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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by THE CHAIR on 25 June 2013: MS HOWSON took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 PAGE #857

In relation to: ACT Public Service Employment Strategy - Percentage of people employed with a disability.

Do you know how the 2.5% of people with a disability employed in the Community Services Directorate compares to the broader ACT Public Service?

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

The ACT Public Service targets outlined in the 2011 -2015 *Employment Strategy for People with Disability* has been set at 3.4% (655 employees).

As at 20 June 2013, 2.8% or 37 employees in the Community Services Directorate identify as having a disability.

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Asked by MR WALL on 25 June 2013: MS HOWSON took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 PAGE #861

In relation to: 2013-14 target figure on the average cost per hour therapy service to an individual – Indicator 81.2 B

Could you provide the allocation of the overhead component by output class for the current year and for the coming year?

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

	2012 – 2013	2013 - 2014
Output Class 1	12-13 \$8 million	13-14 \$6.5 million
<i>Output 1.1</i>	12-13 \$6.2 million	13-14 \$5.2 million
<i>Output 1.2</i>	12-13 \$1.8 million	13-14 \$1.3 million
Output Class 2	12-13 \$2.4 million	13-14 \$2.5 million
Output Class 3	12-13 \$0.5 million	13-14 \$0.2 million
Output Class 4	12-13 \$10 million	13-14 \$9.8 million

Note that the depreciation component of the overheads have decreased due to the value of a building being fully written back.

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Asked by MR WALL on 25 June 2013: MS HOWSON took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 PAGE #863

In relation to: Statistics on FTEs in the ACT Public Service that identify as having a disability - target

Is there a target as to what percentage and make-up of the public service you would like to see as people identifying with a disability?

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

The ACT Public Service targets outlined in the 2011 -2015 *Employment Strategy for People with Disability* has been set at 3.4% (655 employees).

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Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2013 PAGE #863

In relation to: Employment Strategy

The Employment Strategy shows the number of people with a disability at about 350 and to double this figure in a four-year program. As you are half way along the four-year time period, what assurances are you going to make to achieve this result?

MINISTER BURCH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Public Service overarching employment policy for people with disability is the *2011-2015 Employment Strategy for People with Disability* which commits the Government to doubling the number of people with disability employed in the ACT Public Service from 327 in 2010 to 655 in 2015. The most recent figure published in 2012 State of the Service Report was 375 at 30 June 2012 (table 2, page 58).

Over the past few years, the Community Services Directorate has actively encouraged staff with disability to self identify their status for diversity reporting and have recruited at entry level a number of young people with an intellectual disability. As at 20 June 2013, 2.8% or 37 employees with disability were employed in the Community Services Directorate. The Directorate will continue to work with the Commissioner for Public Administration to promote, attract and retain people with a disability to work in the Public Service.

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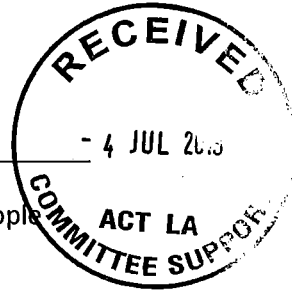


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QUESTION ON NOTICE



JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page number 323, Strategic Indicator 3

In relation to: Number of Families Accessing Services

1. What was the actual number of families accessing services in 2012-13?
2. How is the number of additional families calculated and why does it slow over the forward years?

MINISTER BURCH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The 2012-13 strategic indicator will be reported on in the 2012-13 Community Services Directorate Annual Report.
2. The target for the strategic indicator is reviewed annually and revised according to historical demand for services. The number of families expected to access the service slows over the forward years due to the changing nature of the programs available and West Belconnen Child and Family Centre moving from an implementation phase to a service consolidation phase.

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JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA
26 June 2013

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page number 323, Strategic Indicator 4

In relation to: Re-Substantiation Rates

1. On what evidence is the 15% rate based?
2. What was the actual rate last year?

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

1. The 15% rate is determined by a trend analysis of re-substantiation data and the corresponding forward projections. For several years the re-substantiation has been around 15%. It has been projected to remain the same for 2013-14 and 2014-15.
2. For 2011-12, the re-substantiation rate was 12% while the target was 15%. The rate can fluctuate due to the low number of children and young people that are subject to substantiation and re-substantiation reports.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page number 336, Budget Policy Adjustments

In relation to: Children and Young People Systems Upgrade

1. Is this upgrade to be completed by Shared Services or an external service provider?
 - o If Shared Services, is the cost deemed to be value for money?
 - o If an external service provider was the upgrade sent to market for tender?
 - If so, how many organisations tendered?

MINISTER BURCH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

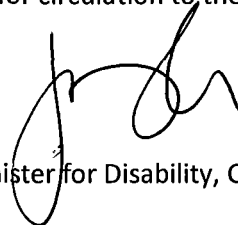
1. Improvements are currently being identified. The vendor for the CHYPS System is ASCRIBE. Any functional improvements that are identified specifically for the CHYPS system will be purchased through ASCRIBE who hold intellectual property for the CHYPS system. Shared services will assist with the technical aspects such as applying a system upgrade that contains any improvements purchased.

The standard fees charged by Shared Services will be applied for any implementation of upgrades that occur.

There has been no tender process. The scope and approach to implement the feasibility study for major system improvements is currently being considered.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP3, page number 161, Initiatives:

In relation to: ACT Children and Young People Death Review Committee

1. Why is there no funding for this committee beyond 2014-2015?
2. How will success for this committee be measured?



MINISTER BURCH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The ACT Government provided \$439,000 over two years for the ACT Children and Young People Death Review Committee in 2013 -14 Budget. The Government will review and assess the committee's support structure to determine funding required beyond 2014-15.
2. The Committee's success will be measured by its legislative requirements, including the establishment of a register of the deaths of children and young people that occur in the ACT.

The Committee must provide a report with the analysis of ACT child deaths to the Minister annually and it must contain:

- (a) the number of deaths of children and young people;
- (b) the age and sex of each child or young person who died and whether, within 3 years before his or her death, the child or young person, or a sibling of the child or young person, was the subject of a report the chief executive decided, under section 360 (5), was a child protection report;
- (c) the patterns or trends (if any) identified in relation to the deaths of children and young people—
 - (i) generally; and
 - (ii) who, within 3 years before their death were, or had a sibling who was, the subject of a report the chief executive decided, under section 360 (5), was a child protection report.

The Committee is also required to report on the deaths of children and young people in the ACT for the period from 1 January 2004 to 17 September 2011 (Section 727U). The Committee is required to provide the report to the Minister for Community Services within the next six years (Section 727U (4)).

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JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: BP4, page number 336, Budget Policy Adjustments

In relation to: Intervention Services

1. How many staff does this funding provide for?
2. What are the details of the Intervention Services provided?
3. Why does the budget in forward years increase by approx \$500k from the 2013-2014 financial year?

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

1. The funding provides for a Clinical Manager, part time consultant psychiatrist, two psychologists / social workers and an administrative officer.
2. The ACT Trauma Recovery Centre will provide services aimed at facilitating healing, recovery and positive life outcomes for children recovering from abuse, neglect and other trauma.

The Centre will provide developmental and therapeutic assessment of each child's needs and the support needs of those involved in caring for the child. It will provide intensive treatment for children and young people and provide extensive specialist parenting support for carers to ensure that their parenting strategies are aligned with the child's developmental and therapeutic needs.

The ACT Trauma Recovery Centre will provide an early intervention service that will reduce the number of children and young people exhibiting complex behaviour from entering the high needs tertiary part of the out of home care system and the youth justice system.

3. The amount of funding for 2013-14 provides for fit out, establishment and program design. The funding in 2014-15 and the forward estimates represents the ongoing program costs.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People - 4 JUL 2013

Ref: BP4, page number 329,

In relation to: Out of home transport and supervision program

1. Has this program been released for tender?
 - a. If not, when will it be released?
2. What are the budget provisions for this program?
3. Why has this been un-resolved for so long?
4. How is the service currently being provided?
 - o By whom?
 - o How is it currently being funded?

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

The Directorate notes that the reference provided by Mr Hanson does not refer to transport and supervision. Nevertheless, the response to the question on notice are as follows.

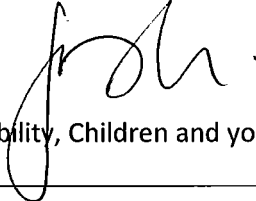
1. No.
 - a. The Out of Home Care program will be put to tender after June 2014 for new service provision commencing from 1 July 2015, reflecting the new service model of the Out of Home Care Strategy. Transport and supervision will be incorporated in the revised Out of Home Care models of service.
2. The Out of Home Care program budget for 2013-2014 is \$34.9M. Contact and transport is included in this budget.
3. The Out of Home Care Strategy will be finalised in June 2014 and this will include a review of the model of service for transport and supervised contact. This will be informed by expert literature reviews, best practice, legislative requirements and analysis of services operating in other jurisdictions.



4. Currently, transport and contact services are provided through funding contracts with Out of Home Care services. A fee for service arrangement exists with Marymead, Communities@Work and Barnardos for the provision of transport and supervised contact for children in other care arrangements.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: BP 4, page 35, Output Descriptions: Output Class 1.1 Government Policy and Strategy

In relation to Free Wi-Fi:

1. What plans are being considered for the delivery of Wi-Fi to town centres, ACTION buses and interchanges?
2. Minister, in an article published on 10 June in the Canberra Times it is stated that the government had been approached by a service provider interested in providing internet on ACTION buses; who was that service provider and what plans did they have?

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Wi-Fi has been deferred for further consideration as part of the 2014-15 Budget. Once funding is available an open tender process will be conducted.
2. The Government received a proposal from a company experienced in providing Wi-Fi on ferry services and at domestic and international plane terminals in Australia and New Zealand for a trial on ACTION buses. The proposal included a three-month trial on twenty buses and at two interchanges.

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By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Shane Rattenbury MLA



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Mr Hanson : To ask the Chief Minister

[Ref: BP 4, page 35, Output Descriptions: Output Class 1.1 Government Policy and Strategy]

In relation to : Mobile Apps

1. In an election commitment released 01/10/12 development of an initial suite of "Mobile Canberra" mobile interfaces and apps was costed at \$100,000 however, the budget for this initiative is \$40,000, why has the funding been decreased?
2. What specific apps will be developed with this funding?
3. An app is to be released in September, what are the details of this app?
4. What involvement does NICTA have with this initiative?
5. Are NICTA paid for service through this initiative or through other funding?

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

1. Before the 2012 election the Government committed to \$100,000 on "work towards developing an initial suite of 'Mobile Canberra' mobile interfaces and apps". The commitment went on to say "work will also be undertaken to open up necessary datasets for public access, to develop an interactive tool to peruse Canberra Centenary events by location and to run a community 'hackathon' to encourage the development of public apps based on ACT data".

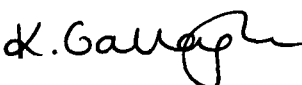
The project commenced in the 2012-13 using monies rolled over from the ACT Gov 2.0 Electronic Services Scoping Study. The commitment of \$100,000 comprises the following:

- \$15,000 was spent on phase 1 or the 'pilot project';
 - \$30,000 allocated into the project's phase 2 operations;
 - \$15,000 for GovHack 2013; and
 - \$40,000 appropriated in the 2013-14 Budget to fund phase three of the project (creation of a production version of the app for launch).
2. This funding enables the development of a methodology for a low maintenance app which provides mobile access to a theoretically limitless set of Government information including; in the prototype, car parks, parks and urban areas, public toilets, playgrounds, bus stops and events. In addition the code and related documentation will be "open sourced" to enable future development opportunities by other interested parties.

3. The app to be released is Phase 2 of the Mobile Canberra collaborative project, building on lessons learned during Phase 1 of the collaborative project. Phase 2 will deliver improved performance of the initially developed app designed to create mobile access to government location-based data in line with current community expectations.
4. Mobile Canberra has been run as an innovative collaborative partnership project between the ACT Government and the local SME, Imagine, under the auspices of NICTA's eGovernment Cluster.
5. NICTA is not paid for service through this initiative. In the pilot phase the NICTA eGovernment cluster matched the \$15,000 from its own program funding. NICTA is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Australian Research Council under the ICT Centre of Excellence Program. NICTA is also funded and supported by several state and territory governments including the ACT, as well as several Australian university partners.

NICTA and the ACT Government launched the Australian e-Government Technology Cluster ("eGovernment cluster") in 2010 to support and strengthen Government ICT industries in Australia. The ACT Government has provided financial support to help establish and maintain the cluster.

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By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA : To ask the Chief Minister

Ref: BP 4, page 35, Output Descriptions: Output Class 1.1 Government Policy and Strategy

In relation to Mobile Apps:

1. In an election commitment released 01/10/12 development of an initial suite of "Mobile Canberra" mobile interfaces and apps was costed at \$100k however, the budget for this initiative is \$40k, why has the funding been decreased?
2. What specific apps will be developed with this funding?
3. An app is to be released in September, what are the details of this app?
4. What involvement does NICTA have with this initiative?
5. Are NICTA paid for service through this initiative or through other funding?

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA
27th June 2013

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Hanson, Dr Bourke and Mr Smyth on 24 June 2013: Ms Jenny Dodd took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript uncorrected proof 24 June 2013 pp. 89, 90, 91 and 93]

In relation to: The cost, fee help and income of graduates of the Diploma of Graphic Design at CIT

1. Ms Dodd: We will take the exact figures though, if that is all right, Mr Hanson, on notice and confirm those with you.
THE CHAIR: Sure.
2. THE CHAIR: Is there an interest rate on that loan?
Ms Dodd: There is a small interest rate, I understand, on a component of the loan, that is correct, is it not? We will take that on notice
3. DR BOURKE: Ms Dodd, have you got any idea what the average income for graphic design graduates from your course might be?
Ms Dodd: We would have to take that on notice, Dr Bourke.
4. MR SMYTH: But perhaps if you could compare what you offer with the UC and New South Wales TAFE, because we have had a number of constituents complain that it is now remarkably more expensive to study in the ACT than it is interstate.
MR SMYTH: All right. Well, look, if you have got that detail, and I would very much appreciate that you would provide it to the committee.

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Diploma of Graphic Design at CIT is a full fee paying course run over 3 semesters. The total cost to a student is \$12,540 (\$4,180 per semester).
2. There is no interest charged on Government loans under the HELP schemes. In the case of VET FEE-HELP the Australian Government does charge a 20 per cent loan fee and the debt is indexed on 1 June each year to maintain its real value to reflect changes in the Consumer

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Price Index. Current and past indexation rates are available from the Australian Taxation Office at www.ato.gov.au.

3. Careers advice on the Open Universities Australia website notes that while wages will vary according to level of skill, experience and employer the average salary is approximately \$62,000 per annum based on a starting salary for a graphic designer at \$52,000 per annum to a senior salary of \$72,000 per annum.
4. The Diploma of Design at the University of Canberra is a Commonwealth Supported Place (HECS) costing students \$5,868 for 12 months. The remainder of the cost of the course is subsidised by the Commonwealth Government. At Illawarra TAFE the Diploma of Graphic Design is a state government subsidised program and costs the student \$1,432. It is offered on a full time basis over one year. State Government subsidies can be up to 90 per cent of the cost of the course. Locally, the Australian Business Academy runs a 1 year diploma in graphic design for \$19,000.

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By the Minister for Education and Training, Joy Burch



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Asked by MR COE on Monday 24th June 2013: MR FITZGERALD took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript Monday 24th June 2013 – Page 17

In relation to: Energy Efficiency Project

MR COE: Sure. A final question on savings, how much will the directorate save as a result of the new electricity contract?

Mr Fitzgerald: For us, we have actually had quite a significant program of reduction in costs associated with electricity through some projects that have reduced consumption by approximately just over 60 per cent. So the savings that we will actually generate from the contract are not significant for us, because we have been able to reduce our costs by a long way.....

MR COE: What is the payback period?

Mr Corbell: For what?

MR COE: For the energy efficiency measures installed at—

Mr Corbell: The ones we are referring to here? Look, I would have to take that on notice, Mr Coe, but I am happy to provide you with some more information.

MINISTER CORBELL: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

The replacement of the lighting in Dame Pattie Menzies House with energy efficient LED lighting cost \$0.13 million. This project has been able to achieve savings of approximately \$0.048 million per annum. This equates to a payback period of just over two years.

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Asked by MR SMYTH on Monday, 24th June 2013: MR PONTON took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript Monday 24th June 2013 - Page 34

In relation to: Quality Assurance Program

MR SMYTH: Sure. Minister, on page 257, output 1.2E, it says the percentage of the Development Services Assurance Program completed, the target in '12-13 was 90 per cent but it was not achieved and the notes say because the program has undergone revision in the early part of the year and has been incorporated into the directorate's governance services. Even if it had been moved into the directorate's governance services, why would not it have been completed?

Mr Ponton: The position of assurance coordinator was focused full-time, essentially, on looking at the planning or the development assessment leasing area and had a very ambitious work program because the officer was engaged in essentially just that work. As part of our savings that we explored early in the session this morning, the decision was taken to not have that as a full-time position, to actually transfer that function to the government services area and there was a slight restructure in government services, so the corporate area.

What that meant was that it was no longer possible to complete all of the work program that had been identified because, as I said, it was a full-time position focused just on those areas. It was ambitious and the officer that is now doing that work with the planning delivery area is also looking at a range of other corporate governance functions.

MR SMYTH: So what percentage was achieved before the revisions were undertaken?

Mr Ponton: It was wound up, look, essentially it was about three months in. So I would need to take that on notice in terms of what was done in those first three months or what was then continued through the period. But as I said, it was taken from a full-time function to essentially looking at the broader governance. For example, we undertook an audit of fraud and corruption prevention through the governance area monitored by the audit committee and the officer that would otherwise have been working with the program, preparing work instructions and the like, worked with the auditors and the Audit Committee on that particular project.

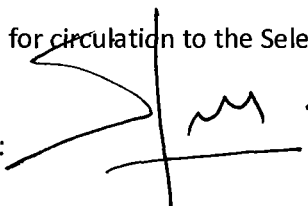
MINISTER CORBELL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In the three (3) months prior to the closure of the program in mid October 2012, and after the 2011/12 program had been finalised, work continued to resolve recommendations made during the 2011/12 period, for which seven (7) Quality Assurance reviews were undertaken as part of that year's program. There were no Quality Assurance reviews undertaken for 2012/13 and therefore a percentage figure for the number of reviews completed cannot be provided.

The Planning Delivery Division is subject to internal audit scrutiny, and external audits undertaken by the Auditor-General's Office. Such audits provide a high level of quality assurance to the Directorate, and were considered when the determination was made to revise the program and incorporate it into the Directorate's governance services.

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Asked by Mr Coe on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 36 - draft]]

In relation to :

Will the Minister Release the Feasibility Study? (Subject to the Minister's review)

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Yes.

The Feasibility Study discussed is the report 'City to Gungahlin Transit Corridor: Concept Design Report (April 2012)' prepared by URS Australia Pty Ltd for ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate. This report has been publicly released. It is available on the Capital Metro project web page through www.transport.act.gov.au.

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Asked by Mr Coe on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s).

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 36-37 - draft]]

In relation to :

What were the dates of the Feasibility Study and the Infrastructure Australia Submission?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

April 2012 and August 2012 respectively.

The reports referred to are:

1. 'City to Gungahlin Transit Corridor: Concept Design Report (April 2012)' prepared by URS Australia Pty Ltd for ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.
2. 'City to Gungahlin Transit Corridor Infrastructure Australia Project Submission (August 2012)' prepared by ACT Government.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s)

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 41 - draft]]

In relation to :

How many people travel now from Gungahlin to Civic each morning through private transport and individual bus routes?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Available data from the 2011 census identifies around 7,700 Canberrans who reside in Gungahlin travel to employment in City and North Canberra.

Data from the MyWay system shows that in June 2013, there was a daily average of 1,815 boardings on services operating from Gungahlin into Civic in the AM Peak from 6am to 9am.

The average by route is as follows:

Route	Daily Average
200	801
51	373
52	248
56	252
57	141
Total	1,815

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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 41-42-43 - draft]]

In relation to :

What are the assumptions about a shift from travellers currently using bus travel to the number projected to use light rail?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The patronage modelling prepared for the Capital Metro project to date does not provide a detailed estimate of the number of passengers moving from buses to light rail.

The modelling considers light rail as a component of the city-wide integrated public transport network. This identifies an increase in overall public transport share of journeys from 6.6% in 2011 to 13.3% in 2031, as reported in the Infrastructure Australia Project Submission (2012).

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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 43 - draft]]

In relation to :

What is the level of Government subsidy for other light rail projects around the country?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Detailed information is not available for similar projects in other jurisdictions.

Comparable light rail systems within Australia have been delivered though Public Private Partnerships including Gold Coast Rapid Transit and Sydney City Light Rail. These arrangements, which are generally commercial-in-confidence, include a level of Government subsidy for establishment and operating costs.

Government anticipates that Capital Metro will require some level of public subsidy as financial and in-kind contributions, however a suitable level for Capital Metro has yet to be determined.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 49 - draft]]

In relation to :

What is the exact number of stations used in the assumptions?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Three. Preliminary concept design work on Capital Metro has identified three stations located at City, Dickson and Gungahlin. There would also be a number of stops on the line at appropriate locations to be determined through detailed design and planning.

Project Update 3 (September 2012) stated a cost estimate of \$27.317 million for stations associated with Light Rail Transit. Further cost estimates are stated for bus stop relocation along the corridor of \$3.642 million.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Mr Coe - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 17 June 2013:

Mr Coe: Treasurer, with regard to the borrowing costs of ACTEW, what interest rate is being assumed here.

Mr Barr: It would vary depending on when you went to market.

Mr Wallace: Yes, it varies. We have a significant amount of different types of borrowings. We have indexed annuity bonds, we have medium- term notes, we have a capital indexed bond. It really depends on the profile of that borrowing.

Mr Coe: presumably, a fair number of those will mature over the next three or four years, and maybe mature multiple times.

Mr Wallace: Yes, that is correct.

Mr Coe: Therefore you would have to have made some assumptions along the way about what interest rates are going to be.

Mr Wallace: If there are any new borrowings, there would be an assumption. I would have to take that on notice and get back to you. It would be a consistent number.

(Reference pg 226 of Transcript)

Mr Barr : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I am advised that ACTEW's average debt interest rate for the budget period ranged from 5.5% to 5.7%. The Interest rate assumed for new debt was 6.15%, in the current market this would be considered high and will be reviewed as part of the budget review process.

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Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA



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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 54- draft]]

In relation to :

Just continuing on with the studies that you have seen in Portland, has there been any effect on the rate of population growth in the city in regard to their public transport system?

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

There is no data available that I am aware of, on changes in Portland's total population arising directly from public transport investment. However, Portland has exhibited a higher population growth than other similar American cities over the past 30 years.

What is apparent, however, is a positive impact on the settlement pattern. Consultant advice (URS, 2012) is that lots within one block of the Portland streetcar corridor captured 55% of all new development in the city after streetcar investment was secured.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on Monday 24 June 2013 : Mr Corbell took on notice the following question(s)

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [24 June 2013 [PAGE 54-55 - draft]]

In relation to :

What is the population density on the corridor and what are the projected population density figures once Capital Metro is complete? What will the density need to go to? Provide comparative assessments with other capital cities.

MINISTER CORBELL : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The submission to Infrastructure Australia identifies a resident population along the corridor of 50,400 at 2011.

Growth scenarios for the corridor project a 2031 resident population of 74,100 under the base case scenario of existing development. A medium scenario considers gradual redevelopment generally consistent with the current Territory Plan provisions along the Northbourne Avenue corridor, to a 2031 population of 102,600.

Meaningful comparative assessments against similar areas in other capital cities are not available.

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Asked by Mr Smyth MLA on 24 June 2013: Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, Minister for Higher Education took on notice the following question:

Hansard Proof Transcript 24 June 2013, PAGE 779

In relation to: ACT Higher Education Ministerial Council

MR SMYTH: Okay. In regard to the ACT Higher Education Ministerial Council, which was started in 2008, is that still operating?

Ms Gallagher: I have not—yes, I have not come across that.

MR SMYTH: Okay. So are you going to their meetings, or does Minister Burch go to their meetings?

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

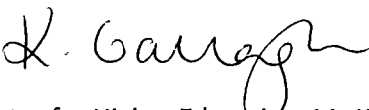
In clarifying, it is assumed the Member is making reference to the former Higher Education Sub-Committee (the Sub-Committee) of the ACT Accreditation and Registration Council (ARC), which ceased to function following the establishment of national regulation.

The Higher Education Sub-Committee was responsible for assessing applications for accreditation from non-university higher education providers, for example, Canberra Institute of Technology, and applications for accreditation of higher education courses.

These functions have been subsumed by the national regulators. On 1 July 2011, the Australian Skills Quality Authority became responsible for registering vocational education and training (VET) providers and accrediting VET courses. On 30 January 2012, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) assumed legislative responsibility for regulation of higher education providers and accreditation of their courses.

The ARC ceased to exercise its responsibilities under the Training and Tertiary Education Act 2003 (the Act) for registration and accreditation of VET providers and courses on 30 June 2011. The ACT Government requested the ARC continue to exercise its responsibilities under the Act for registration and accreditation of higher education providers and courses during the transition to national regulation to allow for any delay and extension to the transition period proposed by the Commonwealth or the regulators. From 30 January 2012, the ARC ceased to exercise all of its responsibilities under the Act and was dissolved.

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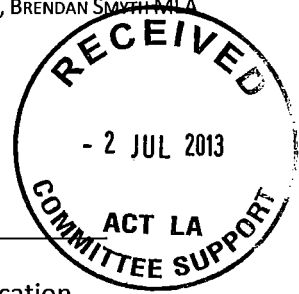


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Asked by Mr Smyth MLA on 24 June 2013: Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, Minister for Higher Education, took on notice the following question(s):

Hansard Proof Transcript 24 June 2013, PAGE 779

In relation to: The ACT Council of Education Exports:

MR SMYTH: All right. There used to be an ACT Council of Education Exports. Does that council still meet? And will you be going to that council or will Minister Burch be going to that council?

Ms Gallagher: Sorry, Mr Smyth? I did not catch the end of your—I had two ears—

MR SMYTH: Are you aware of the ACT Council of Education Exports?

Ms Gallagher: Yes, but, again, I have not met with it myself in this portfolio. I think it is within EDD.

MR SMYTH: So who attends that meeting?

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

The ACT Council of Education Exports is no longer in operation.

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