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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 50

Tuesday, 11 March 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 TAXATION (GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES) BILL 2002: *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 18 February 2003 – Ms Dundas).*
- 2 LEGISLATION (GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 12 December 2002 – Ms Dundas).*
- 3 DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- 4 CONSUMER AND TRADER TRIBUNAL BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 February 2003 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- 5 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) (COMPLIANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Planning):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 February 2003 – Mrs Dunne).*
- 6 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.

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

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- *15 CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).

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*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 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*).
- 2 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*).
- 3 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*).
- 4 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*).
- 5 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*).
- 6 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*).
- 7 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*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Legislative Assembly dissents from Speaker Berry’s ruling that the matter of public importance lodged by Mrs Cross concerning the Katie Bender tragedy is out of order as it is sub-judice. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 10 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 11 MRS DUNNE: To move – This Assembly:
- (1) notes the Minister for Planning’s decision of 27 November to extend the 5% interim limit on dual and triple occupancy, embodied in Draft Variation 192, until May 2003; and
- (2) notes the creation of an overlapping and contradictory conditions between Draft Variation 192 and Draft Variation 200, which gained interim effect in September 2002;
- (3) calls on the Minister to immediately suspend the operation of Draft Variation 192 as was initially intended. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 12 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*).
- 13 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*).

- 14 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to complete a master plan for Kippax by the end of the 2003-2004 financial year, and to fix a firm date for beginning the construction of a permanent Kippax Library and community facility. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 15 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*).
- 16 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*).
- 17 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*).
- *18 MRS CROSS: To move – That Standing Order 210 be amended as follows: add the following new paragraph: (a) Standing order 210 shall have no application to a Member who is breastfeeding an infant. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).
- *19 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*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 5 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 6 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 7 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNG AHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;
 - (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
 - (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
 - (e) commencement of works; and
 - (f) completion of works.

- 8 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 21 August 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 9 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 10 INSURANCE COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 11 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 12 ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (LIABILITY) BILL 2002: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 13 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 14 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 15 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 16 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 17 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 18 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 19 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 20 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.

- 21 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 22 MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH WORKERS – PROPOSED RECRUITMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*) on the motion of Ms Dundas – That this Assembly, recognising the need for more Mental Health Outreach Workers to provide support for people leaving emergency accommodation, calls on the ACT Government to make the recruitment of more Mental Health Outreach Workers a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

- *1 MRS CROSS: To move – That notwithstanding Standing Order 16, the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure for consideration and report by the first sitting day in May 2003: An amendment to Standing Order 210 to allow a Member of the Assembly who is breastfeeding an infant to be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 210. (*Notice given 6 March 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 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.

1 April 2003

- 8 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Crimes (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2002 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 December 2002.

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

CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) 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

362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 369, 371, 375, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 388, 389, 390, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439

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(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 5 April 2003)

- 439 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services— In relation to government buildings:
- (1) How many buildings are currently:
 - (a) totally vacant and why;
 - (b) partially vacant and why;
 - (2) Can you provide details as to how long those buildings in (a) and (b) above have been unoccupied;
 - (3) Can you provide details as to how long those buildings in (a) and (b) above have been unoccupied;
 - (4) How much is the government currently losing on rental return of these buildings (please provide figures per building) based on the current commercial rental rates per square metre.
- 440 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to payroll tax:
- (1) How many businesses in the ACT currently pay payroll tax;
 - (2) How many people do those businesses employ;
 - (3) Have any of those businesses moved to the ACT from interstate
 - (4) For businesses paying payroll tax, how may pay:
 - (a) \$0 to \$19,999;

- (b) \$20,000 to \$49,999;
- (c) \$50,000 to \$99,999;
- (d) \$100,000 to \$199,999;
- (e) \$200,000 to \$499,999;
- (f) \$500,000 to \$1 000 000;
- (g) more than \$1 million but less than \$2 million;
- (h) more than \$2 million but less than \$5 million;
- (i) more than \$5 million but less than \$10 million; and
- (j) more than \$10 million.

New questions

(30 days expires 10 April 2003)

- *441 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health— In relation to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare release of 26 February 2003 on the Executive Summary of the Need for and Provision of Human Resources in the ACT, where under the category Aged Care it is reported that there are fewer aged residential places in Canberra than other capital cities and 15 percent of residents who do occupy ACT places are from outside the ACT:
- (1) How many extra residential care places should the ACT have if we currently have 80 per 1000 people compared with 86 per 1000 elsewhere if we had an 86 per 1000 entitlement;
 - (2) How many residential care places does the ACT have under the 80 per 1000 ratio;
 - (3) Why is there this discrepancy;
 - (4) If 15 percent of ACT aged care residents are from outside the ACT, how many places does this translate to under (a) the 80 places per 1000 and (b) the 86 places per 1000;
 - (5) What consideration is given for this use by interstate residents of ACT places by the State or Territory from where they came;
 - (6) What is the Government doing to address the (a) discrepancy in actual places and (b) to seek some sort of consideration for the use of scarce ACT residential care places by interstate residents.
- *442 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services— In relation to response times of urban fire brigades and ambulances:
- (1) What is the most recent data available that lists response times of (a) urban fire brigades and (b) ambulances and can that data listing response times be provided as part of this response;

- (2) Is there a response time standard, if so, what is it, if not, why not;
- (3) Can you provide the response time figures for 1(a) and (b) above for each month from November 2001 to February 2003;
- (4) Of the figures provided in paragraph 3 are there any response times that don't meet the standard (if there is a standard) or the Government's approval.

*443 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services—
In relation to the High School Development Plan:

- (1) Has the \$500,000 allocated for the High School Development program this financial year been expended and if not, why not;
- (2) Who are the members of the high school resources team;
- (3) Are there any education programs that have been developed for high schools that could be provided in response to this question to show the work to date of the high school resources team;
- (4) What are the main areas of assistance that the high school resources team has developed plans for.

*444 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services—
In relation to schools' information technology capacity upgrade:

- (1) How much funding, as part of the 2002-03 Budget, has been expended from the expenses line and the capital works line for the current financial year;
- (2) Can an explanation be provided for any funds still not expended to date;
- (3) Will any fund be rolled over into the next financial year;
- (4) How much government schools' infrastructure has been upgraded this financial year and can the relevant schools be listed with a breakdown of funding and if not, why not;
- (5) Has the work to date allowed for faster access to networks like the internet and intranet.

*445 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services—
In relation to reduced class sizes from Kindergarten to Year 3:

- (1) In (a) 2001-02 for K – Yr 2 and (b) 2002-2003 for Y 3, how many of the following classes have been reduced (i) Kindergarten (ii) Year 1 (iii) Year 2 and (iv) Year 3;

- (2) Can you list which schools have had their class sizes reduced as part of the reduction of class sizes in the early years program in (a) Kindergarten (b) Year 1 (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3,
- (3) What is the average size of classes across the board for (a) Kindergarten (b) Year 1 (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3;
- (4) Is this a reduction in class sizes in (a) Kindergarten (b) Year 1 (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3, each year since the beginning of the 2000 school year;
- (5) How many additional teachers have been hired as part of the reduction of class sizes in the early years of learning in (a) Kindergarten (b) Year 1 (c) Year 2 and (d) Year 3;
- (6) How many more teachers are expected to be hired in the (a) 2003 school year (b) 2004 school year and (c) 2005 school year;
- (7) Is the program still running to schedule for completion at the end of the 2004 school year.

*446 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services– In relation to the response times of ACT Police:

- (1) What is the most recent data available that lists police response times and can that data listing police response times be provided as part of this response;
- (2) Are there response time standards, if so, what are they and if not, why not;
- (3) Can you provide the police response time figures for each month from November 2001 to February 2003 and could these figures be broken down into:
 - (a) vehicle accidents;
 - (b) domestic violence;
 - (c) burglary/theft calls;
 - (d) noise disturbances; and
 - (e) other.
- (4) Of the figures provided in paragraph 3 are there any response times that do not meet the standard (if there is a standard) or the Government's approval.

*447 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to visitor survey statistics regularly provided to the industry:

- (1) What has been the impact of (a) visitor/tourist numbers and (b) income to the ACT in (i) 2001-02 (ii) to date in 2002-03 (iii) specifically since 11 September 2001 and (iv) the 12 months prior to 11 September 2001;
- (2) What percentage of visitors in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above were (a) international visitors (b) NSW visitors (c) Victorian Visitors and (d) other Australian jurisdiction visitors (excluding NSW and Victoria);
- (3) Is there any data to show what were the top ten sites visited by tourists in 1 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv).

*448 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to the Economic White Paper:

- (1) How much of the \$250,000 allocated for the Economic White Paper has been expended to date;
- (2) How much has it cost to prepare the Economic Discussion Paper;
- (3) Are there any estimates of the cost of on completion of the Economic White Paper;
- (4) When was the decision taken to release an Economic Discussion Paper before the actual Economic White Paper;
- (5) Why has there been a delay in releasing the Economic White Paper;
- (6) What do you hope to achieve through the Economic Discussion Paper.

*449 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to Disability Services and details about the recommendations made in the Gallop Report:

- (1) Which of the recommendations have been implemented and what funding has been allocated to those recommendations;
- (2) Which of the recommendations are yet to be implemented;
- (3) Which of the recommendations will not be implemented;
- (4) What benefits have recommendations implemented brought to disability services and how are such benefits being evaluated;
- (5) What is the status of the development of the *Quality Framework*;
- (6) Will the *Quality Framework* be released in June 2003;
- (7) What is the status of the *stock audit* and can details be provided;

*450 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to Triple S, FM:

- (1) Was Government support offered to Triple S-FM before its closure last year;
- (2) If so, what support was offered, if not, why not.

*451 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Speaker – Since the inception of the Assembly Committee telephone hook-up in September 2002, so that quorums could be formed and discussions take place without all committee members being physically present:

- (a) How often up to 28 February 2003 has the telephone hook-up been used and by which Committee(s);
- (b) What has been the cost; and
- (c) Who is responsible for payment of this cost.

*452 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to peak body funding for disability services:

- (1) Can you provide a list of all peak bodies that receive (a) funding and (b) the purpose of the funding (c) the services provided through this funding (d) the number of years the body has received funding (e) if that body has received funding for the last five years has that funding increased or decreased, each year, over that time;
- (2) How does the government evaluate the service provision of these peak bodies;
- (3) Can the government quantify in dollars and or time the workload of these peak bodies that would otherwise be a workload felt by the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.

*453 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the Laptops for Teachers Program as part of the 2002-03 Budget:

- (1) How many (a) desktop and (b) laptop computers have been distributed/allocated to teachers to date;
- (2) What type of (a) computers (ie: Pentium PC's, Apple Macs) and (b) storage capability, do the desktop and laptop computers have that have been allocated as part of this program;

- (3) How much of the \$420,000 allocated for this financial year for this program has been expended to date;
- (4) Are teachers being given access to the intranet via their laptop computers, if not, why not;
- (5) Are teachers being given access to the internet via a Department of Education or school login from their laptop computers, if not, why not;
- (6) In addition to the laptops, are teachers given any facilities like printers to use while working from home on laptops;
- (7) Has the Department addressed the issue of no insurance cover and the lack of a repair/maintenance support package, if so, what are the details, if not, why not.

*454 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Horse Park Drive, Gungahlin:

- (1) Is work on Horse Park Drive proceeding as scheduled and what is the scheduled completion date;
- (2) Have there been any delays in construction of the road since construction work first started;
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the plans for Horse Park Drive are sound and will not need any redesign due to old growth trees in the area;
- (4) How much money has been expended to date on Horse Park Drive;
- (5) Can the Minister explain why the total value of the project is not equal to the current year and prior year's funding in Budget Paper No 3, Page 203.

*455 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to business grants:

- (1) How many business grants have been allocated to date this financial year;
- (2) Is this number up or down on (a) 2001-02 and (b) 2000-01;
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of (a) the names of businesses who have received grants (b) how much each business received and (c) what was the purpose for the grant;
- (4) Are there still funds available for grants in this financial year, if so how much, if not, has it all been allocated or how much is left over;

- (5) How many businesses have applied for grants this year and of that number how many have been successful;
- (6) Of those who have been unsuccessful can their details be provided and the reason for their failure not to receive a grant.

*456 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to Manuka Oval:

- (1) What financial and or other benefits will the government gain from the Kangaroos agreement to hold home games at Manuka Oval for the 2003 AFL season;
- (2) Has there been any change to the agreement with the Kangaroos since it was first signed off in 2000;
- (3) How much does it cost to prepare the oval for a Kangaroos match at Manuka Oval;
- (4) Does the government recover these costs;
- (5) For how many more years have the Kangaroos signed up to use Manuka Oval for some home games;
- (6) Does the Club still provide junior development programs, if so, how many hours of junior development does this equate to over a year, if not, why not;
- (7) Why is the operating subsidy for Manuka Oval nearly halved (\$90,000 compared to \$162,000 in 2002-03) in the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005 - 06 out years.

*457 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the Capital Works Budget:

- (1) How much of the 2002-03 Capital Works Budget has been expended to date;
- (2) What projects in the Capital Works Budget have been completed, what was the total cost and was this cost under, over or on budget;
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of projects in progress and how much has been expended to date, if the projects are running to budget and to time schedule and if not running to budget or schedule, why not;
- (4) Can the Minister provide a list of any projects that have not been started to date and explain why they have not been started;

- (5) Is there estimated to be an over spend, under spend or accurate expenditure (as listed in the Budget Papers) of the entire Capital Works Budget by the end of this financial year.

*458 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the number of detainees and remandees in the ACT:

- (1) Can the Minister provide figures showing the number of remandees at (a) Belconnen Remand Centre (b) Quamby and (c) the Temporary Remand Centre at Symonston, for each month from November 2002 to February 2003;
- (2) How many prisoners have been transferred interstate each month from November 2002 to February 2003,
- (3) What has been the cost each month from November 2002 to February 2003 of transporting prisoners interstate;
- (4) What has been the cost each month from November 2002 to February 2003 of transporting detainees in the ACT;
- (5) What was the monthly cost of holding prisoners interstate for November and December 2001 and January and February 2003;
- (6) What is the operational cost to date of the Temporary Remand Centre at Symonston and how many staff are currently employed to work there;
- (7) On how many occasions between 1 November 2002 and 28 February 2003 have the cells at the Court House been used to house remandees overnight.

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*).