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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 54

Wednesday, 2 April 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 MR STEFANIAK: To present a Bill for an Act to reform the law about sentencing, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 2 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly expresses disappointment in the ACT Government's appointed Connor's Inquiry into education funding in that:
 - (1) The inquiry reported on issues which this Assembly had already known to be the case, that is, the ACT education system is essentially one of the best in the country and whilst there are issues which need to be addressed these did not need this inquiry to point these out;
 - (2) The inquiry was therefore unnecessary, a waste of time and a waste of \$250,000, money which could have been well spent inside the school gate;
 - (3) The inquiry has allowed the government to prevaricate on the timely expenditure of \$7.4m funding denied to our children for a period of 10 months;
 - (4) The inquiry has exacerbated concerns that the government will diminish funding to the non-government sector, thereby attacking the principles of diversity and choice on which the ACT education system rests. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).

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

- 3 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the Assembly:
- (1) notes the high levels of demand for public and community housing in the Tuggeranong area;
 - (2) supports moves by the Government to ensure that more public and community housing is available in Tuggeranong; and
 - (3) in particular, welcomes the Government's commitment to regularly update and turnover of the housing stock to meet the changing needs of the community. (*Notice given 18 February 2003*).
- 4 MRS CROSS: To move – That, the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory:
- (1) noting:
 - (a) the reported decision of the Australian Government to deport from Australia 1600 East Timorese people;
 - (b) the fact that most of these people have been in Australia for a time exceeding 10 years;
 - (c) the contribution of the East Timorese community to the fabric of multiculturalism ; and
 - (2) recognising
 - (a) the pain and suffering of the people of East Timor, particularly those who fled their country to escape persecution including threats of torture; and
 - (b) the cruelty of uprooting children of East Timorese who have grown up as members of the Australian Community; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to write to the Prime Minister, Mr Howard and the Minister for Immigration and multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Mr Ruddock, expressing these concerns. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).
- *5 MR SMYTH: To move – That this Assembly, noting that the Government's proposed new land rating system:
- (1) has not been adequately tested or modeled;
 - (2) is unfair and regressive;
 - (3) will lead to wildly different rates being levied on owners of properties of equivalent value.
- Calls on the Government to:
- (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;

- (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
 - (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- *6 MS MACDONALD: To move – That the Assembly:
- (1) notes the importance of young people to our community;
 - (2) notes the importance of youth support programs; and
 - (3) supports Youth Week celebrations. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- *7 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to extend the western boundary of the Justice Robert Hope Park 50 metres to the west of its current alignment in order to:
- (1) incorporate the associated grasslands and allow their restoration to thereby preserve a representative area of yellow box/red gum grassy woodland;
 - (2) provide an adequate buffer between the woodland and the North Watson residential development; and
 - (3) ensure that these grasslands are managed sustainably. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 8 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 9 MR PRATT: To move – That the ACT Legislative Assembly condemns Labor for blocking the suspension of Downer Preschool in October 1998 and now having to admit that it was wrong to do so given that it wants to suspend Lyneham Preschool for the same reason. (*Notice given 24 September 2002*).
- 10 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that the Department of Education will vacate the O’Connell Education Centre of the site of the old Griffith Primary School site by the end of this school year;
 - (2) notes that the Blue Gum School is currently in unacceptable accommodation and needs to move into more acceptable accommodation at the end of the current school year;
 - (3) calls on the Minister for Education to explore all educational options (Departmental, government and non government) for the O’Connell Centre before it is made surplus to requirement. (*Notice given 25 June 2002*).

- 11 MR SMYTH: To move – That the Government acknowledge the importance of openness and accountability and their election commitment to this end and calls on the Government to table the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospitals' information bulletin – patient activity data, monthly reports at the first Assembly sitting after they have become available to the Government. (*Notice given 7 May 2002*).
- 12 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 13 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to immediately remove heavy vehicle diversions from Chuculba Crescent, Giralang and any other suburban streets and ensure that all heavy vehicle routes avoid suburban streets. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 14 MRS DUNNE: To move – That the Assembly directs the Government to enter into immediate negotiations with the National Capital Authority about the duplication of Caswell Drive to ensure that unoccupied land to the east of the existing road reserve is utilised so that the road does not encroach unnecessarily on the amenity of Aranda. (*Notice given 27 August 2002*).
- 15 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
 - (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 16 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).

- 17 MRS DUNNE: To move – This Assembly:
- (1) notes the Minister for Planning’s decision of 27 November to extend the 5% interim limit on dual and triple occupancy, embodied in Draft Variation 192, until May 2003; and
 - (2) notes the creation of an overlapping and contradictory conditions between Draft Variation 192 and Draft Variation 200, which gained interim effect in September 2002;
 - (3) calls on the Minister to immediately suspend the operation of Draft Variation 192 as was initially intended. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 18 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 19 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 20 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 21 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister:
- (1) to table Howard McBeth’s 1994 report into the adequacy of the Territory’s fire prevention strategies;
 - (2) to incorporate the McBeth report into the Government’s operational response to the 18 January 2003 bushfires. (*Notice given 5 March 2003*).
- 22 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to empower the Gaming and Racing Commission to reduce the current number of gaming machines in the ACT to 3000, in line with the national per capita average, during the financial year 2003-2004. (*Notice given 11 March 2003*).

- *23 MR CORNWELL: To move – That this Assembly amends Standing Order 118, in accordance with the Australian Labor Party's Labor's 2001 ACT Election Commitments (page 35, paragraph 8 'We will limit Ministers' answers to Questions to five minutes), by adding a new sub-section (c) shall not be longer than five minutes in length, and amends existing sub-section (b) by adding 'and' after 'refers'. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- *24 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to audit the superannuation and workers compensation entitlements of all fire-fighters who have been transferred from the NSW Fire Brigade to the ACT Fire Brigade, and report to the Assembly by 19 August 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- *25 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to immediately establish a Taskforce reporting directly to Cabinet, with parent, principal, teacher and Government representation, to evaluate and implement recommendations from the Connors Inquiry into ACT Education Funding. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 5 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 6 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.

- 7 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNGAHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.
- 8 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 9 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 10 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 11 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 14 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 15 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 16 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).

- 17 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 18 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 19 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 20 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 GAMING MACHINE (CAP) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 2 LEGISLATION (STATUTORY INTERPRETATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ACT: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 4 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 5 STATE OF THE TERRITORY'S FINANCE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 6 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO COMPETITION IMPLICATIONS OF PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES BY A SINGLE NETWORK – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 December 2001 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT – CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 8 GAMING MACHINE ACT – ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 9 PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO RESTORE SECURITY OF TENURE TO PUBLIC TENANTS – STATEMENT BY MINISTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle.
- 11 FULL RETAIL COMPETITION – IMPACT ON ACT LOW INCOME EARNERS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – FOURTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003 – Ms Gallagher – in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 AGENTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *14 CONSTRUCTION PRACTITIONERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- *15 INQUIRIES ACT – BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – FIRST SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Notice

- 1 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, having noted that:
 - (1) subsection 8(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Assembly shall consist of 17 members;
 - (2) subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations under the Act to fix a different number of members;
 - (3) regulations may only be made for this purpose in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly; and
 - (4) regulations would need to be made no later than April 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004;

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

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

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

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

- 3 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE – STANDING COMMITTEE (FOURTH ASSEMBLY) – REPORT NO. 11 – ELDER ABUSE IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 5 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 6 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.
- 7 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – THE OPERATION OF THE *DANGEROUS GOODS ACT 1975* WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FIREWORKS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2002 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

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

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on 12 December 2002

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Unanswered questions

379, 381, 395, 399, 400, 402, 411, 413, 415, 416, 418, 421, 423, 424, 425, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 435, 438, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 451, 456, 457, 458, 460, 464, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 474, 475, 476, 477, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 490, 491, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555

New questions

(30 days expires 2 May 2003)

*556 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister:

- (1) Has any monitoring been conducted by the Bushfire Recovery Task Force or Centre as to the response rate of insurance companies to claims by bushfire victims;
- (2) If so (a) how many claims have been settled and (b) how many are in course of settlement;
- (3) If no monitoring is being conducted, why not.

*557 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the operations of red light cameras to detect speeding offences in the ACT:

- (1) How many such cameras operate in the ACT;
- (2) What was the total revenue collected in 2001-02;
- (3) How many offences does the figure at (2) represent;
- (4) Can the figures at (2) and (3) be broken down to individual cameras and if so, what revenue did the Northbourne Avenue/Barry Drive camera collect in the period above.

*558 MR CORNWELL: To ask Minister for Planning – In relation to the cleared land adjacent to Scrivener Dam and opposite the National Zoo and Aquarium:

- (1) When was the area burned;
- (2) When was it cleared;
- (3) Have discussions taken place with the National Capital Authority regarding replanting;
- (4) When will action be taken to replant;
- (5) Why the delay in replanting.

*559 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the block clearing following the January 18 bushfires:

- (1) How many blocks have (a) Bovis Lend Lease (b) other contractors undertaken to clear;
- (2) What is the approximate waiting time for clearance of (a) and (b) above;
- (3) Is it a fact that residents cannot obtain the \$5000 government assistance unless they contract the block clearance with Bovis Lend Lease;
- (4) If the reply to (3) above is affirmative, why is this so;
- (5) What was the per block contractual price between Bovis Lend Lease and the Government.

*560 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) What is the specific criteria for allocation of funds from the Canberra Bushfire Recovery Appeal;
- (2) What is, in detail, the points system set up to allocate funds;
- (3) How many applications for funds have been received at official close of fundraising (April 3) out of how many estimated to be eligible.

*561 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to damages following the bushfires:

- (1) How many houses has the government deemed to be destroyed by the Canberra bushfires as at March 31 2003;

- (2) How many structures such as garages, sheds and shearing sheds has the government deemed to be destroyed in the bushfires in January as at March 31 2003;
- (3) How many houses have you deemed to be significantly damaged but not destroyed in the bushfires as at March 31 2003;
- (4) Of these significantly damaged houses, how many have been determined as not being habitable until they are repaired;
- (5) Are any of these significantly damaged houses likely to be determined as being not suitable for restoration;
- (6) What processes are being followed with house owners of significantly damaged houses to establish whether restoration is possible;
- (7) Are there any avenues of appeal open to these house owners if they are not satisfied with the decisions that have been made about their house;
- (8) How many development applications have you received from lessees to replace houses and structures lost in the bushfires to date;
- (9) How many of these development applications have been approved to date;
- (10) How often have the development applications for structures been fast-tracked for structures destroyed;
- (11) How often have normal planning processes applied for structures destroyed in the bushfires;
- (12) What criteria is used to determine whether a development application submitted for a replacement structure destroyed or significantly damaged in the bushfire is fast tracked.

*562 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to abortions in the ACT:

- (1) How many abortions have been performed in the ACT between 1 October 2002 and 31 March 2003;
- (2) How many abortions were performed in the ACT between 1 April 2002 and 30 September 2002;
- (3) How many abortions were performed in the ACT between 1 October 2001 and 31 March 2002;
- (4) Can you advise of how many of the patients who had abortions were from the ACT and how many of the patients were from other states and territories for each of the periods outlined above;

- (5) Could you further advise of which states and territories the interstate patients were from during each of the periods specified above.

*563 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Stromlo Forest temporary landfill site:

- (1) What is the approximate amount of asbestos being stored at this site;
- (2) What prospect is there of the asbestos entering the environment through water run-off while it is open and after the site closes in June;
- (3) How often will ACT Environment monitor the site to check that it is still safe;
- (4) Could you specify the precautions to protect the environment from asbestos and other hazardous material that is being stored on the site;
- (5) Have you consulted with Environment ACT about the storage of hazardous materials such as asbestos on the site. If so, what was their advice;
- (6) Will the site be suitable for other uses such as housing in the foreseeable future, and what special precautions will be necessary before it is available for other uses.

*564 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to accessible public transport facilities:

- (1) What works will be undertaken as part of the minor new works project for accessible public transport facilities;
- (2) Why hadn't any funds been expended on this project at 31 December 2002, have any funds been expended since that time up to 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details of expenditure and works undertaken;
- (3) Will this project be completed as scheduled at the end of June 2003, if not, why not.

*565 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the performance of ACTION, for each of the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 up to 31 March:

- (1) How many passenger boardings were there;
- (2) What was the average number of kilometres travelled per boarding;
- (3) What proportion of boardings travelled were:

- (a) less than two kilometres;
 - (b) between two and ten kilometres;
 - (c) more than ten kilometres;
- (4) What was the average cost to ACTION of each passenger boarding;
- (5) What was the cost to ACTION of passenger journeys of:
- (a) less than two kilometres;
 - (b) between two and ten kilometres;
 - (c) more than ten kilometres;
- (6) What was the total cost and cost per kilometre to operate a bus;
- (7) Of the total cost of operating a bus, what proportions were due to:
- (a) labour;
 - (b) fuel;
 - (c) repairs and maintenance;
 - (d) overheads;
- (8) How much revenue was earned from fares;
- (9) What proportion of total costs was covered by revenue from fares;
- (10) What proportion of operating costs was covered by revenue from fares;
- (11) What proportion of operating costs was covered by fare revenue for journeys of:
- (a) less than two kilometres;
 - (b) between two and ten kilometres;
 - (c) more than ten kilometres;
- (12) What was the average capacity utilisation of each bus on journeys of:
- (a) less than two kilometres;
 - (b) between two and ten kilometres;
 - (c) more than ten kilometres;
- (13) What was the cost of collecting fares (a) in total and (b) per average fare.

*566 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the upgrades at the Belconnen Remand Centre:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what upgrades will take place at the Belconnen Remand Centre as part of the various upgrades funded in the 2002-03 Budget;

- (2) Has any work on these various upgrades been started or completed as at 31 March 2003, if so, please provide details of the upgrade and cost, if not, why not;
- (3) No funding had been expended on this project as at 31 December 2002 and the project was scheduled for completion in September 2002, when will this project be (a) started and (b) completed;
- (4) If it won't be completed this financial year can the Minister confirm that this funding allocation will remain with this project.

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

- (1) How is the government coordinating the removal of car bodies from fire ravaged forest areas;
- (2) When does the government expect all car bodies to be removed from the burnt out areas;
- (3) The Land Rover Club recently found 45 car bodies in a number of bushfire ravaged forest areas. The Land Rover Club worked with ACT Forests and removed 11 of those vehicles. Have the remaining 34 vehicles been removed from the area, if not, why not.

*568 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Periodic Detention Centre (PDC) upgrade:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the cost and upgrade details that have taken place at the PDC for the \$2.578m expended as at 31 December 2002;
- (2) What will the remaining \$205,000 be expended on, please provide breakdown of cost and upgrade details;
- (3) Has any funding been expended between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, please provide the breakdown of expenditure and upgrade details.

*569 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to public liability insurance:

- (1) How many non-profit groups have sought assistance from the Government in obtaining public liability insurance since the establishment of your new public liability assistance programs;
- (2) How many applications for assistance have been (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful in obtaining public liability insurance as the result of assistance by your Department;

- (3) If possible, could the Treasurer please advise of the average increase in premiums that these groups have had to pay in order to obtain insurance;
- (4) How many small businesses have sought assistance from the Government in obtaining public liability insurance since November 2001;
- (5) How many small businesses have been (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful in obtaining public liability insurance as a result of assistance from the Government.

*570 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Productivity Commission Report on government services:

- (1) In *The Canberra Times* of 11 February the Minister said that there was ‘room for improvement in staffing levels’ in the ACT health system. How many people does the Minister consider the health system need to recruit and in what areas;
- (2) Can the Minister estimate how much funding would need to be allocated to such a recruitment campaign;
- (3) Is the issue of additional staff recruitment one that will be considered in the budget context.

*571 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to capital expenditure to ‘make good’ GIO House and Allara House:

- (1) What does ‘make good’ entail;
- (2) Why do these buildings have to be made good;
- (3) What works are planned as part of this \$626,000 project;
- (4) What is the completion date for this project;
- (5) Who owns these buildings;
- (6) What will the work add to the market value of these buildings;
- (7) Is the work to ‘make good’ these buildings in preparation for their sale.

*572 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to Floriade 2002:

- (1) What was the cost to the Territory of hosting Floriade 2002, is this amount more or less than in the past five years (please provide figures);

- (2) What was the profit made by the Territory of hosting Floriade 2002, is this amount more or less than in the past five years (please provide figures);
- (3) Will the Government continue to hold Floriade in Commonwealth Park or is it considering relocating the floral festival.

*573 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the Civic Library Strategy:

- (1) Why hasn't a start date for this project been determined;
- (2) When will a start date for this project be announced;
- (3) Will the project be completed by June 2003 as scheduled;
- (4) What was the result of \$65,000 expenditure as at 31 December 2002;
- (5) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of what the remaining \$435,000 will be spent on as part of this project.

*574 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to funds for three new suburban precincts:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what works will be undertaken as part of this project and in what areas;
- (2) As at 31 December 2002 \$25,000 had been expended on this project, what was delivered for this expenditure;
- (3) Where will the remaining \$225,000 be spent.

*575 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to ACT Government Shopfronts:

- (1) What is the average waiting time for clients who use ACT Government Shopfronts;
- (2) What is the maximum time the Government finds acceptable for a resident to wait at an ACT Government Shopfront;
- (3) How many counters should be operational at all times in ACT Government shopfronts and is it acceptable to only have three counters open at 11.45am;

- (4) Is there a complaint mechanism for residents who feel they had to wait an extraordinary amount of time at an ACT Government Shopfront, if so, who should a resident contact, if not, why not;
- (5) Can the Minister explain why a resident would have to wait 30 minutes to pay a car registration renewal (on Friday 21st March, time on ticket said 11.18am) at an ACT Government Shopfront;
- (6) What amount of time is considered acceptable to wait at ACT Shopfronts.

*576 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the bike path between Gungahlin and the City:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the status of this project is and provide a breakdown of the \$22 000 spent as at 31 December 2002;
- (2) Where does the bike path currently start and finish;
- (3) Where will the remaining \$78 000 be directed;
- (4) This project was to be completed in June 2002, but \$85 000 was rolled over into the current budget, what is the new completion date for this project.

*577 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the playground safety program:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what playgrounds are on the list for safety upgrades;
- (2) As at 31 December 2002 \$195,000 had been expended on this project, what works have taken place for the expenditure and at what sites;
- (3) Has any further expenditure on this project occurred between 31 December 2002 and 31 March 2003, if so, at what cost and what sites.

*578 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability Services, Housing and Community Services – In relation to training to improve ACT Housing Customer Service:

- (1) How many ACT Public Housing tenants were consulted as part of this study;
- (2) How many staff from ACT Housing were involved with the study;
- (3) Has the Government received the results of the survey, if so, what were the key findings of the study (please provide details), if not, why not;

- (4) Will you table the survey's findings in the Legislative Assembly for other interested parties.

*579 MRS BURKE: To ask the Chief Minister:

- (1) In regards to the Community IT Advisory Group:
 - (a) what is its role;
 - (b) what is its terms of reference;
 - (c) what is its reporting structure;
- (2) How did the Government determine the amount of resources needed to meet the Digital Divide needs of the community;
- (3) Has there been any change to the outlook on the Digital Divide since the Digital Divide Taskforce was established in 2001, if so, please provide details;
- (4) Was there any funding left from last year's Digital Divide funding, if so, how much;
- (5) If there was funding left over from last year's Digital Divide funding where has that money been reallocated;
- (6) The Government recently produced an IT Training Booklet at a cost of \$25,000:
 - (a) what new information does the booklet contain, other than that information already flowing out in the community;
 - (b) where can copies be obtained.

*580 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the CIT 'Roving Trainer' program:

- (1) Did the Roving Trainer program receive government funding in the current financial year, if so, how much and for what purpose, if not, why not;
- (2) Is this funding allocation more or less than what was allocated in:
 - (a) 2001-02; and
 - (b) 2000-01;
- (3) What quantifiable reports are issued by CIT to justify funding consideration for this program;
- (4) Does the government make public such information, if so, where can copies be obtained, if not, why not.

- (5) Is the Roving Trainer program providing quality service for money expended on it;
- (6) What reports or publications are currently available about this service and where can copies be obtained.

*581 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Chief Minister – In relation to IT accessibility issues:

- (1) What is the government doing to improve IT accessibility for people with a disability:
 - (a) In general terms;
 - (b) In catering for an ageing population;
- (2) Is the government meeting guidelines in relation to accessibility under the Disability Discrimination Act, Section 24, and can you provide documentation to show this is the case, if so, please do, if not, why not;
- (3) What are the current audit procedures for compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) in relation to the government web site and links;
- (4) What level of training and expertise do ACT Government web site developers undertake in order to be web site managers.

*582 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services:

- (1) Does CIT have a role in providing services to address issues relating to the Digital Divide;
- (2) Has the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services ever conducted a survey of client IT use and corresponding needs, if so what was the outcome of costs in terms of support to the community sector, if not, would the Department consider undertaking such a survey.

M J McRae

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

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

Pursuant to resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dissolved

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

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

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

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