procedure in the following specialties?
 - (a) Cardiothoracic surgery,
 - (b) Ear, throat and nose,
 - (c) Gynecology,
 - (d) Neurosurgery,
 - (e) Ophthalmology,
 - (f) Plastic surgery,
 - (g) Urology,
 - (h) Vascular, and
 - (i) Orthopedics.

3. Please provide the schedule of average cost weighted separation, as provided by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, for the surgical procedures in the following specialties?
 - (a) Cardiothoracic surgery,
 - (b) Ear, throat and nose,
 - (c) Gynecology,
 - (d) Neurosurgery,
 - (e) Ophthalmology,
 - (f) Plastic surgery,
 - (g) Urology,
 - (h) Vascular, and
 - (i) Orthopedics.

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

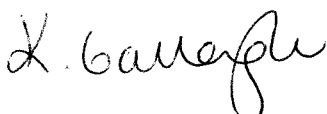
1. \$2.5 million was allocated to Growth in Demand for Surgical Service. Of the money, \$1.5 million will be used to increase access to elective surgery by 306 cases and reduce the number of patients waiting longer than clinically recommended timeframes. A further \$0.5 million to provide a paediatric ophthalmological service, reducing the need for interstate travel for patients requiring this service. An additional \$0.5 million has been assigned to improve access to plastic surgery in the ACT.
 - a) The number of elective plastic surgery procedures to be performed under this initiative is approximately 90 cases. This estimate is based on the application of the ACT's average price per cost weighted separation for a select basket of surgical cases.
 - b) The average cost per incidence of elective plastic surgery in the ACT is just over \$5,500 (2009-10 data).
 - c) There is no forecasting for emergency surgery.
 - d) The average cost per incident of emergency plastic surgery in the ACT is \$6,200 (2009-10).
2. Below is the table with the average cost for an ACT elective surgery procedure by the following clinical specialties.

Surgical Specialty	Avg. CWS Round 12	Avg. Cost - ACT
Cardiothoracic surgery	7.65	\$ 40,171.63
Ear, nose and throat surgery	1.08	\$ 5,672.03
Gynaecology	.96	\$ 5,067.51
Neurosurgery	3.01	\$ 15,834.79
Ophthalmology	.64	\$ 3,385.25
Plastic surgery	1.05	\$ 5,534.38
Urology	1.12	\$ 5,888.08
Vascular surgery	2.16	\$ 11,324.19
Orthopaedic surgery	2.14	\$ 11,228.91

Source: Admitted Patient Care, published dataset 2009-10

3. The schedule of average cost weighted separation for surgical procedures at a national level is not available. This information would require unit record level data and the AIHW do not distribute this information.

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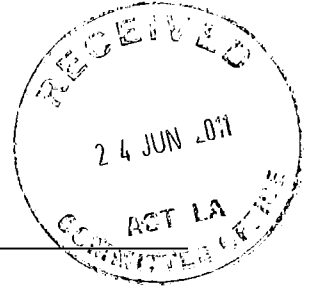
By the Minister for Health,



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-12

QUESTION ON NOTICE



BRENDAN SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation:

Reference: Economic Development, Tourism, Venues and Events, Budget Paper 4, pp 36; 124 and Hansard, Estimates Committee, 27 May 2011:

1. Which organisation/s managed the delivery of Enlighten.
2. What requirements, if any, were placed on the management entity when seeking suppliers of goods or services for Enlighten.
3. Was there an open tender process seeking suppliers of goods or services for Enlighten.
4. If there was not an open tender process, why was this the case.
5. What qualifications or requirements, if any, were placed on potential tenderers.
6. Were there any tenders for the supply of goods or services received from entities based in Canberra.
7. In particular, were any tenders for the supply of general lighting services received from entities based in Canberra.
8. From which city or other location were the successful tenderers to supply goods and services for Enlighten based.
9. If there were tenders received from Canberra-based entities, were any of these entities successful in providing goods or services to Enlighten.
10. If there were no successful tenders received from Canberra-based entities, what were the reasons for these entities not being successful with their tenders.

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

1. Australian Capital Tourism (Tourism) had overall management responsibility for *Enlighten* and co-delivered the event with the Chief Minister's Department's Special Events Unit (SEU). SEU was responsible for project management and the Event Management services contract.
2. ACT Government Procurement Guidelines were followed when seeking suppliers of goods and services.
3. The majority of goods and services purchased for *Enlighten* were below the \$200,000 threshold required for an open tender process and were procured by sourcing three quotes as per the ACT Government Procurement Guidelines.

The two exceptions to the above were:

- the tender for Event Management services for the delivery of *Enlighten*. Out There Productions and Early Bird Marketing were the successful contractor. Early Bird Marketing are a Canberra business.
 - a single select tender was used for the procurement of architectural lighting with Electric Canvas as they are the exclusive Australian provider for Pigi High powered filmstrip projectors and the Onlyview multi projector audiovisual media delivery system and are able to produce large scale architectural projection of this magnitude. Electric Canvas is the only company in Australia that can provide the technical expertise and design staff to produce and operate this project.
4. See above.
 5. Technical requirements for each Quote/Tender were generated specifically to the goods and services required.
 6. See question 3. Yes quotations were received for the supply of goods and services from entities based in Canberra.
 7. The supplier of general lighting was sourced through three quotes as per the ACT Government Procurement Guidelines for the provision of goods and services under \$200,000. The successful supplier was a local Canberra business –GenPlus.
 8. The majority of suppliers of goods and services were sourced from ACT, Sydney and Regional NSW.
 9. See above.
 10. See above. ACT Government Procurement Guidelines were followed when seeking suppliers of goods and services.

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Date: 24.6.11

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Brendan Smyth: To ask the Chief Minister:

Reference: Chief Minister's Directorate, Public Sector Management, Budget Paper 4, p 29:

1. What is the policy of the ACT Government towards utilising entry points for young people to join the ACT public service at the commencement of their career.
2. What categories of entry points are there across the ACT public service.
3. (a) How many apprentices were employed in the ACT public service as at 30 April 2011;
(b) what has been the trend in the employment of apprentices over the past five years.
4. (a) How many graduates were employed in the ACT public service as at 30 April 2011;
(b) what has been the trend in the employment of graduates over the past five years.
5. (a) How many trainees were employed in the ACT public service as at 30 April 2011;
(b) what has been the trend in the employment of trainees over the past five years.
6. (a) How many people were employed in entry-level positions as administrative officers in the ACT public service as at 30 April 2011; (b) what has been the trend in the number of people employed in entry-level positions as administrative officers over the past five years.

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

The information is contained in QON E11-007 asked of the Chief Minister.

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: 17.6.11

By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher



ACT AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Le Couteur MLA has asked the Acting Auditor-General on 2 June 2011 a question relating to 'user charges'. (Question E11-825).

In relation to 'user charges':

User charges for the ACT Government were estimated to be \$2.693 million for this financial year and are budgeted to be \$2.622 million for 2011-12.

This represents the fees charged to ACT Government Departments for the annual audit of their financial statements. Given the significant changes that are being made structurally to the Government, it would be expected that audit fees would be more expensive in the first year that this change occurs (given movements in and out of portfolios) due to the need to re-document internal control systems etc. This would affect the audit of Directorate financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Questions:

How has the user charge been calculated and has sufficient funding been provided to the Auditor-General to ensure that the Office is able to carry out sufficient work to meet Australian Auditing Standards when conducting financial statement audits in 2011-12?

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE –

ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. How has the user charge been calculated?

Answer: The major reason for the estimated \$71 000 or 2.6 percent decline in financial audit fees from \$2 693 000 in 2010-11 to \$2 622 000 in 2011-12 is that audits of the financial statements for Rhodium Asset Solutions Limited and Totalcare Industries Limited will not be required in 2011-12. The loss of these audits had a minimal impact on the Office's 2011-12 budget estimates because the resulting reduction in audit fees was largely offset by a similar reduction in fees paid to the audit contractors engaged to perform these audits.

The Audit Office estimates 'user charges' (financial audit fees) by identifying the audits that will need to be performed in 2011-12. The Office then estimates the time and cost of completing these audits. The Office generally uses historical information on the time required in previous years and adjusts this for any known factors such as changes to information systems, administrative restructures, changes to audit and accounting and audit requirements etc. The Office also makes adjustments for increases to the wage price index, changes to fees charged by audit contractors, IT specialists, actuaries and tax specialists engaged to assist in the completion of the audit program.

For audits undertaken principally by audit contractors, audit fees are estimated on the basis of the audit fee payable to the contractors plus the time and cost of work undertaken by Audit Office staff in managing these audits.

In estimating the audit fees, the Audit Office seeks to recover the estimated costs of completing the entire financial audit program while providing budget consistency and certainty for agencies (especially smaller agencies) by minimising fee variations between years. The Office will often adjust audit fees charged to individual agencies where the significant surpluses or deficits have been recorded over a number of years.

2. Has sufficient funding been provided to the Auditor-General to ensure that the Office is able to carry out sufficient work to meet Australian Auditing Standards when conducting financial statement audits in 2011-12?


Answer: Yes. The Audit Office believes it will comply with Australian Auditing Standards when conducting financial statement audits in 2011-12 and that it has the necessary funding, or can obtain the funding, to do so.

Under the *Auditor-General Act 1996*, most agencies are required to pay fees set by the Audit Office. This enables the Office to charge fees to recover the higher costs of the financial audit program resulting from the recently announced changes to the administrative arrangements referred to in the Member's question. The Office may decide to charge higher fees to recover additional costs resulting from these changes even though they were unknown when the Office's 2011-12 budget was prepared.

The Audit Office does not believe the overall impact on audit fees of these changes to administrative arrangements will be significant. There will be some additional costs associated with auditing the effects of these changes in agencies' financial statements and, where applicable statements of performance. However, the Office does not believe it will be necessary to reassess or re-document agencies' functions, governance arrangements, accounting systems and internal controls as these are expected to be largely unaffected by these changes.

The major risk to the financial audit program that results from such unforeseeable changes is that the Audit Office will be unable obtain the resources needed to complete the audit program. In an employment market where it is difficult to retain staff or obtain resources at short notice, there is a higher risk that the quality and timeliness of audits will be adversely affected by such changes. To mitigate these risks, the Office has made some prudent allowances in its forward planning of staff resources. For example, in resourcing the 2010-11 audit program, the Office has engaged two senior auditors from private sector firms and, as a retention measure, provided acting manager opportunities to some experienced staff. The Office's workplace agreement also allows staff to accrue 'unlimited flex-time' during the peak period of the financial audit program.

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by the Acting Auditor-General, Bernie Sheville.



ACT AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Le Couteur MLA has asked the Acting Auditor-General on 2 June 2011 a question relating to 'Working with agencies to improve agency performance'. (Question E11-826).

Ref: Auditor-General, Budget Paper No. 4, page number 22.

In relation to: 'Working with agencies to improve agency performance'.

1. **When you say that you are working with agencies to improve agency performance, what kind of areas are you focusing on?**
2. **Has the Office coordinated, or been in communication with, the Commissioner for the Environment regarding her audit of government agency energy and water usage and other related data?**

This is one of the issues that the Auditor-General's Report on *Reporting on Ecologically Sustainable Development* of June 2005 made a number of recommendations on, in terms of whole-of-government coordination of data collection and reporting.

One of the Audit opinions of the 2005 report was that:

'There was little evidence that decision-making processes take into account ESD principles. In almost 70 percent of agencies reviewed, ESD information was not a regular feature of reports to agency's senior management.'

3. **Is this ESD data collection and reporting one of the areas of agency performance which the Audit Office is monitoring?**
4. **Does the Audit Office find that agencies are improving their energy and water usage etc. performance as a result of this data collection and reporting?**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE –

ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. When you say that you are working with agencies to improve agency performance, what kind of areas are you focusing on?

Answer: The Audit Office alerts agencies to areas for improvement identified from work performed on financial and performance audits through performance audit reports and audit management reports (financial audits). These reports include recommendations which, if implemented by agencies, would improve their performance (efficiency and effectiveness). The provision of sound recommendations is a primary means by which the Office 'works with agencies' to improve aspects of their performance.

For performance audits, the areas of focus are considered in developing the performance audit program. In recent years, the Office has incorporated broad themes in this program such as:

- delivery of services to the community;
- accountability and transparency (e.g. performance reporting);
- quality of advice to government or quality of decision-making;
- effective implementation of government policy (e.g. procurement legislation, contract management, land supply);
- record-keeping practices;
- adequacy of governance and internal control structures within agencies.

The specific areas of focus for each audit are often identified during the planning phase and will generally reflect areas where improvement is warranted.

The Audit Office also 'works with agencies to improve agency performance' as part of its financial audit activities. During each financial audit, the Office considers the adequacy of governance arrangements, internal controls and reporting systems and practices (including information technology systems) implemented by agencies. The areas for improvement and audit recommendations reflect the results of the Office's work in these areas.

During each financial audit, the Audit Office:

- assists agencies to improve the quality of their annual financial statements and statements of performance by providing advice on these statements before their inclusion in agencies' annual reports; and
- assesses the reporting agency's progress in addressing previously reported audit findings and advises agencies on the status of these audit findings.

The Audit Office also provides technical advice on accounting and reporting requirements to reporting agencies. This provides assurance that agencies' financial statements and, where applicable, statements of performance will be prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting and reporting requirements within the applicable reporting timeframes.

The Audit Office also conducts an annual financial audit information seminar for agencies. This seminar includes an overview of the significant reporting and internal control issues identified in the previous reporting periods and major changes to reporting requirements. This seminar was attended by many agency representatives. The Office also presents similar information to the senior executives and internal audit committees of agencies when requested to do so.

2. **Has the Office coordinated, or been in communication with, the Commissioner for the Environment regarding her audit of government agency energy and water usage and other related data?**

This is one of the issues that the Auditor-General's Report on *Reporting on Ecologically Sustainable Development* of June 2005 made a number of recommendations on, in terms of whole-of-government coordination of data collection and reporting.

One of the Audit opinions of the 2005 report was that:

'There was little evidence that decision-making processes take into account ESD principles. In almost 70 percent of agencies reviewed, ESD information was not a regular feature of reports to agency's senior management.'

Answer: No. The Audit Office has not coordinated, or been in communication with, the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment regarding her audit of government agency energy and water usage and other related data.

3. **Is this ESD data collection and reporting one of the areas of agency performance which the Audit Office is monitoring?**

Answer: No. ESD data collection and reporting is not subject to ongoing monitoring by the Audit Office.

Auditor-General's Report No. 3 of 2005 titled 'Reporting on Ecologically Sustainable Development' considered whether selected ACT public sector agencies had implemented sound systems, guidelines and processes to meet ESD reporting responsibilities under the *Environment Protection Act 1997*, Annual Report Directions, other relevant departmental legislation and policies. The audit also considered the adequacy of guidelines issued by the Chief Minister's Department. The audit concluded there was scope for considerable improvement to the ESD guidance and information contained in annual reports.

The Auditor-General's Report No. 1 of 2010 titled 'Performance Reporting' examined the accuracy, relevance and completeness of the reporting of performance by selected public sector agencies, including aspects of reporting against ESD requirements. The report noted that reporting on ESD was complex, and departments reviewed did not fully comply with the requirement. The audit also concluded there is scope for further improvement in reporting on ecologically sustainable development.


These reports indicate that ESD reporting remains problematic for ACT Government agencies. To this extent, ESD reporting, and related issues, will remain of interest to the Audit Office as a potential performance audit topic.

5. Does the Audit Office find that agencies are improving their energy and water useage etc. performance as a result of this data collection and reporting?

Answer: The Audit Office has not undertaken an analysis of the performance of agencies in managing their energy and water use. The Office's performance audits have examined whether selected ACT public sector agencies had systems, guidelines and processes that would enable them to meet ESD reporting responsibilities, rather than agencies performance in this area.

The Audit Office's believes that a comparative analysis of agencies' performance in improving their energy and water use would probably be a difficult exercise due to changes in reporting requirements.

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MMA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

BRENDAN SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs:

Reference: Community Services, Community Affairs (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), Budget Paper 4, p 347:

1. What is the status of the application, by the Billabong Aboriginal Development Corporation, for a lease for the block of land off Stockdill Drive, on which the Corporation's activities are based.
2. If there have been any delays with the consideration of this application, what are the reasons for this delay.
3. When is it anticipated that the application for a lease will be finalised.

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

1. The Direct Sale application is on hold pending Billabong's, or their subsidiary's, registration under the Not for Profit Housing Regulatory Framework which is included in the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*. Once registration is secured, assessment of the organisation's eligibility for a direct sale can be continued.

The name of the organisation seeking the direct sale will need to match the name of the entity registered under the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*.

2. The ACT Government requires that Billabong be registered as either an Affordable or a Community Housing provider under the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*.

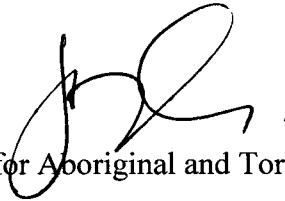
An application for registration under the *Housing Assistance Act 2007* has been received from Bambrah Housing Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary established by Billabong to manage its housing.

The application did not include all of the supporting evidence required for assessment against the criteria under Part 4A of the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*. The evidence has been requested. Assessment of the application will take about 6 weeks after the relevant evidence has been received.

3. The application for a lease over Block 1420 Belconnen District is being progressed by the Economic Development Directorate. The Community Services Directorate will provide advice to the Economic Development Directorate on the outcome of the application for registration.

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17.6.11

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



BRENDAN SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation:

Reference: Economic Development, Tourism, Venues and Events, Budget Paper 4, pp 36; 124:

1. Why did the Chief Minister table the Government's response to the *Report on the Review of ACT Government Events and Festivals* without making any statement about the nature of the Government's approach to these important activities.
2. What role did the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation have in the preparation of the Government's response to this Report.
3. What has been the response of the ACT's tourism industry to the Government's response to the Report.

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

1. The response has not been tabled and the Events and Festivals Review final report is still being considered by Government.
2. See answer to question 1.
3. See answer to question 1.

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



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MCM

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.1 – Community Services – Accountability Indicators

- (1) Accountability indicator e – Funded organisations' satisfaction
- (a) Why has the forecast remained steady over three years for the percentage of funded organisations' satisfaction with government contract administration (as measured by an annual survey)?
- (b) Why does the directorate not aim higher than 85 per cent

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

(a)
The target has remained steady over three years and reflects gradual improvement in results over the three year period. The number of organisations that are surveyed is relatively small. Comments received with the survey indicate that the survey is sometimes used as an opportunity to raise issues other than contract administration (eg funding amounts).

(b)
80% of community agency managers indicated that they were either very satisfied or satisfied with the overall performance of the Department in the 2010-11 survey. It represented an improvement from the previous year when the overall satisfaction rate was 76%.

The Directorate does aim higher in its commitment to service with its funded organisations and is interested in using feedback from them to improve its relationships and the support that it provides. Service visits are undertaken with all funded organisations and feedback provided on reports submitted to the Directorate.

Results – Output 3.1	
2010-11	80%
2009-10	79%
2008-09	82%
2007-08	71%
Average	77%

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By the Minister for Community Services, Joy Burch MLA

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.1 – Community Services – Output description

- (1) Which community facilities will be provided with management support under this output?
- (2) How much of the funding for this output is allocated to deliver that support?
- (3) What range and nature of management support services will be provided?
- (4) What part do stakeholders play in the determination and delivery of the range of management support services? If none, why?

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

- (1) All community facilities managed by the Directorate are provided support under this output. The support is by way of peppercorn rentals for the use of the facility and the payment of repairs, maintenance and upgrades or refurbishment of the facilities to meet the needs of the community operators. However, under the lease the operators are liable for outgoings and the first \$500 of each instance of repairs. In the case of the Community Hubs, the tenants pay a community rent and the government meets all costs for repairs maintenance and outgoings.
- (2) The funding from this output to deliver the support to the community operators in the community facilities is \$0.800 million for repairs and maintenances. In addition, the government visits the community facility operators each year to discuss their requirements and work through priorities of works to be undertaken.
- (3) Community Organisations funded under the Community Services Program are funded for specific outputs, related to the overall outcome of stronger communities. Management support services are not specifically funded but are part of the overall achievement of the identified outputs.
- (4) Service Funding Agreements require organisations to provide an annual statement detailing quality improvement activities as evidence that they are working within a continuous quality improvement framework. A manual to guide quality improvement in ACT Community Service Organisations, "Raising the Standard", was produced in

mid 2010. The manual includes good practice features such as gaining regular and ongoing client feedback about the overall running of the service. ACTCOSS is funded through the Community Services Program to provide training to community organisations on implementing "Raising the Standard" and on governance related matters.

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By the Minister for Community Services, Joy Burch MLA

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.2 – Community Affairs – Accountability Indicators

- (1) Accountability indicator b – Number of grants programs administered
 - (a) In previous budgets the Department has administered grants programs for women. Was the success of these programs measured? If no, why? If yes, how, what were the results and where were they reported?
 - (b) What grants will be included in the 2011-12 budget and how much funding is going towards the grants?
- (2) Accountability indicator e – Number of contacts made with the Women's Information and Referral Centre
 - (a) How many women used the service in 2009-10, what is the estimated outcome for usage numbers in 2010-11 and what is the target for 2011-12?
 - (b) What was the expenditure for this service in 2009-10 and what is the estimated expenditure outcome for 2010-11 and the budget for 2011-12?
 - (c) What is the marginal cost of taking on a new client and providing assistance?

MS BURCH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1)
 - (a) Yes. Organisations or individuals who receive funding through a grant or scholarship program for women report at the completion of the funded project in accordance with procurement requirements. Individual recipients who have received a grant more than 12 months ago through the Return to Work Grants Program complete a survey designed to determine whether they have subsequently obtained employment. In 2009-10, the survey results were reported in the Annual Report.
 - (b) The following grants will be included in the 2011-12 budget:
 - (i) The ACT Women's Grant Program;

- (ii) The ACT Women's Return to Work Program;
- (iii) The Audrey Fagan Scholarship Programs;
- (iv) The Women's Directors Program; and
- (v) The ACT Women's Micro-credit Program (Brilliant Ideas).


The total funding for these programs is \$215,000

(2)

- (a) In 2009-10, the Women's information and Referral Service responded to or initiated 17,839 contacts. The estimated number of contacts for 2010-11 is 18,505. The target for 2011-12 is 10,000. A review of the target will be undertaken prior for the 2012-13 Budget.
- (b) The 2009-10 expenditure for the Women's Information and Referral Service was \$392,853. The estimated 2010-11 expenditure for the service is \$415,500 and the budget for 2011-12 is estimated to be \$428,000 based on the 2010-11 estimate with CPI applied.
- (c) In 2010-11, the estimated cost per contact is \$22.45.

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By the Minister for Community Services, Joy Burch MLA

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012****ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.2 – Community Affairs – Mature age women returning to the workforce

- (1) What programs are in place (or will be) for 2011-12?
- (2) Who delivers those programs?
- (3) How much funding is allocated towards each program?
- (4) What changes have been made to programs and funding levels for 2011-12 compared to 2010-11?
- (5) How many clients used the programs in 2009-10, what is the estimated outcome for 2010-11 and what is the target for 2011-12 and why any changes year-on-year?
- (6) How, when and where is the success of these programs measured and reported?
- (7) What analysis is made as to enrolments, graduations, drop-outs, work placements for each program? If none, why? If yes, what trends are emerging?
- (8) What follow-up is conducted with clients following graduation and work placement? If none, why? If yes, what trends are emerging?

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

- (1) The Women's Return to Work Grants Program provides financial assistance to eligible women entering or re-entering the workforce after caring responsibilities, including mature age women.
- (2) The Women's Information and Referral Centre.
- (3) In 2010-11, allocated funding for the Women's Return to Work Program was \$254,000, including the micro credit program, staffing and administration costs.
- (4) No changes have been made to the funding of the Women's Return to Work Program for 2011-12. On 10 March 2011, the Program's eligibility criteria was extended so as not to exclude women who have had reduced employment and financial opportunity through

caring duties at any time in their life. Previously women with children under the age of 16 were the target group.

- (5) In 2009-10, the number of women accessing micro credit loans /grants / and / or career sessions was 171. The estimated number of women accessing micro credit loans /grants and / or career sessions in 2010-11 is 191. The target for 2012-13 has not yet been set. The number of women accessing the Program has remained relatively consistent.

2009-10 171 – 165 plus 6 (Micro Credit loans)

2010-11 191 –

- 160 (Return to Work Grants target) plus;
- 13 approved (Micro Credit loans annual target is 10 loans); plus
- 18 (YWCA's Return to Work Grants program).

- (6) Individual recipients who have received a grant more than 12 months ago through the Return to Work Grants Program complete a survey designed to determine whether they have subsequently obtained employment. In 2009-10, the survey results were reported in the Annual Report.
- (7) Analysis of enrolments, graduations, drop-outs and work placements is not relevant as the program only provides practical financial support and / or career information and referral.
- (8) See (6). The survey conducted in May 2010 demonstrated that 78% of grant recipients had obtained employment and 22% were still studying, actively job searching or had significant changes in their circumstances preventing them from returning to paid employment.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012****ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.2 – Community Affairs - Priorities

- (1) 27th dot point Implementing the ACT *Women's Plan 2010-2015*
 - (a) What initiatives will be implemented and areas targeted in 2011-12 to enable the Plan to meet its vision?
 - (b) How much funding is allocated to delivery of the Plan in 2011-12?
 - (c) When will progress of the plan be reviewed, who will conduct the review and how will it be reported?
- (2) 28th dot point Implementing a Whole of Government strategy for the Prevention of Violence against Women and Children
 - (a) How much of the funding is allocated to implementation of this strategy?
 - (b) What programs will be implemented and how, when and where will their success be measured and reported?

MS BURCH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1)
 - (a) The Women's Plan provides a framework for ACT Government Directorates to work with community organisations and businesses to progress gender equity and participation. The key initiative for 2011-12 will be the implementation of the ACT Prevention of Violence against Women and Children Strategy. The Strategy aligns with the Government's vision to value and invest in women and girls and to promote and safeguard the freedoms and rights necessary for them to actively participate in all areas of Canberra life.
 - (b) Delivery of the Women's Plan will be met within existing resources.
 - (c) The Office for Women will publish two reports against the indicators of progress informed by the data provided by ACT Government departments and external sources, the first in November 2012 and the second in November 2014.

(2)

- (a) The implementation of the Strategy will be met within existing resources.

New funding of \$424,000 over four years has been allocated in the 2011-12 Budget initiative Prevention of Violence against Women and Children – Family Violence Prevention Program, through the Community Services Directorate. New funding of \$607,000 over four years has been allocated through the Justice and Community Safety Directorate for the employment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Guidance Partner for the ACT Restorative Justice program and funding to strengthen the ACT Galambany Circle Sentencing Court.

In 2010-11, the ACT provided a total of \$2.8 million in new funding to community organisations to prevent violence against women. Of this funding \$1.266 million was allocated through the Community Services Directorate and \$0.690 million through the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, while \$0.837 million was provided through the National Affordable Housing Agreement. This funding has established new programs in the areas of sexual assault, court advocacy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's access to legal services and young perpetrators of violence.

- (b) The development of the Strategy is in progress. Details of programs to be implemented and measurement and reporting mechanisms will be detailed in the Strategy.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: BP4, p347

In relation to : Output 3.2 – Community Affairs – Status of Women

- (1) How much of the funding for the output is allocated to the status of women?
- (2) What stakeholder consultation has been or will be held and expert advice sought on the development and implementation of this service and its underpinning policy? If none, why?
- (3) How and when is the success of this program measured and reported?

MS BURCH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1) Approximately \$1.4 million of the funding for Output 3.2 is allocated to the status of women.
- (2) Stakeholder consultation is undertaken for all significant policy development including the development of the ACT Women's Plan 2010-15 and the ACT Prevention of Violence against Women and Children Strategy, which is currently in development. The Ministerial Advisory Council on Women provides advice to the Minister for Women on a range of issues including policy development and implementation and has representation on the Interdepartmental Women's Plan Implementation Group. URBIS Consultants facilitated a Women's Plan Summit in July 2009 to inform the development of the 2nd ACT Women's Plan.
- (3) The Office for Women will publish two reports against the indicators of progress informed by the data provided by ACT Government departments and external sources, the first in November 2012 and the second in November 2014.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Vicki Dunne : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: BP4, p29

In relation to : Chief Minister's Directorate - Output 1.3 – Industrial Relations Policy – Harmonised workplace safety laws


- (1) What is the status of the work being done in this area?
- (2) What influence has the ACT's new worksafety laws had on the development of a harmonised national approach?
- (3) When is the current timeline for implementation of the harmonised laws?

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

- (1) The process for harmonising the workplace safety laws across Australia is well advanced.
- (2) The Territory is fortunate in that we have the most recent Work Safety legislation in Australia, which was developed with the knowledge of national direction towards harmonisation. Drawing on this, senior officers of the Office of Industrial Relations have continued to actively participate in the tri-partite meetings (consisting of Safe Work Australia, State and Territory Representatives, and representatives of peak employer and employee organisations) which are working to develop the model Act, Regulations and Codes of Practice.

(3) I am proposing to introduce a Bill into the Assembly in June that will give effect to the harmonised Work Health and Safety Act. Work on the finalised harmonised regulations continues and those regulations will be tabled in the Assembly during the remainder of the year. It is proposed that the Territory will have all arrangements in place by 1 January 2012.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Vicki Dunne : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: BP4, p29

In relation to : Chief Minister's Directorate - Output 1.3 – Industrial Relations Policy – Output budget

(1) Why is the budget for 2011-12 increasing by \$1.405 million, or nearly 50% on the estimated outcome for 2010-11?

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

The increase of \$1.4m in the 2011-12 Budget from the estimated outcome is mainly due to new funding provided for the ACTPS Worker's Compensation and Work Safety Improvement Plan Initiative (\$1.186m) and funding for OHS Harmonisation (\$0.157m) and an increase in the share of Corporate Overheads as a result of the new Administrative Arrangements.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Vicki Dunne : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: BP4, p29

In relation to : Chief Minister's Directorate - Output 1.3 – Industrial Relations Policy –
Priorities

- (1) 6th dot point – Implementing ACTPS Workers Compensation and Work Safety Improvement Plan
 - (a) What is the genesis of the plan, how much did it cost to develop, who developed it, what initiatives does it identify and what is the timetable for implementation?
 - (b) Why is implementation of the plan not shown as an accountability indicator?

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

The Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate has identified an opportunity to improve the health and return to work outcomes for members of the ACT Public Sector who are injured during the course of their work.

The improvement plan has been developed by existing resources within the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate. Comcare have supported the development of the plan by seconding two staff to work with the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate.

Government has provided \$2 million annually over two years to fund the implementation of the ACTPS workers' compensation and work safety improvement plan.

The improvement plan focuses on delivering a 'one service approach' to the care, recovery and support of ACTPS injured workers with a single cohesive strategy executed across the service.

The plan is designed to strengthen the capability of ACTPS case managers, implement a new case management model across the service, contribute to a healthy and productive ACTPS and over time improve the return to work and health outcomes for ACTPS injured workers.

The implementation of stage one of the plan is expected by December 2011.

The implementation of the plan is an accountability indicator (i) under Output 1.2 Public Sector Management on p.38 of Budget Paper 4.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Community Sector Operating Statement

- (1) Why is this scheme running at such a substantial surplus?
- (2) Given the surpluses, when can it be expected that the contribution rate for the sector will be reviewed down?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

All portable long service leave schemes in their early years run at a surplus as scheme members do not accumulate substantial liabilities until they accrue sufficient service to claim an entitlement under the legislation.

There are no plans to review the rate until the Authority's actuary conducts an investigation of the state and adequacy of the money of the scheme in 2013, as required by the legislation.

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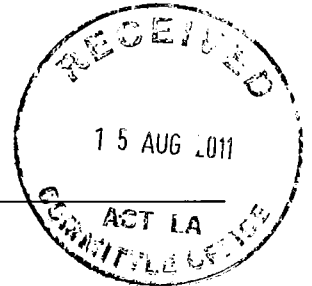
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Construction Industry Operating Statement

- (1) Do the other schemes in any way subsidise the construction industry scheme? If yes, why?
- (2) What safeguards are in place to ensure there is no cross-subsidisation?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

No.

Separate financial and accrued service data are recorded for each scheme. Separate financial statements are also produced for each scheme. Databases are separated in the Authority's IT system, Leave Track.

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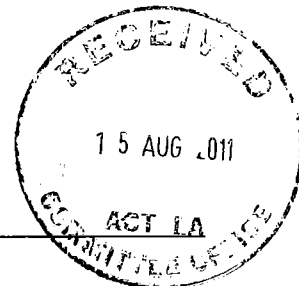
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Employee – transfer of entitlements

- (1) What is the status of the transfer of entitlements for the public servant who transferred to the Authority from an ACT Department?
- (2) If this matter has (still) not been resolved, why, and when will it be resolved?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Treasury is currently preparing a policy on this issue which is due to be finalised in the near future.

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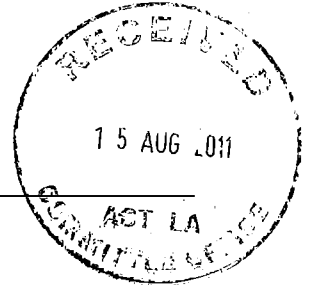
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Employer contributions

- (1) What will the employer contributions be for each sector for 2011-12 and how does this compare to the previous two years? Why any differences?
- (2) Why is this data not disclosed in the Statement of Intent, perhaps as a footnote to the individual operating statements showing relevant amounts for each comparative year?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Construction Scheme:

2011-12 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$4.755m

2010-11 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$3.936m – difference due to the increase in levy from 1% to 1.25% in 2011-12

2009-10 \$3.400m – difference is due to less activity in the building and construction industry in that year.

Relevant year data is disclosed in SOI.

Cleaning Scheme

2011-12 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$1.159m

2010-11 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$1.125m – difference due to estimated increase in wages in 2011-12

2009-10 \$1.200 – difference is due to more activity in the industry

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Relevant year data is disclosed in SOI.
Community Sector Scheme

2011-12 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$3.120m

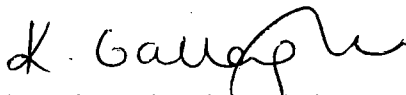
2010-11 This information is disclosed in the SOI - \$3.000m – difference due to estimated increase in wages in 2011012

2009-10 Scheme was not in operation

Relevant year data is disclosed in SOI.

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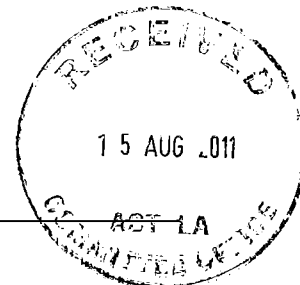
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Financial Statements – Operating Statement

(1) What is the unbudgeted expense of \$2.5 million “revaluation decrement”?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

This is the decrease in value of the scheme’s investment property – the Manning Clark Building – as determined by an independent valuation.

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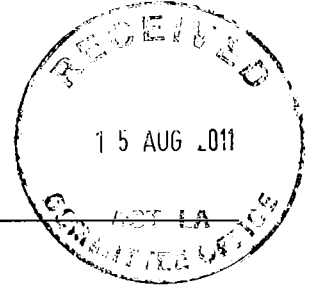
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Business Priorities, 1st dot point – Ensure governance and admin arrangements in place

- (1) Given the Authority was established on 1 January 2010, does this priority suggest that the governance and administrative arrangements are not yet “in place” almost 18 months down the track?
- (2) What work remains to be done to have these arrangements “in place” and how long will it take?
- (3) If all necessary arrangements and structures are “in place”, why is this still a priority?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:-

This is a priority for the Board in the early years of the integrated Authority to ensure that all schemes are effectively governed and that the appropriate administrative processes are in place.

All governance arrangements are in place, but there may be some changes to administrative/staffing arrangements within the Authority in 2011-12.

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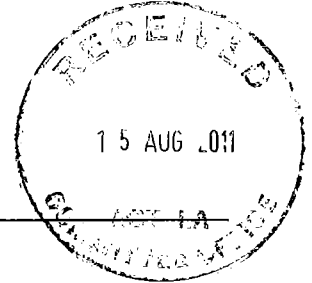
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Building works upgrade project (Manning Clark Building, Tuggeranong)

- (1) What cost-benefit analysis was undertaken for the project, who assessed the cost/benefit and what did that analysis show?
- (2) When was the building last valued, what was the valuation made and what is its estimated current market value?
- (3) Who is doing the design work for the upgrade, how was that designer selected and what are the design costs?
- (4) Will any borrowings be taken to fund the upgrade? If yes, how much, from whom and under what terms?
- (5) If the property refurbishment is not to be funded from borrowings, why is there no diminution in the value of investments held in the balance sheet in the forward estimates?
- (6) Given the refurbishment and ultimate revaluation of the investment property, and the “comprehensive valuation report already done [ref p8], why is there no reflection of valuation forecasts in the balance sheet or in the depreciation/amortisation expenses in the forward estimates?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

CB Richard Ellis undertook the cost benefit analysis in conjunction with quantitative surveyors Turner Townsend. The analysis showed that the best course of action was to proceed with the capital works project.

The building was last valued at \$15.5m on 31 March 2011 on the basis that agreement is reached with Medicare for an extended lease and the capital works project proceeds.

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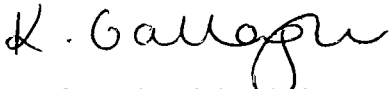
The design work will be included in the competitive tender process conducted for each package of work to be undertaken in the project.

No borrowings will be undertaken.

There is a reduction in the value of the investments in the Construction Scheme Balance Sheet as at 30.6.12. Reduced Gains from Investments and Other Revenue in 2011-12 in the Scheme's Operating Statement also illustrates that normal investment income distributions will contribute to funding the works. In addition, the proceeds on the sale of investments are shown on the Cash Flow Statement.

The increased value of the building is reflected in the 'Investment Property' amount as at 30.6.14 in the Construction Scheme Balance Sheet. There are no depreciation/amortisation expenses in the forward estimates as the Authority values its investment property at fair value, as it has done in previous Financial Statements.

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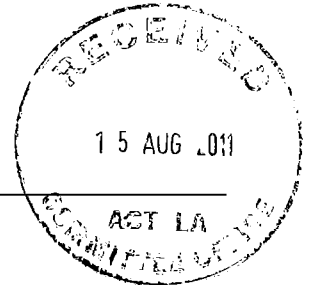
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VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Review *Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act 2009*

- (1) What process will be followed for this review?
- (2) What process is to be followed to engage stakeholders?
- (3) What are the key elements and objectives of the review project?
- (4) What is the timeline for the review and reporting process?
- (5) Will the review report be made public? If yes, when? If no, why?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Normal procedures for undertaking a legislative review will be followed.

Stakeholders will be advised of the review and invited to comment on any proposed changes.

The review is administrative in nature and is aimed at ensuring that stakeholder requirements/entitlements and all associated administrative procedures and processes are clearly identified and transparently described in the legislation.

The timeline and reporting processes have not yet been finalised.

The findings and recommendations of the review report will be reflected in the legislation.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



VICKI DUNNE MLA : To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations

Ref: Long Service Leave Authority – Statement of Intent

In relation to : Review Investment Plan

- (1) What process will be followed to select an independent adviser to undertake this review?
- (2) What terms of reference will the adviser follow?
- (3) When is the adviser to report?

KATY GALLAGHER MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

An independent advisor will be selected through a competitive tender process.

The terms of reference and the reporting timetable have not yet been 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


In relation to : Hawke Review staffing impacts

1. The Hawke Review has been characterised as an initiative to 'streamline' the Public Service. However, the Treasurer has also indicated a commitment to proceeding with Stage 2 of the 2006 shared services rationalisations, identifying efficiencies in business processes to the tune of \$15.5 million over the next four years. (Budget Speech, pg 3, see also BP3, pg27,)
 - a) Has the issue of a surplus staff been considered in the switch to the Directorate model?
 - b) How will the Government address this?
 - c) How many surplus staff does the government anticipate, and how much has been budgeted to maintain such staff?
 - d) Will they be retained in the Public Service at their ongoing salary grades?
2. Which Directorates has the Government identified as having the largest number of surplus staff?
 - a) How many does the Government anticipate in these Directorates?
3. Does the Government anticipate some Directorates, which will require more staff? Which ones?
 - a) How many staff will be required to fill these positions?
 - b) How much has the Government allocated for staff training in redeployments to other agencies and/or functions?

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

The information is contained in QON E11-094 asked of the Chief Minister.

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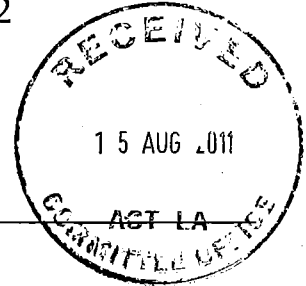
By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

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

In relation to : Government office upgrades

1. In the hearings last Thursday with Minister Corbell, it was noted that Dame Pattie Menzies House will be a 4.5 star NABERS building by 1 July—with utility savings of 25% and improved amenity for staff.
 - a) Would you agree that this has yielded a positive outcome?
 - b) If yes, then why build a \$432 million office block with \$11 million Ministerial Offices?
 - c) Are there other buildings that are currently being refurbished in a similar manner?
 - i) How about Nara House?
 - ii) How much will this cost the Government in increased rentals?
 - d) If yes, which ones and what are the associated costs?
2. Are these current and planned upgrades included in the Government Office Block feasibility reports?

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

1.
 - a) Dame Pattie Menzies House is targeting a 4.5 Star NABERS rating which is largely being achieved through the implementation of a number of energy saving initiatives by the tenant and custodian. The introduction of LED lighting will significantly reduce energy consumption relating to lighting and has a payback of only three years which is well within the projected timeframe for staff relocating to the new building. The ACT Government has committed to improving its carbon footprint and is working to better measure energy consumption with initiatives such as sub-metering and implementing energy saving initiatives to reduce energy consumption. Consequently, the

achievement of energy savings at Dame Pattie Menzies House is a positive outcome both environmentally and financially.

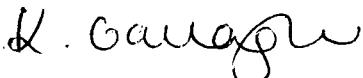
- b) Reducing energy consumption is only one of the reasons to construct the proposed building. It will also provide significant efficiencies in the operation of the ACT Government through co-location and improved workforce productivity, which cannot be achieved in the current building stock.

The new Government Office will provide the ACT Government with the opportunity to dramatically reduce energy consumption beyond what can be achieved with a 4.5 Star NABERS building. Environmental consultant Arup has prepared an energy consumption comparison that shows a 4.5 Star NABERS building consuming 10,095MJ/person compared to the new carbon neutral enabled building at 6,283MJ/person.

As a consequence the new building offers the opportunity to dramatically decrease energy consumption over business as usual options and also provides protection over future cost increases in energy that is predicted to rise at a rate considerably higher than CPI.

- c) 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. The terms of the rent renewal are in line with current market rents.
 - d) There are no other buildings owned by the ACT Government that are currently being upgraded to 4.5 Star NABERS, and it is a Government policy that any new or renewed lease greater than 2000 m² must achieve 4.5 Star NABERS.
- 2) The planned upgrades that were confirmed at the time the modelling was undertaken, are included in the CBRE modelling. The upgrade of Dame Pattie Menzies House occurred subsequent to the modelling and is not specifically included. Dame Pattie Menzies House only represents approximately 10% of the floorspace that would be moved to the new building, so incremental changes at Dame Pattie Menzies house are unlikely to have a material impact on the recommendation to proceed.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

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


In relation to : Government office block carbon impact

1. Would you not say that reusing a building is more sustainable than building a brand new one from scratch?
2. Which would have a higher carbon impact on development?
3. What would be the carbon impact caused by the development of the Government Office Block?

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

- 1 No not necessarily, it depends on the specifics of the buildings. Global sustainability consultant Arup has prepared a report 'The Value of Existing Versus New Buildings' dated February 2010 that clearly explains that new buildings can be more sustainable than refurbishing existing buildings. This report has been issued to the Select Committee on Estimates.
- 2 The existing building stock, whether refurbished or not, has a higher carbon impact in operation than the new building and this is explained in detail in the Arup Sustainability Summary Report dated 30 August 2010.
- 3 For the new office block it is approximately 65,000 kg of CO₂ per building occupant (when considering a proposed population density of 15m² per person). In comparison, the retrofit of existing buildings would produce 75,000 kg of CO₂ per building occupant (when considering an assumed current population density of 17m² per person). This represents a reduction of approximately 13% in carbon emissions per person over a 25 year period.

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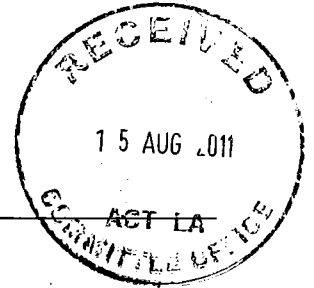
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Zed Seselja: To ask the Chief Minister:

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

In relation to : Ministerial accommodation in the new Government office building

1. Can you give us further details of the purpose of the planned Ministerial Crisis Room?
 - a) Is this just another Board Room or are there other features to this facility that makes it special?
 - b) What are the features of this Room?
2. What is the anticipated cost of the Ministerial Office component of the Government Block?
 - a) In government costing estimates, how much will the skybridge cost?
 - b) How much will the Crisis Room cost?
3. How much will the Government anticipate to spend on the fit-out and furnishings?

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

- 1 The planning of the Ministerial Crisis Room will be subject to detailed briefing with the Security and Emergency Management Branch, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, during the development of the Functional Design Brief for the fit out. As security requirements will continue to change over time, to avoid abortive design and capture the latest technology, this work will occur at a time closer to the building's occupation. It would replace a room currently used for similar purposes in rental accommodation occupied by JACS.


- 2 The estimated costs associated with the Ministerial Office component of the building are identified on page 10 of the Wilde and Woollard cost plan dated 26 August 2010 as follows:

Cost included above (reference to the Project Outturn Cost), for works associated with the Ministerial area i.e Link Bridge to the Legislative Assembly Building, below ground link inclusive of lift upgrade works to the Legislative Assembly Building to suit the works, and additional cost associated with the fitout of the Ministerial area in lieu of a typical office fitout.

\$2,670,000

- 3 The estimated costs associated with the Tenancy Fitout component of the building are identified on page 10 of the Wilde and Woollard cost plan dated 26 August 2010. The cost plan identifies a total cost for the fitout works at August 2010 prices at \$88,180,000.

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