

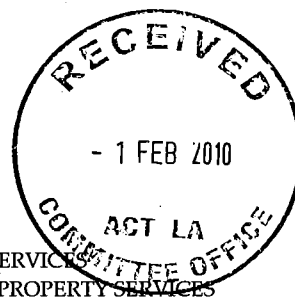
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Question on Notice CMD 1

Question to the Chief Minister –

How is progress on developing a tool, or guidelines, to assess accountability and sustainability indicators?

Is there an updated “People, Place Prosperity” plan/report? How does this relate to the Canberra Plan?

When should we expect the next “Measuring our Progress” sustainability report? Is CMD still coordinating this, or DECCEW?

Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

Considerable preliminary work has been undertaken by the Chief Minister’s Department in development of the sustainability assessment tool, building on work previously undertaken by Treasury. The tool will assess the three triple bottom line components: social, environmental and economic.

The Government has updated and released *People, Place, Prosperity*. The revised document is available on the Chief Minister’s Department website.

Work is advanced in developing the next *Measuring our Progress* sustainability report. It is scheduled for release in 2010.

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Question on Notice CMD 10

Question to the Chief Minister -

What progress has been made on the Whole of Government framework for Central Canberra?

Which Departments are involved in the implementation of this Plan?

How is this being coordinated between the departments now?

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

The Draft *Greater Canberra City Area (Haig Park to Lake Burley Griffin) Coordinated Action Plan 2010-2016* has been prepared. The report is expected to be released for public comment in the first quarter of 2010.

Departments involved in implementing the Plan are:

- Territory and Municipal Services;
- ACT Planning and Land Authority;
- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Land and Property Services;
- Land Development Agency;
- Canberra Institute of Technology; and
- Department of Justice and Community Services.

The coordination between departments involves:

- Communicating clear goals;
- Prioritising capital works;
- Programming Territory investment with private sector investment;
- Programming future Territory land sales; and
- Consultation with the National Capital Authority.

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Question on Notice CMD 11

Question to the Chief Minister -

Does the traffic simulation model being used by all government agencies and private sector developers also include counting cycling and pedestrian numbers?

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

The current traffic simulation models do not include cycling and pedestrian numbers. Cycling and pedestrian issues are examined in studies focusing on their needs.

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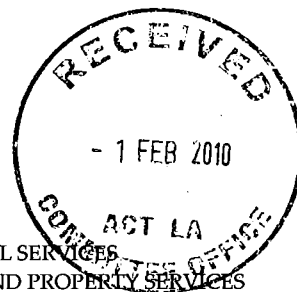


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Question on Notice CMD 13

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to the Hume Waste Recovery Estate, only one applicant, ACT Skip Hire, was offered a site at the new Estate so far.

How does ACT Skip Hire contribute to "resource recovery"?

What progress is there is establishing a wider range of resource recovery businesses in Hume?

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

ACT Skip Hire receives waste from the Construction and Demolition (C&D) sector. The C&D waste is then sorted and processed into products for the commodity markets (scrap metals) or for resale (crushed concrete, woodchip from timber scraps).

The release of additional land at the Hume Resource Recovery Estate is subject to the outcome of additional market research into the operational requirements of the waste sector. As part of this work being undertaken by ACT NOWaste, the waste industry is reviewing documents including draft specifications for land release. Industry comments are due back to ACT NOWaste by 21 January 2010 and will inform the development of a request for tender (RFT), for a wet and dry commercial and industrial recycling facility, scheduled for release in March 2010.

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Question on Notice CMD 14

Question to the Chief Minister -

Aside from the establishment of the community noticeboard, what key findings are being implemented as a result of the Citizen Centred Governance discussion paper?

- Has this resulted in the need to update the Government's Community Engagement Manual?

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

Since the release of the Citizen Centred Governance (CCG) Paper progress has been made against the 14 specific recommendations made, as well as more generally in moving to support a citizen centred governance approach. In relation to specific recommendations in the CCG there has been progress against the following:

- A discussion paper on a new performance and accountability model has been released and is available on CMD's website. This report is being used as the basis for further work across government to develop and implement a new framework.
- In the 2009-10 budget, the Government funded additional central agency community engagement resources in CMD, as part of moving that function back to CMD to enhance central agency coordination and policy development of community engagement. This funding included one-off funding for a wider community conversation about big picture issues that affect Canberra. This conversation is now being developed.
- A discussion paper is being finalised following consultation on the community's preferred methods of consulting.
- Work is underway on further development of our across government community engagement manual.
- The across government community engagement website has been updated.
- A community noticeboard appears in Saturday's Canberra Times.
- Improvements around public notification mechanisms for development applications have occurred in connection with process improvements within ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA).
- In late 2008 the Legislative Assembly voted to remove the use of conclusive certificates (except for national security).
- The ACT Public Service (ACTPS) Attraction and Retention Framework, released in May 2008, is designed to improve the capability of all ACTPS employees, to retain

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employees through professional development and targeted retention strategies and to attract new employees to the service. The Framework supports a strong and highly skilled public service that is central to delivering quality services to the people of the ACT.

- Three recommendations dealt with improving our use of social media and Web 2.0 tools to improve our community engagement, service delivery and access to government information. The Community Engagement Manual update reflects recent developments in better community engagement practice and in Web 2.0 technologies.
- In relation to new technologies and participatory democracy, Gov 2.0 and Web 2.0 information seminars have been held for public servants to identify better Web 2.0 practices including the application of social media. Web 2.0 is the term given to describe the transition from static html web pages to a more dynamic web that invites communication and a more open sharing of information. Gov 2.0 is the term used to describe the application of Web 2.0 in Government.
- The community engagement website has been refreshed and can be accessed: <http://www.communityengagement.act.gov.au/>
- Work has commenced on triple bottom line (TBL) reporting, including release of a pilot TBL annual report for wider feedback.

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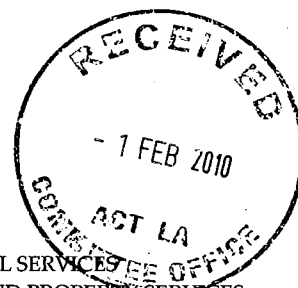


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Question on Notice CMD 15

Question to the Chief Minister -

Who is on the Chief Executives' Strategic Planning Committee to guide the Infrastructure Plan? (ie. which Chief Executives?)

Is this the same group as the Infrastructure Advisory Committee?

I have last year's Plan, from Sept 08, but I haven't seen an update this year – I understand that this Plan is to be updated annually, with public consultation – how is this progress?

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

All departmental Chief Executives and the Chief Executive Officer of the Land Development Agency, are on the Strategic Planning Committee, which is co-chaired by the Chief Executives of Chief Minister's Department and Treasury.

The Infrastructure Advisory Committee was intended as the external consultation forum to support the input of business and community. Since then, the Chief Minister has convened wider industry roundtables. As the first infrastructure plan takes shape, a roundtable on infrastructure will be convened early in 2010 to initiate this wider engagement.

The 2008 document was released to provide guidance and direction for the development of the first ACT infrastructure plan. The first of the rolling 10 year infrastructure plans will be released in May 2010.

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Question on Notice CMD 16

Question to the Chief Minister -

The Dept supported the regional leaders' forum – could you talk us through what benefits this forum has brought for the Territory?

What issues are on the table for the Forum?

Are you discussing cross border issues, or more, issues that affect each and every local council in the area, and what shared actions you can take together?

When was the last meeting, and when is the next meeting?

Is there a joint MOU between all parties involved in the Forum?

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

The Regional Leaders Forum benefits the Territory by allowing the Mayors of the Local Governments surrounding the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) to speak directly to the leaders of the ACT and NSW Governments about issues of regional importance.

The RLF is an information sharing forum that promotes collaboration across the ACT/NSW Border and supports a number of local and State government initiatives.

The current issues on the table for the Forum are Renewable Energy and Sustainability, the Regional Road Network, Road Safety, the creation of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees within the local region. Members are able to propose discussion on any issue which may be of information to or affect the Australian Capital Region. The RLF is an information sharing forum and typically actions are not proposed.

The last meeting of the RLF was 11 December 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2010.

There is no MOU between members of the RLF.

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Question on Notice CMD 17

Question to the Chief Minister -

What is the key part of the MOU with the Federal Government regarding establishing the RDA ACT Committee, as part of a national network?

Are we able to get a copy of this MOU?

The Dept signed an MOU with the Federal Government to establish a Regional Development Australia (RDA) ACT Committee as part of the regional RDA network – could you please inform us how this will benefit the Territory?

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

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative that aims to bring together all levels of government to enhance the growth and coordinate development of regional Australia. The MOU streamlines previous regional development arrangements in the ACT. The Committee replaces two separate bodies (the former Capital Region Area Consultative Committee and the Capital Region Development Board) with one body.

The MOU is available on the RDA website (www.rda.gov.au).

The MOU sets out the arrangements between the Australian Government and the ACT Government in relation to the creation and operation of the Australian Capital Territory Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee. The ACT RDA Committee will focus on projects specific to the ACT and will work collaboratively with NSW-based RDA committees on regional or sub-regional projects.

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Question on Notice CMD 18

Question to the Chief Minister –

In relation to the NCA, what are the key outcomes coming out of the Interdepartmental Committee work on reducing duplication in planning and land management in the ACT?

Will this work be coordinated by the new Land and Property Services Department now?

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

As the work of the Interdepartmental Committee is still underway, the Committee is yet to report to either myself or the Federal Attorney General. A draft report is expected in the first half of 2010.

Chief Minister's Department will continue to coordinate this work on behalf of the ACT, along with representatives from the ACT Planning and Land Authority.

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Question on Notice CMD 19

Question to the Chief Minister -

On page 17 there is reference to an interdepartmental committee working on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Can you please advise what sort of work this committee did exactly? For example, did they find that any area of the ACT Government was not compliant with the Convention?

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

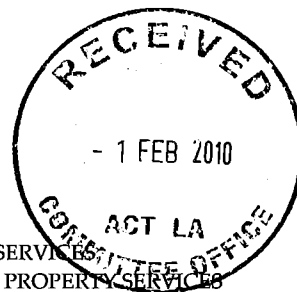
An analysis of ACT's compliance against the Articles of the Convention was undertaken by the interdepartmental committee (IDC) in 2008. This information was provided to the Commonwealth Government and informed the development of a National Interest Analysis.

The ACT complied with all the Articles of the *Convention*.

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Question on Notice CMD 2

Question to the Chief Minister -

Regarding the former Community Inclusion Board and new Community Inclusion Measures (p.14).

Is the End of Term report for the Community Inclusion Board (mentioned in Estimates) complete? May we see it?

When will the Chief Minister announce the four Community Inclusion Advocates as discussed on the CMD website and in Estimates? Have dates been set for the biannual community inclusion forums for 2010?

What is the status of the new Social Plan?

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

The end of term report for the Community Inclusion Board, titled *Sharing the benefits of our community: Building community inclusion in Canberra* is publicly available on the community inclusion website at: <http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/community-inclusion/home>

The appointment of four Community Inclusion Advocates was announced by the Chief Minister on 18 September 2009. The first of the Advocate forums was held on 27 November 2009. A date has not been set for the second forum. It will occur in the first half of 2010.

The *Canberra Social Plan Progress Report 2009* has been released and is available online. The ACT Government is currently seeking community views on the update to the *Canberra Social Plan* which will be released in 2010.

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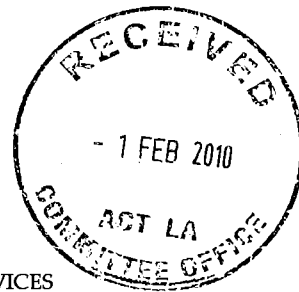
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Question on Notice CMD 20

Question to the Chief Minister -

Given that Canberra achieved a 9.3% drop in electricity use during Earth Hour, what learnings are the Government taking from this to help the ACT reduce its electricity use overall in general?

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

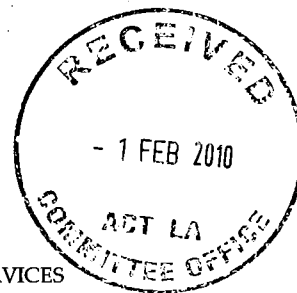
The Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water has developed a range of programs and policies that help Canberrans reduce their energy use and increase use of renewable energy. These include Energy Wise Audits, Home Energy Advice Team, Home Energy Action Kits, Community Energy Grants and supporting the uptake of the Feed-in Tariff, GreenPower, and CitySwitch Green Office Program.

In addition, in December 2009, the ACT Government released discussion papers on the possible extension of the Electricity Feed-in Tariff and the Draft Sustainable Energy Policy and also moved to the second stage of the proposed Solar Power Facility initiative.

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Question on Notice CMD 21

Question to the Chief Minister -

I was pleased to see the Government promoting local businesses as an ACT Government response to the GFC; will the Government consider such a campaign on an ongoing basis?

Would the Govt consider establishing a promotional sticker/accreditation scheme for locally-owned businesses, whereby a sticker could be put in windows, or a logo in yellow pages ads?

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

The shop locally campaign was implemented to encourage Canberrans to spend and celebrate locally following Commonwealth Government stimulus payments, in response to the GFC, in late 2008. The campaign was conducted in partnership with Canberra CBD Limited and will not be funded in future budgets.

The concept of a sticker indicating a locally-owned business is an initiative that ideally should come from the private sector, noting that there are competition policy neutrality issues involved for governments.

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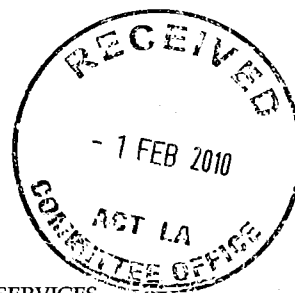
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Question on Notice CMD 22

Question to the Chief Minister –

In relation to Groovin' in the City, who coordinates the acts and scheduling for this program?

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

Groovin' in the City is the responsibility the Chief Minister's Department's Special Events Unit. Event management company *Out There Productions* has been contracted to manage the entertainment and scheduling of the event.

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Question on Notice CMD 26

Question to the Chief Minister -

The ACT Government is working with the ANU to develop new student accommodation at the ANU, such as Kinmore Lodge.

- Are these affordable rental residences?

What energy efficiency ratings do these buildings have, ie. Are they affordable for the students to live in?

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

Green Star ratings are not applicable for residential buildings; however the buildings do comply with energy efficiency standards as required under the Building Code of Australia. The proximity to the university (i.e. reducing the need to use private or public transport) and the efficient nature of central services including laundry and recycling provide increased affordability and energy efficiency for ANU students.

The two student housing developments in the City West precinct, Unilodge and Kinlock Lodge provide accommodation at a cost of 80% of similar standard dwellings in the private rental market. This takes into account not only the rental market for properties of similar style and facilities but also the pastoral care and services provided such as internet access and university communications not provided in outside accommodation.

Weekly rental charges range from \$168 for a shared unit to \$320 for a single bedroom mezzanine apartment.

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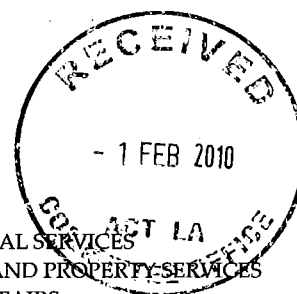
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Question on Notice CMD 27

Question to the Chief Minister -

Has the Govt since developed the Options Paper for ownership and management of the Narrabundah Long-stay Caravan Park, following the Issues paper that was published in May this year?

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

The Chief Minister's Department commissioned SGS Economics and Planning to undertake a study on the future ownership and management of the Narrabundah Long Stay Caravan Park. An options paper is currently being prepared by the consultants taking into account feedback and responses from residents and the general community to the Issues Paper which was released earlier this year. Options are being refined and analysed and will be taken out for further community consultation early in 2010.

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Question on Notice CMD 28

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to the New LAPS Department, could you please outline what work the ACT Government will be doing on green subleases in accordance with the National Framework for Sustainable Government Offices and the National Green Leasing Policy?

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

The ACT Government through the ACT Property Group is an active participant in the development of the National Framework for Sustainable Government Offices and the National Green Leasing Policy.

In August 2009 the ACT Government approved the ACT Government Real Estate Policy. Clause 5.6 of the Policy states that the National Framework for Sustainable Government Offices is to be followed in the management of the ACT Government office portfolio (leased and owned) once it is approved by the Ministerial Council. The ACT Ministers for Property Services and for Energy endorsed the Framework in early December 2009 and it is expected to be tabled at the next meeting of the Australian Procurement and Construction Ministers' Council.

The National Green Leasing Policy is currently under consultation. It is proposed to set minimum standards for all new Australian, State and Territory government subleases. Once it is approved, it will be included as part of the development of the ACT Sustainable Energy Policy and the ACT Climate Change Strategy – Action Plan 2 2012-2016. Either using this national Framework or a higher greener benchmark, the ACT Government will have new energy targets to achieve when subleasing or refurbishing office space in excess of 2,000m² and with the finalisation of the National Green Leasing Policy and the associated green lease schedules the Territory will have a full set of green tools with which to demonstrate to private office market in Canberra that the ACT Government is committed to seeking or providing green accommodation to its staff.

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Question on Notice CMD 29

Question to the Chief Minister -

Will Housing Affordability be moving to the new LAPS Department?

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

Responsibility for monitoring and overseeing the introduction of the Affordable Housing Action Plan (Phases I & II) will move to the new Department of Land and Property Services.

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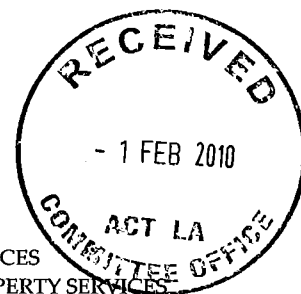
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Question on Notice CMD 3

Question to the Chief Minister -

What policy work has been done on Throughcare and Aftercare at the Alexander Maconochie Centre?

Of the policy recommendations on Throughcare and Aftercare at the AMC to emerge from the research, what, if any, measures have been implemented?

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

Substantial work has been completed on Throughcare and Aftercare policy for the AMC. Three Throughcare/Aftercare forums have been conducted. These forums took place in April 2008, July 2008 and May 2009. The Chief Minister's Department along with the Community Inclusion Board and ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) jointly hosted the forums in April 2008 and May 2009 at the AMC. The remaining forum was hosted by ACTCS.

The most recent forum was called *Throughcare and Aftercare: Encouraging and supporting offenders to plan for their future*. It was targeted at government agencies and community organisations that work with ACTCS and was attended by over 60 people.

The aim was to facilitate dialogue between government and non-government stakeholders. ACTCS is continuing work with service providers as well as working across government agencies, including Chief Minister's Department, to facilitate integrated service delivery. This work is continuing.

Further, on 26 November 2009, ACTCS, in conjunction with the ACT Aboriginal Justice Centre, held an Indigenous Throughcare Forum, entitled *Throughcare and Aftercare: Encouraging and supporting Indigenous offenders to plan for their future*. Several stakeholders attended this successful forum, which consisted of presentations, addresses and an Indigenous Throughcare/Aftercare workshop.

In addition to organising regular meetings of Throughcare providers, ACTCS is planning the first of regular Throughcare Expos. At these expos, organisations that provide support and assistance to prisoners are invited to come to the AMC so that the prisoners are able

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to meet with representatives from the organisations, gain information and discuss issues of importance to their rehabilitation and case plans.

ACTCS has established and implemented a Throughcare Framework. This Framework explains the way in which the Throughcare Model is to work in practice, including an outline of the role of case officers in the process.

In addition to this, to assist in the Throughcare approach there are also many authorised and accredited visitors who regularly visit the AMC, talk to prisoners and/or staff and observe the day to day activities within the prison. Authorised visitors are generally members of community organisations and some, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, conduct programs to assist prisoners.

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Question on Notice CMD 30

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to the Stimulus Package, within the Ministerial statement tabled by the Chief Minister on Tuesday 8th December 2009 titled the *Implementation of nation Building and jobs Plan Second Quarterly Report 2009* it is stated that "as part of the ACT Government's own reforms, a three yearly cycle of infrastructure review was completed".

Could the Minister please inform the Committee, when was the review conducted, who conducted this review, is the review publically available, and if not why not?

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

Comprehensive building condition assessments of all ACT government schools are undertaken on a three year rolling program. The assessments are undertaken on behalf of the Department of Education and Training by the ACT Property Group in the Department of Land and Property Services. Specialist reports (such as tree reports) are annexed to the building condition assessment reports.

The building condition assessments cover the following components:

- Building
- Electrical (including thermal imaging)
- Mechanical plant and equipment
- Fire systems
- Grounds
- Trees

The assessments identify works over a 5 year period ranked in order of urgency, but exclude any allowance for capital improvements. The Department of Education and Training refers to these reports when developing the annual Repairs and Maintenance Work Plan for schools and the annual Capital Upgrades program. The reports also assisted in identifying major refurbishment projects under the Government's Schools Infrastructure Refurbishment program and the Commonwealth funded National School Pride and Primary Schools for the 21st Century programs.

All schools are provided with a copy of their individual building condition assessment report. These reports are for the internal use by the school as they identify specific building features, including entry and other access points. For security reasons the reports are not published or released to the public.

In 2009, building condition assessments were undertaken at the following schools:

Alfred Deakin High	Holt Primary (including Holt Preschool)
Aranda Primary (including Aranda Preschool)	Lake Ginninderra College
Arawang Primary (including Waramanga and Weston Preschools)	Latham Primary (including Latham Preschool)
Belconnen High	Macquarie Primary (including Macquarie Preschool)
Calwell High	Malkara School
Campbell High	Melba Copland Secondary School – Melba Campus
Chapman Primary (including Chapman Preschool)	Melrose High
Chisholm Primary (including Chisholm Preschool)	Mount Rogers Community School (including Melba, Spence and Flynn Preschools)
Dickson College	Red Hill School (including Red Hill and Bannister Gardens Preschools)
Duffy Primary (including Duffy Preschool)	Richardson Primary (including Richardson Preschool)
Evatt Primary (including Evatt Preschool)	Stromlo High
Garran Primary (including Garran Preschool)	Taylor Primary (including Taylor Preschool and Child Care Centre)
Giralang Primary	The Woden School
Hawker College	Turner School (including Turner Preschool)
Hawker Primary (including Hawker Preschool)	Weetangera Primary (including Weetangera Preschool)
Yarralumla Primary (including Yarralumla and Montessori Preschools)	

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Question on Notice CMD 31

Question to the Chief Minister -

Will the Chief Minister's Annual Reports Directions be updated to require reporting on compliance with Model Litigant Guidelines? (This new requirement came into effect in September 2009, following the passage of the Law Officer Bill.)

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

Changes to the *Law Officer Act 1992* now require each report prepared by a Chief Executive under the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* to (i) describe the measures taken by the administrative unit during the financial year to ensure compliance with the model litigant guidelines and (ii) provide information concerning any breaches of the model litigant guidelines during the financial year.

The *Annual Report Directions* will be amended accordingly in consultation with relevant officials from the Department of Justice and Community Safety and the Public Accounts Committee.

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Question on Notice CMD 5

Question to the Chief Minister -

How is the development and implementation of a whole of government approach to community grants changing how community grants are administered?

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

In supporting a whole of government approach to grants programs, in 2008 the ACT Government established a Grants Stream Model where community grants are allocated into one of two streams, *Health and Community Wellbeing Grants* or *City and Territory Services Grants*.

The Grants Streams are publicly listed on the ACT Government Grants website at <http://www.grants.act.gov.au/>.

A Grants Interdepartmental Committee was established to provide whole of Government oversight of and improve coordination of ACT community grants programs. The Grants IDC meets twice annually.

The Grants Interdepartmental Committee is also progressing development of a *Best Practice Guide for Grants Administration* to streamline the community grant program processes, minimise administrative procedures and to better enable information to be shared between grants programs as relevant and appropriate.

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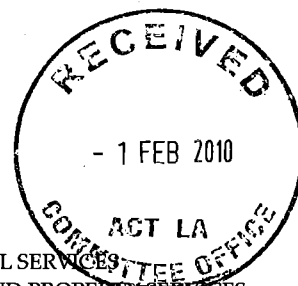


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Question on Notice CMD 6

Question to the Chief Minister -

Please tell us more about the across-government policy forum:

- What issues have you held them for?
- What is the outcome of them?
- How often have they been held?

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

The Policy Forum (made up of one senior executive from each department) aims to meet on a weekly basis via telephone link, and then in a face-to-face meeting monthly. Weekly meetings are informal, and the members each inform the Policy Forum of key or critical work in their agency, particularly those matters which may have across-agency impacts.

Monthly meetings are held to discuss in greater detail matters of relevance across agencies. This work supplements across government consultation on Cabinet matters, and related policy proposals, or consultation on the development of across government strategies.

Through the Policy Forum, agencies have the opportunity to be informed on work in other agencies, to provide feedback on that work, and where relevant, to become more formally involved outside of the Policy Forum.

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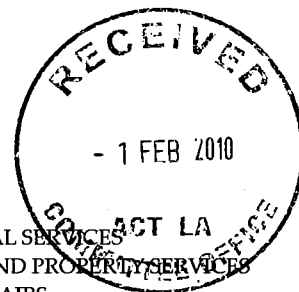


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Question on Notice CMD 7

Question to the Chief Minister -

Please tell us more about the ACT Govt Information Development Plan 2008-2011:

- Who is it used by?
- What is it used for?

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

The ACT Information Development Plan 2008-2011 (IDP) is a high-level strategic framework for providing a whole-of-government approach to improving the development and management of statistical resources in the ACT. The IDP provides a framework for advancing the availability and quality of statistical information in the ACT, and constitutes a significant step in advancing evidence-based policy research within the ACT Government.

The IDP reflects a commitment by the ABS and the ACT Government to continue to collaborate on improving statistical information for the ACT while focusing on areas of mutual interest and priority. It also recognises the importance of a coordinated and integrated approach to the development of statistics.

Implementation of the IDP is being coordinated by the ACT Demographer and overseen by the ACT Information Development Steering Committee, which is comprised of senior officer representatives from the ABS and all ACT Government agencies. The ACT Information Development Steering Committee is chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive, Policy, CMD.

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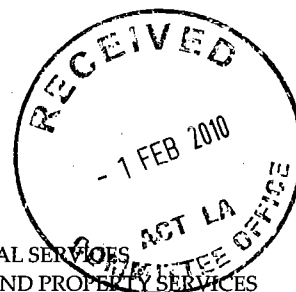
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Question on Notice CMD 8

Question to the Chief Minister -

What are the key parts of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Government for the Centenary of Canberra, as agreed last December?

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

The Centenary of Canberra Intergovernmental Agreement was signed 12 December 2008 by the Honourable Bob Debus for the Commonwealth of Australia, and Jon Stanhope MLA for the Australian Capital Territory.

The Agreement identifies that a jointly established Intergovernmental Working Group will plan and deliver the Centenary activities. The Agreement acknowledges that the overall objective of Centenary activities is to engage communities around Australia in the celebration of the establishment of the national capital. The Agreement also establishes that governance arrangements, guidelines, sponsorship arrangements, logo usage, and the timetable of activities will be developed and agreed upon by the Working Group.

A copy of the Agreement can be found at Attachment A. The Agreement is publically available on the www.canberra100.com.au website.

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AGREEMENT

**AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF THE 2013
CENTENARY OF CANBERRA CELEBRATIONS**

Commonwealth of Australia

Australian Capital Territory



CANBERRA 100
1913-2013

Date

This Agreement is dated 12 December 2008.

Parties

This Agreement is made between the following parties:

1. Commonwealth of Australia (**Commonwealth**)
2. Australian Capital Territory (**ACT**)

Context

This Agreement is made in the following context:

- A. The centenary of the establishment of Canberra as the national capital of Australia occurs on 12 March 2013 (the Centenary).
- B. The parties are committed to supporting the celebration of this nationally significant anniversary and providing an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate.
- C. The parties intend that a range of activities to celebrate the Centenary be arranged and occur prior to and around the date of the Centenary. (Centenary activities).
- D. In order to ensure that planning for the Centenary activities is undertaken in a co-ordinated way, and to ensure there is an efficient and effective use of resources in delivering Centenary activities, the parties have agreed to work together.
- E. The parties have jointly established a Working Group to plan and deliver the Centenary activities (initially comprising officials from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs and the Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister's Department and the Office of the Chief Minister) (the Working Group).
- F. This Agreement reflects the understanding that the parties will work together through that Working Group.

Operative Provisions

The parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. Term

- 1.1.1. This Agreement commences on the date on which it has been signed by both parties and will continue in force until 12 March 2014.

2. National Engagement

- 2.1.1. The parties acknowledge that the overall objective of the Centenary activities is to engage communities around Australia, including residents of Canberra, in the celebration of the Centenary of Canberra as the national capital of Australia.

3. Governance Arrangements

- 3.1.1. The parties have agreed that the planning for, and co-ordination of, all Centenary activities will be undertaken through the Working Group.
- 3.1.2. The Working Group will develop arrangements to govern the following aspects of planning for and delivery of Centenary activities:
- a. financial management
 - b. procurement
 - c. stakeholder management
 - d. sponsorship and promotion
 - e. project selection, delivery and ownership
 - f. reporting and accountability,
- having regard to the statutory requirements with which each party is obliged to comply.
- 3.1.3. The parties will establish and document procedures for the Working Group, covering matters such as the manner by which the agreement of that Working Group is reached.
- 3.1.4. The parties agree that for the sake of transparency and accountability they will reduce to writing all formal communications between them in relation to their responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

4. Guidelines

- 4.1.1. The Working Group will develop guidelines to manage specific issues which may arise.
- 4.1.2. The parties agree to use their best endeavours to comply with any such guidelines.

5. Decision-making

- 5.1.1. The parties acknowledge that although each will endeavour to implement recommendations of the Working Group, decisions regarding Centenary activities and funding of those activities are subject to each party's respective budgetary, financial management and policy processes.

6. Use of logo and images

- 6.1.1. The parties acknowledge that the use of the Centenary logo and images for Centenary activities and any related publications will be agreed through the Working Group.

7. Communications and announcements

- 7.1.1. In order to maintain a co-ordinated approach to planning, the parties agree that communication between them in relation to the planning for and delivery of Centenary activities will only occur through the Working Group.
- 7.1.2. The content and timing of public communications and announcements about Centenary activities will be agreed through the Working Group.

8. Sponsorship

- 8.1.1. Sponsorship arrangements for Centenary activities will be agreed through the Working Group.

9. Timetable for activities

- 9.1.1. The parties agree to schedule Centenary activities in such a manner as to encourage a national sense of celebration, avoid duplication and maximise opportunities.
- 9.1.2. A timetable of Centenary activities will be developed and agreed through the Working Group.

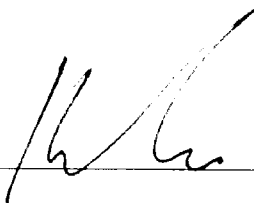
10. Dispute resolution

- 10.1.1. A dispute should be notified promptly to the Working Group and if not resolved through the Working Group will be settled between the Minister for Home Affairs and the Chief Minister.

Signatures

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The Hon Bob Debus MP

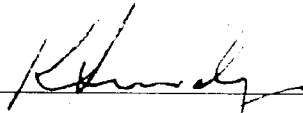
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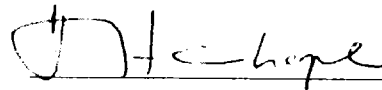
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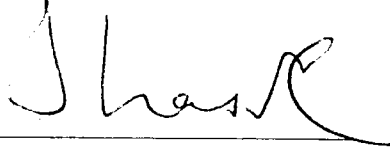
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Question on Notice CMD 9

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to Strategic Indicator 8, delivery of Government Priority Projects, will this indicator now move over to the new Land and Property Services Department?

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

Yes.

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Question on Notice CPA 1

Question to the Chief Minister -

Could you please inform us of the progress of the comprehensive review of the PSM standards – that the Commissioner undertook to commence in light of changes in human resource management, and the industrial relations landscape at a national level?

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

Early in 2009, the Commissioner for Public Administration undertook to commence a review of the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) legislative employment framework. This undertaking was made in support of the 2010 round of agency industrial agreement negotiations.

By way of background, agency collective agreements in the ACTPS establish and set out provisions relating to various elements of employment including hours of work, salaries, classifications, leave entitlements, work-life balance, discipline, internal reviews, appeal mechanisms, redeployment and redundancy. The *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (PSM Act) and Public Sector Management Standards 2006 (Standards) establish and set out provisions relating to various elements of ACTPS employment including public sector values and ethics, the creation and abolition of offices and executive offices, machinery of government, recruitment processes, promotions, transfers, discipline, appeal and review mechanisms, and leave entitlements.

Because of the Constitutional relationship between the Commonwealth and Territories, Commonwealth laws prevail over Territory laws. Accordingly, the PSM Act and Standards are subordinate to any agreement made under provisions of the Commonwealth's *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (or as of 1 July 2009, any agreement made under the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth))

The Standards support the PSM Act and if any inconsistency arises between the two, the Act prevails. The structure and many principles of the PSM Act are derived from the *Public Service Act 1922* (Cth). Although issue based amendments are made to the Standards by the Commissioner from time to time, few substantial amendments have been made to the PSM Act since self-government. The last significant review of the Standards took place in 1998, and in 2006 the Standards were reformatted to be made available on the ACT Legislation Register.

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Over time the interaction and overlap between agency agreements and the PSM Act and Standards has increased. In recent years this has been accelerated by amendments that were made to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (Cth) associated with Work Choices and more recently the introduction of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

In order to reduce duplication and inconsistencies as far as possible across the PSM Act, Standards and agency industrial agreements, significant discussions have been had at an inter-agency level. These discussions have identified issues, with plans drawn up for a more coherent and streamlined employment framework generally, not just that relating to the Standards. Additionally, work has been undertaken to develop a renewed primary framework for all ACTPS human resource management policies, which will support the legislative components of the employment framework.

Some elements of the proposed rationalisation are dependent on agreement negotiations. Other matters, such as the consolidation of executive employment and entitlements, are progressing parallel to the negotiation process. The final number of changes will relate entirely to agency industrial agreement negotiation outcomes. Changes will be implemented in coordination with the negotiation, approval and implementation of the new agency agreements and any other legislative changes at the national or ACT level.

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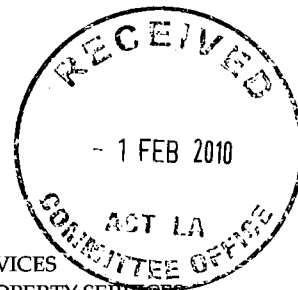


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Question on Notice CPA 2

Question to the Chief Minister -

New administrative and governance arrangements for Independent Reviewers are expected to be implemented – could you please inform us of what these will be and how they will enhance governance arrangements?

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

ACT Public Service industrial agreements provide for the appointment of independent persons as Independent Reviewers to undertake reviews of actions or decisions and to chair appeal panels. The Commissioner for Public Administration is responsible for maintaining a list of approved persons for these purposes.

Consultation with agencies utilising the services of Independent Reviewers identified that individuals are not always available and that on occasion they are also being engaged for a broader range of enquiries and investigations than was originally envisaged.

As a result of this feedback, the Government decided to conduct an open market procurement process to establish an Administrative Review and Investigations Panel to conduct reviews, coordinate appeal processes, and undertake more general administrative enquiries and investigations as they emerge. It is anticipated that contracts will be in place by February 2010.

The new Panel is expected to deliver improved outcomes by providing the capacity to better match panel member's skills to particular matters as they arise. The new panel arrangement is also expected to lead to expedited administrative reviews and investigations.

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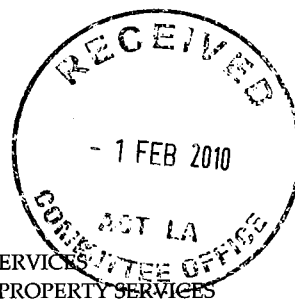


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Question on Notice CPA 3

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to the Assembly committee relating to operations and responsibilities, Recommendation 6 - triple-bottom-line reporting - could you please inform us on the progress of the implementation of this agreed recommendation?

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

I have released a pilot triple bottom line 2008-09 annual report for the Chief Minister's Department. This report is available on the Chief Minister's Department website at www.cmd.gov.au . Comments on the report have been requested by 26 February 2010.

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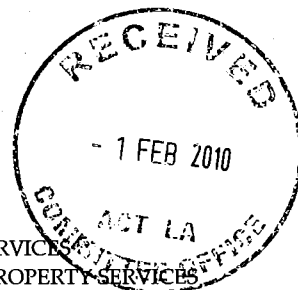


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Question on Notice CPA 4

Question to the Chief Minister -

In relation to the Assembly committee relating to operations and responsibilities, Recommendation 10 – could you please inform the Committee about the detail of the actions being taken to develop systemised and standardised exit surveying across agencies to ensure the gathering of information which is beneficial in addressing retention issues across the public service?

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

An online whole-of-government exit survey has been developed in consultation with agencies and has been implemented. The results of the survey will be analysed on a regular basis which will be used to address retention issues and develop service-wide HR policies, initiatives and strategies.

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Question on Notice CPA 5

Question to the Chief Minister -

On page 32 there are high risk ratings in DET & DHCS – could you please inform us of the ongoing implementation of risk mitigation strategies that you refer to under ‘Raising of Awareness in Agencies during 2008-2009’?

Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

The Annual ‘Over the Horizon’ Report on agency risk assessments and emerging trends in fraud and corruption requires ACT public sector agencies to assess and report on identified and potential business and integrity risks. The identification of a risk, and the assigning of a risk rating of ‘high’ is an indicator only that the potential risk has been identified as one which, if realised, would have potential to generate adverse consequences of some significance.

Risk mitigation strategies in response to the identified ‘high’ risks within the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (DHCS) have been implemented, by those agencies, as follows:

DET

- A Risk Management Analysis has been conducted covering the 08-09 financial year. As a result, a revised Audit Plan has been developed, incorporating measures targeted to those areas identified as representing a ‘high’ risk level;
- Generalist training in Risk Management has been delivered to agency executives;
- Risk Management training targeted at management of specific identified risks has been delivered to appropriate staff in operational areas; and
- As a result of the Risk Management Analysis, a regime of quarterly reporting to the DET Corporate Executive and Audit Committee has been implemented. The report tracks the implementation of strategies developed to address identified risks.

DHCS

- Protocols have been established around handling clients’ money, including monthly reconciliations and reporting and random audits implemented in group homes;

- Following the conclusion of an audit on financial matters relating to DHCS clients, a comprehensive auditing program has been implemented and appropriate financial controls established;
- Policy development work in fraud awareness is underway and will be completed shortly. This work will address the mitigating strategies associated with fraud awareness;
- Fraud awareness training to be conducted for relevant staff on a regular basis to assist in the detection and management of fraud;
- Clients have been informed about making statutory declarations and staff who witness declarations are provided with appropriate training;
- Information on staff obligations relating to leave are included in orientation; and
- A program of auditing leave records and regular monitoring is conducted to ensure accuracy and appropriateness of leave taken.

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