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WORKS AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES
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Resolution of appointment

On 9 December 2008, the ACT Legislative Assembly agreed by resolution to establish general purpose standing committees to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by the Assembly or considered by the committee to be of concern to the community, including:

(e) a Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services to examine matters related to planning, land management, proposed capital works projects in the public sector, including works undertaken by territory owned corporations, municipal transport services, heritage and sport and recreation.

The Assembly agreed that each standing committee can consider and make use of the evidence and records of the relevant standing committee appointed during the previous Assembly.¹

Terms of reference

On 23 September 2010 ACT Legislative Assembly referred the annual and financial reports for the calendar year 2010 and the financial year 2009–2010 to Assembly standing committees, in accordance with a schedule. The reports had been presented to the Assembly pursuant to the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*.

The reports, and parts of reports, referred to the Standing Committee on Planning Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services are:²

- The Department of Territory and Municipal Services, including:
- The Animal Welfare Authority;
- ACTION;
- Road Services Transport Policy and Regulation;
- Heritage Council ;
- The ACT Public Cemeteries Authority;
- The Department of Land and Property Services;
- The Land Development Agency; and
- The ACT Planning and Land Authority.

¹ Legislative Assembly for the ACT, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 2*, 9 December 2008, pp14–18,
<<http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/downloads/minutes-of-proceedings/08MoP02.pdf>>

² ACT Legislative Assembly, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 77*, Thursday 23 September 2010, pp. 906–909.

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TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 23 September 2010, the ACT Government's annual and financial reports for the 2009-10 financial year and the 2010 calendar year were tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly and referred to standing committees for inquiry and report. The Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services had the following reports referred to it:
- Department of Territory and Municipal Services (including the Heritage Council, ACTION and Animal Welfare);
 - Department of Land and Property Services;
 - Land Development Agency;
 - ACT Planning and Land Authority; and
 - ACT Public Cemeteries Authority.
- 1.2 The inquiry process provides an opportunity for Assembly Members to seek clarification about issues raised in annual reports.
- 1.3 This report focuses on the issues raised and assessed during the Committee's public hearings for this inquiry. Full transcripts of the evidence taken by the Committee can be accessed via the Legislative Assembly's website.³

Conduct of the inquiry

- 1.4 To assist with the assessment process, and to clarify issues, the Committee held public hearings on 2, 10 and 26 November 2010, and on 9 February 2011. A list of those who participated in the hearings is at Appendix A.
- 1.5 Following the hearings, a total of 107 supplementary questions were forwarded to the respective Ministers, many with multiple component questions. The Committee received responses to the majority of questions and a list is provided at Appendix B, 'Supplementary Questions'. A list of questions taken on notice is provided at Appendix C. Responses to supplementary questions

³ Transcripts available at: <http://www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/2009/comms/default.htm#planning>.

and questions taken on notice are published on the inquiry website.⁴

Purpose and Intent of Annual Reports

- 1.6 Agency reporting requirements are set out in the *Annual Report (Government Agencies) Notice 2010 (No 1)*.⁵ This Notice includes the Chief Minister's Annual Reports Directions (the Directions) which are issued under the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*. As key accountability documents concerning management performance, annual reports reflect on the year's performance, achievements and outcomes. They are also a concise way of accounting for the expenditure of public monies.
- 1.7 Agencies account for management performance through Ministers to the Legislative Assembly and the wider community. Since annual reports are tabled in the Assembly, they are historical documents on the public record, and are available for use by stakeholders, including educational and research institutions, the media and the public. Annual reports are also key reference documents, and documents for internal management.
- 1.8 As specified in the Directions, annual reports should be 'an objective account, primarily to the Legislative Assembly, of how the entity has performed during the reporting year.'⁶
- 1.9 The Directions also specify that an effective annual report will:
 - provide a clear picture of the agency's purpose, priorities, outputs and achievements;
 - focus on results and outcomes – communicate the success or otherwise, including shortfalls, of the agency's activities in achieving government policy outcomes in the reporting year, while accounting for the resources used in the process;

⁴ Responses to supplementary questions and Questions Taken on Notice can be accessed at: <http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/committees/index1.asp?committee=113&inquiry=983>.

⁵ Accessible at: <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2004-8/li.asp> as at 22 June 2010.

⁶ *Annual Report (Government Agencies) Notice 2010*, p6.

- discuss results against expectations - provide sufficient information and analysis for the Assembly and community to make a fully informed judgement on agency performance;
- clearly identify any changes to structures or functions of the agency in the reporting period and explain changes in performance over time;
- report on agency financial and operational performance and clearly link with budgeted priorities and financial projections as set out in annual Budget Estimate Papers and the agency Statement of Intent and Corporate Plan;
- provide performance information that is complete and informative, linking costs and results to provide evidence of value for money;
- discuss risks and environmental factors affecting the agency's ability to achieve objectives including any strategies employed to manage these factors, and forecast future needs and expectations;
- recognise the diverse needs and backgrounds of stakeholder groups and present information in a manner that is responsive to the maximum number of users while maintaining a suitable level of detail;
- comply with any specific legislative reporting requirement; and
- comply with the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* and the Chief Minister's Annual Report Directions.

4 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS AND
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2 DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- 2.1 The Department of Territory and Municipal Services (TaMS) delivers a range of services including waste management and recycling, public libraries, government shopfronts, Canberra Connect services and public transport.
- 2.2 TaMS manages the Territory's recreation facilities including sports grounds, playgrounds and public swimming pools, local nature reserves, Namadgi National Park as well as heritage and wildlife preservation.
- 2.3 TaMS is responsible for building and maintaining municipal infrastructure such as roads, bridges and public facilities. TaMS also oversees transport regulation including licensing, vehicle safety and taxi accreditation.
- 2.4 It manages a number of commercial operations including Canberra Stadium, Manuka Oval, Stromlo Forrest Park, EPIC, Capital Linen services, Yarralumla Nursery and the ACT Public Cemetery Authority.
- 2.5 TaMS also provides a number of internal support services to ACT Government agencies including human resources and financial services, procurement, information and communication technology, publishing and records service.

Corrigendum

- 2.6 The Committee notes that a corrigendum was tabled in the Assembly on 15 February 2011. The Corrigendum corrects specific errors in information on Triple Bottom Line Reporting and office energy use.⁷

⁷ Legislative Assembly for the ACT, *Minutes of Proceedings* No. 90—15 February 2011, p1123.

Corrigendum Details

On page 50, in Table 4, Triple Bottom Line Reporting, the figure shown for energy use in megajoules – total office energy use for 2009-10 is incorrect. The correct figure is 13,217,584 megajoules.

Consequently the figures for office energy use per person and office energy use per m2 for 2009-10 are now 29,904 megajoules per office FTE and 1,826 megajoules per square metre respectively. The change in total office energy use since 2008-09 was therefore a fall of 10%. Similarly the change in energy use per m2 was an increase of 8%.

On page 114, in Table 41(a): Macarthur House, the figure shown for total office energy use for 2009-10 is incorrect. The correct figure is 13,217,584 megajoules. This error occurred due to the double counting of renewable energy use. Consequently the figures for energy intensity per office and energy intensity per square metre are now 29,904 megajoules and 1,826 megajoules respectively.

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Land Management and Planning Division

Heritage and ACT Heritage Council

Yarralumla Brickworks

- 2.7 The Committee questioned the Minister for the Arts and Heritage about past redevelopment proposals for the Yarralumla Brickworks and was advised that a summary of proposals to 2004 is available on the ACT Planning and Land Authority Website.⁹
- 2.8 The Minister advised that the future of the Yarralumla brickworks is under consideration and public consultation, including focus groups conducted by LDA.¹⁰ The Committee heard that the conservation management plan needs upgrading and no decision on the future of the Brickworks had been made.¹¹

⁸ *Department of Territory and Municipal Services, Annual Report 2009-10, Corrigendum*, tabled 15 Feb 2011.

⁹ Questions Taken on Notice (QTON) 1.

¹⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p4.

¹¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p4.

Backlog of Nominations

- 2.9 The Committee inquired about the backlog of heritage nominations and was advised that the Heritage Council held an extraordinary meeting in April 2010 to consider strategies and priorities to deal with the register backlog.¹² The Committee heard that the number of nominations on backlog is down to around 211 from 230, although the appeals process can delay registration and is very resource and time consuming for the unit.¹³ The Manager, Heritage Unit advised that part of the review process by the Council has included auditing each file to confirm what information on the proposals is available, what work has been done previously and what additional research and rewriting needs to be conducted.¹⁴

RECOMMENDATION 1

- 2.10 **The Committee recommends that once the current review process is completed, the Heritage Council report back to the Committee detailing the progress on the backlog of nominations and strategies to progress that work.**

Other

- 2.11 Other heritage issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Heritage Tracks and interpretive signage;
 - Heritage surveying in Molonglo;
 - Heritage festival;
 - Hill Station Homestead;
 - Public access to Cuppacumbalong; and
 - St Patricks church – Braddon.

¹² *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp10-11.

¹³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p10.

¹⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p11.

ACT Public Cemeteries Authority

Southern Cemetery

- 2.12 The Committee enquired about the potential future southern cemetery and whether any decisions had been made on the location or the services that will be provided.¹⁵ The Committee was advised that an assessment has been conducted looking at the feasibility of a southern cemetery and was being finalised at the time of the Annual and Financial report hearing in November 2010.¹⁶
- 2.13 The Committee also heard that ‘a very solid piece of work on a crematorium...and what that will add to any cemetery that it is attached to’ was conducted and was being assessed in light of how it may affect the whole of Canberra Cemeteries’ operations, particularly from a financial perspective.¹⁷

RECOMMENDATION 2

- 2.14 **The Committee recommends that the feasibility report, outlining options for the southern cemetery and the financial impacts of the mix of services that will be provided, be made publicly available by the Department of Territory and Municipal Services when completed.**

Other

- 2.15 Other Canberra Cemeteries issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Cemetery funding model;
 - Maintenance costs;
 - Headstone maintenance; and
 - Water use.

¹⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p55.

¹⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p56.

¹⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p57.

Animal Welfare Authority

- 2.16 The Committee heard that a cooperative model for Domestic Animal Services to work with the RSPCA is still under consideration¹⁸ and that they are 'trying to develop a seamless animal welfare service to the community'.¹⁹ The Committee was advised that discussions are still being held to determine which services the RSPCA is best equipped to handle and which should be handled by DAS.²⁰ Potential sites for co-location are also being assessed.²¹
- 2.17 The Committee is pleased to see this work being undertaken and looks forward to seeing an update regarding potential co-location and cooperation with the RSPCA.
- 2.18 Other Animal Welfare Authority issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Cats – feral cats;
 - RSPCA – cut to services ;
 - RSPCA role and integration;
 - Strategic direction for DAS and RSPCA cooperative model;
 - Re-homing dogs;
 - DAS staffing ;
 - Volunteer coordinator role; and
 - Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) review of animal codes.

Yarralumla Nursery

- 2.19 Yarralumla Nursery issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Plants for home owners – advice sheets on appropriate plantings;
 - Staffing;
 - Drought effects and current production;
 - Glasshouse project - Charles Weston glasshouse; and
 - English Garden update.

¹⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p62.

¹⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p60.

²⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p60.

²¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p61.

Licensing and Compliance

2.20 Licensing and compliance issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Significant tree register assessments;
- Conservator of Flora and Fauna liaison officer to TaMS;
- Tree protection zones and their removal; and
- Trolley recovery.

Parks, Conservation and Lands

Weed Management

2.21 The Committee inquired about funding for weed management and was advised that:

\$1.2 million has been made available for environmental weed control contracts in 2010-2011. This funding is directed firstly to implementing weed control projects prioritised as extreme, very high and high. Full details are in the 2010-11 Environmental Weed Control Operations Plan (eWOP). The eWOP categorises weed infestations into five categories ranging from extreme, very high, high, moderate and low. The plan is produced by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service after consultation with Park Rangers, Field Officers, Weeds Advisory and Working Group members, Park carers and other land managers.²²

2.22 The Committee was also advised that 46 projects out of 144 are unfunded in the 2010-11 financial year, including some high-priority initiatives.²³ The Committee notes that:

\$0.6 million would be required in 2010-11 to undertake all weed control projects identified in the eWOP. In addition, \$0.2 million is required for follow-up work in the first year and \$0.1 million per year for a further four years.²⁴

²² Supplementary Question 78.

²³ Supplementary Question 78.

²⁴ Supplementary Question 78.

- 2.23 The Committee was told that this prioritised weed control is in keeping with the ACT Weeds Strategy 2009-19.

RECOMMENDATION 3

- 2.24 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Territory and Municipal Services prioritise weed management in the 2011-2012 budget.**

RECOMMENDATION 4

- 2.25 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Government investigate ways of empowering and resourcing land-care and park-care groups in their weed control activities.**
- 2.26 Other Parks, Conservation and Lands issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Urban Tree Renewal program and resourcing;
 - Community engagement in tree renewal program;
 - Selection of tree species in new suburbs;
 - Mowing program and staffing;
 - Community parks;
 - Feral animal control; and
 - Weed control.

Territory Services Division

ACT Libraries and Information Services

- 2.27 Library issues discussed at the hearing included:
- Book chutes and RFID readers;
 - Book sorter at Woden;
 - Staffing numbers and rotations;
 - Use of social media;
 - Literacy program;
 - Volunteers; and
 - Reading Groups.

NoWaste

Errors in the 2008-09 Annual Report

- 2.28 The Committee was advised by Mr Gary Byles, Chief Executive of the Department of Territory and Municipal Services, that the 2008-09 Annual Report contained an error in the reported waste and recycling data. He highlighted that the incorrect figure reported 'was around 640 000 tonnes or about 75 per cent of total waste generated as being recovered.'²⁵ The correct resource recovery figure was actually around 584 000 tonnes or 73 per cent of total waste generated.²⁶
- 2.29 The Committee heard that the reporting error occurred through a calculating error by an industry provider and that TaMS noted the discrepancy and asked all companies that report to TaMS to confirm their figures.²⁷

Public Space Recycling

- 2.30 The Committee notes the significant results achieved from public place recycling at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC). The Committee heard that concerns with the amount of waste that had not been able to be recycled prompted the program but the program costs presented a difficulty.²⁸

RECOMMENDATION 5

- 2.31 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Government provide an assessment of the costs and benefits of expanding public space recycling services to other public places.**

Battery Drop-Off Locations

- 2.32 The Committee was advised that the ACT Government is looking at a proposal for household battery drop-off facilities at a number of locations,

²⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p55.

²⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p55.

²⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p87.

²⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p88.

possibly at recycling drop-off centres around town (Mitchell, Phillip, Tuggeranong, Parkwood, West Belconnen and two minor Gungahlin facilities) as well as at the Mugga Lane and Mitchell facilities. The Committee heard that the capital costs are still being considered including drop-off chutes and bins that can contain any chemical reaction between alkaline and rechargeable batteries.²⁹

RECOMMENDATION 6

- 2.33 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Government provide the Legislative Assembly with an assessment of the opportunities for providing household battery and light globe drop-off services.**

Other

- 2.34 Other NoWaste issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Reusables facility;
- TV recycling;
- Recycling education and awareness;
- Costs of recycling; and
- Resource recovery per person.

Sport and Recreation

- 2.35 The Committee heard about the popularity of ovals with new synthetic grass, such as the field at Nicholls, particularly for community usage including for picnicking and casual use.³⁰
- 2.36 The Committee noted that a number of the synthetic fields are fenced in and that it is unclear which are for community use and which are limited access. The Minister for Sport and Recreation noted that signage around accessibility would be useful.³¹

²⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp89-90.

³⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p114.

³¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p116.

RECOMMENDATION 7

- 2.37 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Territory and Municipal Services make it clear which playing fields are for general public use or limited access.**

Other

- 2.38 Other Sport and Recreation issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Water conservation/non potable water harvesting;
- Synthetic grass performance and ecological impacts;
- Harrison field club rooms;
- Lyneham sports precinct redevelopment;
- National League team funding;
- Performance agreements with Raiders and Brumbies;
- Crawford report;
- ACTAS business review;
- Civic pool needs and options;
- Customer satisfaction results – pools;
- Technical amendments for Crace and Casey;
- Resumption of maintenance on community sporting fields;
- Apprentices; and
- Delays in funding on capital projects.

Territory Venues and Events

- 2.39 TVE issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Changes in event line ups;
- Loxton report relevance;
- Manuka oval - Priorities for changes;
- Transport to events/parking;
- Disability parking and access at venues;
- Stromlo forest park – future ideas;
- Canberra stadium ownership; and
- Manuka oval naming rights.

Transport and Infrastructure Division

ACTION and Transport Regulation and Planning

- 2.40 The Committee inquired about ACTION's timeliness indicators and whether the new network changes and ticketing system would lead to increases in timeliness targets, similar to those in other Australian jurisdictions.
- 2.41 They heard that with the current data available through the ticketing system ACTION can not really calculate whether it is meeting the timelines targets. Timeliness is currently assessed through community surveys.³² The Committee was advised that the new ticketing system 'will provide us some greater opportunity to be able to measure things such as timeliness'³³ and that there is an expectation that measurement of targets 'would be a lot more robust'³⁴ in the future.

RECOMMENDATION 8

- 2.42 **The Committee recommends that ACTION improve its measurement of timeliness and report on this progress to the Assembly.**

RECOMMENDATION 9

- 2.43 **The Committee recommends that, once improved data becomes available from the new ticketing system, ACTION introduce improved targets regarding timeliness of bus services for future years, at least in line with targets in other jurisdictions.**

RECOMMENDATION 10

- 2.44 **The Committee recommends that ACTION include in future Annual Reports, data on the number of cancelled bus services during that year.**

³² *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp98-99.

³³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p99.

³⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p99.

RECOMMENDATION 11

- 2.45 **The Committee recommends that ACTION publicly provide bus timetable data to third parties, via their website, in a useable format for other applications.³⁵**

Services to New Suburbs

- 2.46 The Committee enquired about the provision of bus services to new suburbs and was advised that when services are planned, they are 'in a lag situation' and services are not usually run to suburbs under construction 'because there are no people there'.³⁶ The Committee was further advised that the lag is a factor in trying to achieve the best value for money out of the public transport system and that ACTION 'tend to run buses at a later date, when there is sufficient population to warrant it'.³⁷ The Committee heard that ACTION is constantly working with ACTPLA and LAPS to bridge the gap and reduce the lag.³⁸
- 2.47 The Committee is concerned about the lack of services to new suburban areas. The Committee would like to see improved ACTION services to new areas, to establish patron habits and give new residents public transport opportunities.

Transport Action Plan

- 2.48 The Committee notes that the Government promised its Transport Action Plan (now referred to as Transport for Canberra) in the first half of 2010, but this has still not been released.³⁹

³⁵ Such as for Google Transit.

³⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p93.

³⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p93.

³⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p93.

³⁹ Legislative Assembly for the ACT, Hansard 18 March 2010, pp1114-5.

RECOMMENDATION 12

- 2.49 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Government provide the Assembly and the Committee with an explanation for the delay of the *Transport Action Plan* and an updated timeline for the release of the plan.**

Errors in the 2008-09 Annual Report

- 2.50 The Committee was advised that the 2009-10 TAMS Annual Report contained an error in Volume 1, stating that as of 30 June 34.5 per cent of ACTION's fleet was wheelchair accessible. The Committee heard that 36.7 per cent of the fleet was wheelchair accessible.⁴⁰
- 2.51 Other ACTION issues discussed at the hearing included:
- New ticketing system and installation rates;
 - Incentives for new system and 'tagging off'; and
 - Network '10 and service changes.

Roads ACT

Yarralumla Creek

- 2.52 The Committee inquired about the possibilities of restoring Yarralumla Creek, which was turned into a concrete lined stormwater drain in the 70's or 80's, into a natural water way, similar to work being done in Lyneham.⁴¹ The Committee was also concerned that remedial work will not be able to be undertaken once the Woden Green development is completed.
- 2.53 The Committee was advised that the technical issues such as impact downstream and financial issues would need to be assessed.
- 2.54 In further information provided on notice, the Committee was advised that Hindmarsh Property Group, the Proponent for Woden Green, discussed

⁴⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p55.

⁴¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp100-1. More info QTON 25.

proposals to modify Yarralumla Creek with TAMS over two years ago. The Committee notes that 'TAMS' position was to modify the concrete channel and improve its amenity rather than cover the creek channel.'⁴² The Committee was advised that 'a flood study of "naturalisation" of the concrete channel on Yarralumla Channel was undertaken by the developer and submitted to TAMS, which supports this proposal subject to final design'.⁴³

- 2.55 The Committee also heard that work in Lyneham and Dickson were being driven by the commonwealth government, and in some cases DECCEW are leading projects to convert some existing concrete lines into wetlands or water quality control ponds.⁴⁴

RECOMMENDATION 13

- 2.56 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Territory and Municipal Services consider restoring Yarralumla Creek into a natural creek bed.**

Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure

- 2.57 The Committee inquired about a number of pedestrian and cycling issues including those affecting Northbourne Ave.
- 2.58 The Minister advised the Committee that the Northbourne Avenue feasibility study has been funded and will evaluate all modes of travel on that route. The Committee heard that the Government already had some funding to attend to the cycle component of Northbourne Ave.⁴⁵ The Committee was also advised about bike-and-ride options and bike facilities on core public transport routes such as bike 'cages'.⁴⁶

⁴² QTON 24.

⁴³ QTON 24.

⁴⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp100-1.

⁴⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp104-5.

⁴⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, pp106-7.

Other

2.59 Other Roads ACT issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Flemington Road median;
- Gundaroo Drive and William Slim Drive capacity;
- Crace infrastructure capacity;
- Northbourne Avenue feasibility study;
- Cycling and pedestrian infrastructure;
- Bike racks; and
- GDE bridgework over the Barton Highway.

Canberra Connect

2.60 Canberra Connect issues discussed at the hearing included:

- Gungahlin shopfront;
- Demand control for Canberra Connect services;
- Satisfaction levels; and
- Online facilities.

3 DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND PROPERTY SERVICES

- 3.1 The Department of Land and Property Services (LAPS) was created in December 2009, absorbing the Strategic Project Facilitation from the Chief Minister's Department and the ACT Property Group from the Department of Territory and Municipal Services. LAPS also has portfolio responsibility for the Land Development Agency.⁴⁷
- 3.2 LAPS role includes bringing new dwelling sites to the market by coordinating between all levels of government and industry, coordinating major strategic projects, processing applications for direct sale of land as well as acting as custodian of the 157 Government-owned buildings and sub lessee for 37 leased buildings.⁴⁸
- 3.3 The Committee focused its inquiry on the role of LAPS in Territory Plan Variations, the suburbs of Casey and Crace, housing affordability, ACT Government investment properties and government contracting.

Housing Affordability

- 3.4 The Committee inquired about the various affordable housing initiatives available to different income levels; particularly those below the median income or on single incomes.⁴⁹
- 3.5 The Committee heard that the affordable housing action plan seeks to deal with different income levels and varying capacity within the community to access housing. The Committee was advised that the spectrum of housing needs is well covered with the investment in social housing with CHC Affordable Housing, the OwnPlace and land rent schemes, the required 20 per cent affordable house and land package provisions. In addition, Housing

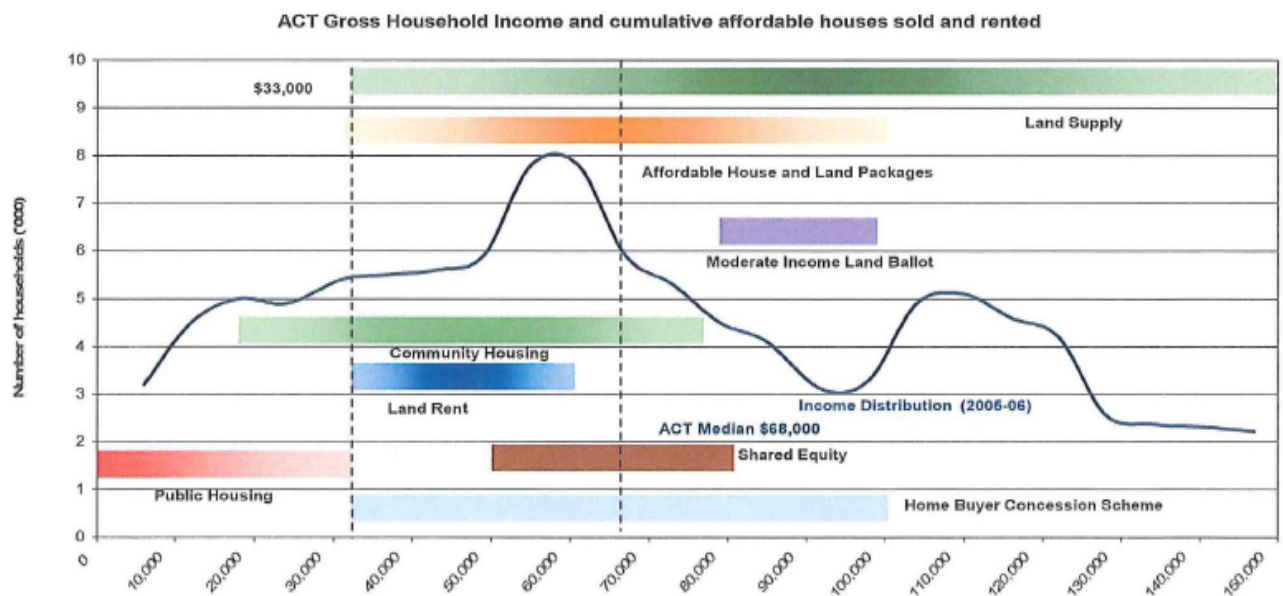
⁴⁷ *Department of Land and Property Services, Annual Report 2009-2010*, p2.

⁴⁸ *Department of Land and Property Services, Annual Report 2009-2010*, p2.

⁴⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p22.

ACT has a number of initiatives including shared equity measures.⁵⁰

- 3.6 The Committee was provided with a graph of the programs and the band of income groups that they are targeting.⁵¹



- 3.7 The Committee notes that the LAPS website provides details on each housing affordability program, however, the Committee believes that a one-page summary or quick-reference guide of all the programs and the band of income groups they are targeting should be publicly available in order to assist the public in identifying a program that may be suitable for their situation.

RECOMMENDATION 14

- 3.8 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Land and Property Services makes publicly available a collated summary of all the housing affordability programs and the income band they are targeting, in order to assist the public in identifying a program that may be suitable for their situation.**

⁵⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp22-27.

⁵¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p23; QTON 6.

Government Contracts

- 3.9 The Committee questioned LAPS on why a number of contracts for small sums, awarded to the same contractor and totalling more than \$20 000, had not been amalgamated into a single contract and been subjected to a competitive quotation process.⁵²
- 3.10 The Committee was advised that the contracts do relate to different projects and in the case of one example, the project 'genesis is often from quite different sectors'.⁵³ In another case, the contractor was asked on a number of occasions to undertake follow up work on a project they had won through an open tender process.⁵⁴
- 3.11 The Committee notes that LAPS has met all procurement quotation and tender, and reporting thresholds with regards to government contracting. However, the Committee is concerned that LAPS is not undertaking more strategic procurement when it comes to smaller value contracts for similar groups of work.

RECOMMENDATION 15

- 3.12 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Land and Property Services publish more information on single select tenders in its annual reports.**

Questions on Notice

- 3.13 The Committee is disappointed at the response rate to Questions Taken on Notice (QTONs) from the Committee in relation to the LAPS hearing of 2 November 2011. The majority of responses to QTONs were not received until early March 2011. At the time of reporting the Committee is also still awaiting responses to three supplementary questions.

⁵² *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp32-35.

⁵³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p34.

⁵⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p33.

Report Formatting

- 3.14 The Committee notes that the LAPS Annual Report 2009-2010 includes a number of figures that are not legible, such as figures 2, 3, 4 and 5. Whilst the pie-chart data is included beside the charts, the charts themselves do not provide any visual aid to the reader.
- 3.15 The Committee would like to see future annual reports with charts using crosshatching or colour for legibility.

RECOMMENDATION 16

- 3.16 **The Committee recommends that the Department of Land and Property Services ensure that all future annual reports include figures and charts that are legible, even when printed in black and white.**

Other

- 3.17 Other issues discussed at the LAPS hearing included:
- LAPS Coordination role;
 - Crace and Casey planning;
 - Increase in Green Power usage;
 - CHC Affordable Housing resourcing;
 - Affordable rent;
 - LAPS projects;
 - Investment properties;
 - Property repairs and maintenance;
 - Receivables;
 - Change of use charge; and
 - Whole of Government office building.

4 LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 4.1 The Land Development Agency (LDA) is the ACT Government Authority responsible for the development and release of ACT Government owned land for residential, commercial, industrial and community purposes. Portfolio responsibility for LDA falls within LAPS.
- 4.2 The Committee focused on community consultation processes, including those relating to Hawker shops and Yarralumla brick works, housing affordability and operating profits.

Community Consultation

- 4.3 The Committee inquired about the public consultation process on the Yarralumla Brickworks and was advised that a number of options have been developed for discussion with the community and the project reference group.⁵⁵ The Committee heard that following feedback from the community two options are being refined and a final decision will be made by the Government once they have been briefed by LDA.⁵⁶
- 4.4 The Committee also heard about the consultation process for Hawker shops including meetings, surveys and community engagement sessions as well as additional planning studies conducted for the site and a consultation report prepared by Purdon Associates.⁵⁷ The Committee was advised that once the recommendations are finalised, they will go to Government and the department 'will then also engage back with the community to give them a summary of what the comments were both before and after'⁵⁸ and 'talk to them about the findings and further discuss how we might be able to move forward'.⁵⁹

⁵⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp38-39.

⁵⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp39-41.

⁵⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, pp36-37.

⁵⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p37.

⁵⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p43.

Other

4.5 Other issues discussed at the LDA hearing included:

- Housing variety and housing development codes;
- Revenues forecast;
- Operating profits;
- Dividends;
- Infill/greenfields 50/50 target;
- Land Rent;
- Sustainability initiatives;
- Solar orientation and yield; and
- Deferred payments.

5 ACT PLANNING AND LAND AUTHORITY

- 5.1 The ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) is responsible for planning the future growth of Canberra in partnership with the community. ACTPLA's key functions include preparing, administering and reviewing the Territory Plan; advising the Government on land, planning and building policy; assessing development applications; building regulation; leasing administration; providing community engagement opportunities in planning decisions; and maintaining land information.⁶⁰

Draft Variation 301 and 303

- 5.2 The Committee was advised that, following the report by a reference group and consideration of the group's recommendations, Draft Variations 301 and 303 'will be withdrawn and combined into a new territory plan variation' (DV306) that will be released 'in due course'⁶¹. The Committee heard that the new Draft Variation will be subject to cabinet processes as usual. The Minister anticipated that, in light of cabinet, Assembly and Assembly Committee processes it is likely to be six to 12 months from the release of the new variation to a final vote in the Assembly.⁶²

Master Planning

- 5.3 The Committee inquired about community consultation processes in response to community angst and calls for neighbourhood planning. The Committee was advised by the Minister that a mass neighbourhood planning exercise (suburb by suburb, street by street) would not be undertaken again by ACTPLA as it had already been conducted in 2001 through to 2004. The Committee was advised that the Master planning process is now ACTPLA's

⁶⁰ ACTPLA, *Annual Report 2009-10*, p4.

⁶¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p153.

⁶² *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp156-157.

focus for community consultation, acknowledging that '90 per cent of the issues are common across each group centre – local centres, even...they have issues in common and a series of policy changes could be made that would have a universal impact'.⁶³ The Committee was also advised that neighbourhood plans 'go well beyond land use planning' and 'raise a huge variety of community expectations that sit well outside what we can deliver as a planning agency'.⁶⁴

5.4 The Committee heard that all land use planning is integrated with transport planning, just as heritage analyses, tree surveys and demographic analyses are all included in overall planning.⁶⁵

5.5 The Committee notes that there is some confusion about the various uses of the term 'Master Planning' in the ACT.

5.6 The Chief Planning executive highlighted that:

...there are certain individuals within the community who are asking for a street by street analysis to determine which blocks should and should not be developed. That is a very significant undertaking. A master plan of a group centre is a completely different proposition, which is where you can start to prioritise and focus, because that is where the majority of the development is going to take place.⁶⁶

5.7 The Committee believes that the meaning of Master Plans, Section Master Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and Precinct Codes should be clearly defined and delineated.

RECOMMENDATION 17

5.8 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Planning and Land Authority clarify the official definition of master plans, neighbourhood plans and precinct codes.**

⁶³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p158.

⁶⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p159.

⁶⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p159.

⁶⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p159.

RECOMMENDATION 18

- 5.9 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Planning and Land Authority publicly advise on the status of existing neighbourhood plans and master plans to identify which plans are still current, and a part of the statutory decision making process. ACT Planning and Land Authority should also provide a list or register of current, active master plans.**

Infrastructure

- 5.10 The Chief Planning Executive advised the Committee that Belconnen and Woden Town Centre infrastructure studies, providing an analysis on whether or not infrastructure has the capacity to absorb additional development, had been completed.⁶⁷ The studies confirmed that infrastructure in all of the town centres, including transport, stormwater, sewers, electricity and gas, have a much greater capacity than current demand and usage.⁶⁸

Building Quality and Construction Practices

- 5.11 The Committee heard about the initiatives undertaken to date to address poor construction practices including the building quality forum, workshops and discussions with the insurance industry.⁶⁹ The Committee was advised that changes to some auditing regimes have already been implemented, as well as an internal restructure of the way investigations and auditing take place to include specialist teams and a breach management unit has been established.⁷⁰
- 5.12 The Chief Planning Executive advised that some matters before the courts currently may establish a legal precedent on this issue.⁷¹

⁶⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p165.

⁶⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p165.

⁶⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp173-174.

⁷⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p174.

⁷¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p175.

- 5.13 The Minister advised that he will be reporting back to the Assembly later in 2011 on the building quality issues.⁷²

Crace and Casey Amendments

- 5.14 The Committee asked Roads ACT about the infrastructure capacity in Crace and Casey with the increase in dwelling numbers and was advised that an increased traffic load is expected but the area 'would have been built with future development in mind, so you expect it to have some capacity'.⁷³ The Committee was advised that any augmentation of the trunk infrastructure would be part of the ongoing program.⁷⁴
- 5.15 The Committee also asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation about the amendments to Crace and Casey for community recreation irrigated parklands.⁷⁵ The Deputy Director of Sport and Recreation Services advised that, due to 'lower usage of our singular neighbourhood ovals', 2008 prioritisation of sportsgrounds as a result of the drought and changing trends in the sports industry, the department preferred community irrigated parklands for Crace and Casey.⁷⁶ The Committee heard that the developer and ACTPLA supported the alternative model
- 5.16 The Committee also raised concerns about Crace and Casey with the Department of Land and Property Services and was advised about the role LAPS plays, working with ACTPLA on land releases.⁷⁷
- 5.17 The Committee is concerned about the use of technical amendments to the Territory Plan for changes to Casey and Crace. The Committee notes that these could be of concern.

⁷² *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p175.

⁷³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p103.

⁷⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 10 November 2010, p103; QTON 26.

⁷⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 26 November 2010, p123.

⁷⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 26 November 2010, pp123-4.

⁷⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 2 November 2010, p12-21.

RECOMMENDATION 19

- 5.18 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Planning and Land Authority provide detailed public information on the changes to Crace and Casey and the reason for using a Technical Variation process to make those changes.**
- 5.19 The Committee believes that it would be informative for technical amendments that are open for consultation to be published in the Community Zone newsletter (rather than only publishing those that have commenced that month).

RECOMMENDATION 20

- 5.20 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Planning and Land Authority publish details of technical variations that are open for consultation in the "Community Zone" newsletter.**

RECOMMENDATION 21

- 5.21 **The Committee recommends that ACT Planning and Land Authority notify the Community Councils of upcoming and current technical amendments that are open for consultation.**

50 per cent infill policy and strategies

- 5.22 The Committee inquired about strategies to encourage greater infill development and was advised that, through LAPS and the greater city coordination plan, there is a proposal 'to double the residential population within the CBD over the next period.'⁷⁸
- 5.23 The Committee notes that the ratio of infill:greenfield development is now closer to 30:70 per cent respectively which is an improvement of previously reported levels of 10 and 90 per cent.

⁷⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p156.

Change of Use

- 5.24 The Committee inquired about the rectification of change-of-use charges in the ACT and was advised that it was initiated in April 2010 where the Australian Valuation Office, at the instruction of the Chief Planning Executive, changed the methodology for calculating the fee for residential units.⁷⁹ The Committee heard that the change 'resulted in a more exact valuation based on the geographic differences and the socio-demographic differences of different parts of Canberra as opposed to a flat fee'.⁸⁰
- 5.25 The Committee was advised that the change had resulted in an increase in revenue for the 2009-10 financial year, particularly because the flat fee figure had been calculated in 2003 and had not changed since then. The long term average of total revenue from change-of-use charge has not varied greatly with the rectification and has been influenced more by other factors.⁸¹

Total revenue from change of use charge (\$m)					
2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
5.2	12.0	5.7	9.3	7.2	9.0

- 5.26 The Committee further inquired about codification and heard that codification has not been implemented in the Territory, and that the proposed codification schedules are yet to be finalised.⁸² The Chief Planning Executive noted his personal preference for codification as it provides 'absolute certainty'.⁸³

Asbestos at Molonglo

- 5.27 The Committee asked the Chief Planning Executive about the asbestos found in Molonglo at the site of the future pond and was provided an overview of the bore testing analysis undertaken of the site.

⁷⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp143 & 146.

⁸⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p146.

⁸¹ QTON 37.

⁸² *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp148-9.

⁸³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p150.

- 5.28 The Committee heard that whilst some asbestos material was found in some test pits it was not extensive. However, the Committee was advised that:

Once it came to excavating the surface material by the contractor, it became apparent that there was a significant increase in the material, over and above what had been identified or estimates that had been quantified. Inevitably, you are going to make estimates; you cannot be precise, other than by digging up the material yourself.⁸⁴

- 5.29 The Committee was advised that the majority of material found on the site was actually builders' rubble but asbestos at the dump was not isolated. The Area appears to have been used as a practice site for grader drivers after the landfill was closed and the asbestos had spread across the whole site from being disturbed.⁸⁵

- 5.30 The Chief Planning Executive advised that the pond will go ahead but will be redesigned in a way that may reduce the water body but retain the outer perimeter shape of the pond. The Committee heard that the aim is to get construction back on site for June 2011.⁸⁶

Other

- 5.31 Other issues discussed at the ACTPLA hearing included:

- Change of use charge – rectification, revenue, codification;
- Eastlake;
- Vulnerability risk;
- Community consultation and angst around infill;
- Impact of developer actions on neighbouring properties;
- Building quality and construction practices;
- Building Quality Forum outcomes; and
- Auditing of building approvals.

⁸⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, p169.

⁸⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp169-70.

⁸⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 9 February 2011, pp172-3.

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6 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Committee is generally pleased with the overall standard of the Annual and Financial Reports it considered.
- 6.2 The Committee did, however, make 21 recommendations in this report pertaining to the public availability of information, performance targets, reporting and presentation of Annual Reports.

Acknowledgements

- 6.3 The Committee thanks the ACT Government ministers, departmental agency officers and members of governing boards for assisting the Committee with its inquiry and for providing their time and expertise as witnesses at public hearings.

Ms Mary Porter AM MLA

Chair

31 March 2011

Appendix A List of Witnesses

2 November 2010

ACT Heritage Council

- Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, Minister for the Arts and Heritage.
- Mr Gerhard Zatschler, Manager, Heritage Unit and Secretary of Heritage Council.

Department of Land and Property Services & Land Development Agency

- Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, Minister for Land and Property Services.
- Mr David Dawes, Chief Executive, LAPS.
- Mr Hamish McNulty, Executive Director, Property & Strategic Projects, LAPS.
- Mr Ian Thomson, A/g Chief Operating Officer, LAPS.
- Mr George Tomlins, Deputy Chief Executive, LAPS.
- Mr Stephen Ryan, Director, ACT Property Group, LAPS.
- Mr John Robertson, CEO, Land Development Agency.

10 November 2010

Department of Territory and Municipal Services

- Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services.
- Mr Gary Byles, Chief Executive, Department of Territory and Municipal Services.
- Ms Fay Steward, Executive Director, Land Management and Planning Division, TAMS.
- Mr Phillip Perram, Executive Director, Territory Services Division, TAMS.
- Mr Tom Elliott, Executive Director, Transport and Infrastructure Division, TAMS.
- Mr David Colussi, Acting Director, Canberra Connect, TAMS.
- Mr Tony Gill, Director, Roads ACT, TAMS.
- Mr Hamish Horne, Manager, Canberra Cemeteries, City Services, TAMS.

- Mr Stephen Hughes, Manager, National Parks, Reserves and Rural Land, TAMS.
- Ms Vanessa Little, Director, ACT Library and Information Services.
- Mr Chris Ware, Senior Manager, NOWaste, TAMS.
- Mr James Roncon, Acting General Manager, ACTION, TAMS.
- Mr Rod West, Manager, Licensing and Compliance.
- Mr Michael Kidd, Manager, Yarralumla Nursery.

26 November 2010

Department of Territory and Municipal Services

Sport and Recreation & Territory Venues and Events

- Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation.
- Mr Gary Byles, Chief Executive, Department of Territory and Municipal Services.
- Ms Rebecca Kelley, Deputy Director, Sport and Recreation Services.
- Mr Phillip Perram, Executive Director, Territory Services Division, TAMS.
- Mr Rod Florence, Facility Manager, Territory Venue and Events, Territory Services, TAMS.
- Mr Michael Marsalek, Business Manager, Territory Venue and Events TAMS.
- Mr Shane O'Leary, Director, Sport and Recreation Services, Territory Services, TAMS.

9 February 2010

ACT Planning and Land Authority

- Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Minister for Planning.
- Mr Neil Savery, Chief Planning Executive.
- Mr John Meyer, Chief Operating Officer Client Services Branch.
- Mr Ben Ponton, Director Development Services Branch.
- Mr Craig Simmons, Director Construction Services Branch.
- Mr Rohan Haslam, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate and Human Resources, Client Services Branch.

Appendix B Supplementary Questions

Question No	To	Subject
1	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Aboriginal Heritage
2	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Aboriginal Heritage
3	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Aboriginal Heritage Backlog
4	Minister for Land and Property Services	Affordable Housing
5	Minister for Land and Property Services	Whole of Government Office Building
6	Minister for Land and Property Services	Whole of Government Office Building
7	Minister for Land and Property Services	Whole of Government Office Building
8	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release – residential
9	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release – commercial
10	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release – commercial
11	Minister for Land and Property Services	ACT Property Group – green leasing
12	Minister for Land and Property Services	Heritage assets
13	Minister for Land and Property Services	Convention Centre Feasibility Study
14	Minister for Land and Property Services	Accountability indicators & Affordable Housing
15	Minister for Land and Property Services	RLCIP
16	Minister for Land and Property Services	Playgrounds
17	Minister for Land and Property Services	Flags and banners
18	Minister for Land and Property Services	Aged care land release
19	Minister for Land and Property Services	Accommodation utilisation rate
20	Minister for Land and Property Services	ACT Govt office buildings
21	Minister for Land and Property Services	Non-govt tenants
22	Minister for Land and Property Services	City Action Plan

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23	Minister for Land and Property Services	Supermarket Competition Policy
24	Minister for Land and Property Services	Direct grant of land process
25	Minister for Land and Property Services	Increase of govt's RE intake
26	Minister for Land and Property Services	Capital upgrades
27	Minister for Land and Property Services	Ecologically Sustainable Development data
28	Minister for Land and Property Services	Water use at Fyshwick site
29	Minister for Land and Property Services	Gas and water use at Northbourne site
30	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land Release
31	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release and its impact on the ACT economy
32	Minister for Land and Property Services	Expenditure
33	Minister for Land and Property Services	Revenue
34	Minister for Land and Property Services	Commercial Land Release
35	Minister for Land and Property Services	Contracts
36	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land Release
37	Minister for Land and Property Services	Bonython/ Brindabellas
38	Minister for Land and Property Services	Urban infill
39	Minister for Land and Property Services	Own Place
40	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release target
41	Minister for Land and Property Services	Universal design
42	Minister for Land and Property Services	Infill release this year
43	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land release: revenue
44	Minister for Land and Property Services	Costs – land servicing and construction
45	Minister for Land and Property Services	Off-site infrastructure
46	Minister for Land and Property Services	Cost of land sold
47	Minister for Land and Property Services	Joint Ventures

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49	Minister for Land and Property Services	Receivables (write –offs)
50	Minister for Land and Property Services	Car parking revenue
51	Minister for Land and Property Services	Land sales revenue
52	Minister for Land and Property Services	Wright land release
53	Minister for Land and Property Services	“Other” Releases
54	Minister for Land and Property Services	Institutional investor initiative
55	Minister for Land and Property Services	‘Mingle’ Program
56	Minister for Land and Property Services	Assets – Kingston
57	Minister for Land and Property Services	Ecologically Sustainable Development data
58	Minister for Land and Property Services	Englobo contracts
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60	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Assessment of crematorium
61	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Fraud and the “over the horizon” report
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63	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Kingston Library
64	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	‘Fix My Street’
65	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Sustainable Transport - Car Pooling
66	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Cycle lane – state circle
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69	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Bulky waste trial
70	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	New markets for recycled materials
71	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Battery recycling
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74	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	PCL restructure
75	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	User Satisfaction
76	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Pest plants and feral animal control
77	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	ACT Weeds Strategy
78	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Funding for pest plant control in 2010-2011
79	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Patterson's Curse and cape weed outbreaks
80	Minster for Planning	Woden infrastructure capacity study
81	Minster for Planning	Town Centre land release
82	Minster for Planning	Construction occupation licences
83	Minster for Planning	Investigations into Breaches
84	Minster for Planning	COLA Act
85	Minster for Planning	Eastlake
86	Minster for Planning	Strategic planning arrangements
87	Minster for Planning	Economic stimulus – processes
88	Minster for Planning	Tune Up Canberra
89	Minster for Planning	Inner North Precinct Code
90	Minster for Planning	Commercial codes review
91	Minster for Planning	Housing ACT review
92	Minster for Planning	Building quality forum
93	Minster for Planning	Strategy on future development
94	Minster for Planning	Master planning exercises
95	Minster for Planning	2011 BCA
96	Minster for Planning	Indicator (f); Vacant leased residential Greenfield land
97	Minster for Planning	Indicator (i): Greenfield land supply

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99	Minster for Planning	Auditing of building certifiers
100	Minster for Planning	New minimum energy performance standards
101	Minster for Planning	ACT retail model
102	Minster for Planning	Licensed club sector
103	Minster for Planning	FOI requests
104	Minster for Planning	Night-time economy
105	Minster for Planning	Natural heritage nominations
106	Minster for Planning	Eastern Broadacre – Defence & AFP
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Appendix C Questions Taken on Notice

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1	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Yarralumla Brickworks
2	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Yarralumla Brickworks
3	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	Yarralumla Brickworks
4	Minister for the Arts and Heritage	St Patrick's Church
5	Minister for Land and Property Services	Crace Playing Fields
6	Minister for Land and Property Services	Affordable Housing
7	Minister for Land and Property Services	Affordable Housing
8	Minister for Land and Property Services	Property ACT – repairs and maintenance
9	Minister for Land and Property Services	Actions on page 71, note 33
10	Minister for Land and Property Services	LDA – deferred payments
11	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services - AWAC	Animal Welfare Advisory Committee – animal codes
12	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Tree Register – Nominations
13	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Tree Register – Tree Protection Zones
13b	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Tree Register – Tree Protection Zones
14	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Urban Tree Renewal Program – New plantings
15	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Urban Tree Renewal Program – Storms
16	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Feral Animal Control
17	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Feral Animal Control - Rabbits
18	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Weed Control
19	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Weed Control
20	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Weed Control
21	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Libraries

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23	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Resource Recovery
24	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Roads ACT - Yarralumla Creek
25	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Roads ACT - Yarralumla Creek
26	Minister for Territory and Municipal Services	Roads ACT - Crace
27	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Synthetic Grass
28	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Synthetic Grass
29	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	ACTSport Lease
30	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Crace Playing Fields
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32	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Community Fields
33	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Apprenticeships
34	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Capital Projects
35	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Canberra Stadium
36	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation	Canberra Stadium Precinct Land Ownership
37	Minister for Planning	Change of use revenue
38	Minister for Planning	Molonglo asbestos
39	Minister for Planning	Molonglo asbestos