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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS AND TERRITORY AND
MUNICIPAL SERVICES (7th ASSEMBLY)
REPORT NO 14**

REPORT ON ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2010-2011

**Presented by
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Chief Minister**

Government Response

Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services (7th Assembly) Report No 14 – Report on Annual and Financial Reports 2010-2011

Introduction

The Annual Reports of All ACT Government agencies are referred to the Standing Committees of the ACT Legislative Assembly for examination and report.

The Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services (7th Assembly) reviewed annual reports for:

- Territory and Municipal Services Directorate;
- ACT Public Cemeteries Authority;
- Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate;
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate (Road Services and Transport Policy);
- Land Development Agency; and
- ACT Planning and Land Authority.

The Committee made 2 recommendations.

Response to Committee Recommendations

Recommendation 1

1.10 Where part of a question taken on notice falls within the purview of another minister, the minister to whom the question has been directed should either (a) ensure that a copy of the question is forwarded to the relevant minister to provide a direct response, and the Committee advised that this has occurred, or (b) seek input from the relevant minister and incorporate it in his or her response to the Committee.

Government Response

Not agreed.

While the request appears reasonable, the Government considers it preferable to maintain transparency in the Committee inquiry process through Committees retaining responsibility for redirecting questions to the responsible Minister. This will also assist in ensuring Committee hearings remain targeted and relevant for Ministers and officials appearing.

Recommendation 2

3.56 The Committee recommends that details of the reasons for the Planning and Land Authority's decisions to adopt a single select or select tender process for its procurements be included in future annual reports.

Government Response

Agreed.

The 2011/12 Annual Report of the Planning and Land Authority was subsumed within the Annual Report of the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate. The recommendation was fully reflected in that Report.