



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2012–13 (No. 2)

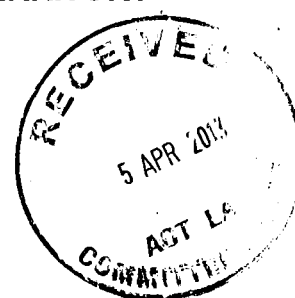
Responses to questions taken on notice at public hearing of 5 March 2013

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 March 2013



Mr Seselja - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 5 March 2013:

- a) How many voluntary redundancies are you anticipating? ...By financial year would be useful, I think.
- b) In terms of this Restructure Fund, is it all for the purpose of voluntary redundancies or is it for other things as well, and what portion is for each?

(p2, Transcript)

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

- a) Operational decisions on agency staffing levels are made at the discretion of agency Directors-General in accordance with their responsibilities. It is not the policy of Government to actively target redundancies if efficiencies are to be achieved through changes to work practices:
 - i. the realignment of work and its allocation will be through normal staff turnover, as far as possible;
 - ii. for any excess staff, opportunities for transfer within the agency as well as across to another directorate will be explored; and
 - iii. the option of voluntary redundancy will be considered at the end of all opportunities being exhausted.
- b) The Restructure Fund reimburses government agencies for the costs associated with actions outside of normal operations undertaken by directorates to deliver budget savings, and other costs for which a longer term budget or economic efficiency can be demonstrated; this principally involves the funding of voluntary redundancy packages, but also consultancy and transition costs where savings can be demonstrated.

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- i. The Treasurer authorises access to the Restructure Fund for specific purposes consistent with the categories mentioned previously. Authorisations to meet redundancy related costs arising from 2011-12 and 2012-13 savings measures presently total approximately \$6 million. Authorisations to meet consultancy related expenditure presently total approximately \$0.8 million.

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Andrew Barr MLA
Treasurer

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 March 2013

Mr Seselja - Can you provide a breakdown of the \$352,000 expenditure on the Hawke review implementation?

(p2, Proof Transcript of Evidence)

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



The \$352,000 provided for the following:

1. Temporary additional staffing and consultant support to implement aspects of the "one service" arrangement, particularly focusing on staff consultation on values and signature behaviours.
2. Specialist advice on the implementation of reforms and the operations of the Strategic Board.
3. Specialist advice on a preferred model for closer collaboration between the Canberra Institute of Technology and the University of Canberra.

This amount is in addition to funding allocated in the 2011-12 Budget, relating to the implementation of the Hawke review recommendations.

(The 2011-12 funding breakdown for the move to One Government is listed in the table below.)

Initiative	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
ACTGov 2.0	125	0	0	0
Government Information Office	297	302	306	311
Performance and Accountability and Evaluation Implementation	355	361	368	375
Strategic Board Secretariat	120	123	126	130

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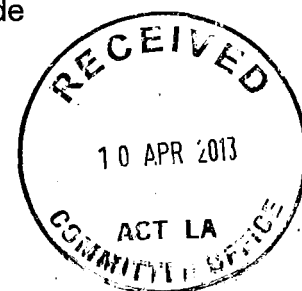
5 March 2013

Mr Seselja - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 5 March 2013:
On the review of the land rent scheme, there have been a couple of committee reports, I think the estimates report and PAC looking at the Auditor-General's report last year, recommending that the government make that report available, and the government agreed to that. Has that been made available and tabled in the Assembly? ...When did that occur?

(p3, Proof Transcript of Evidence)

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

The *Post Implementation Review of the ACT Land Rent Scheme* is available online at the Treasury website under Publications:
http://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/417959/PI_Review_EPICdotgov.pdf



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MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

Mr Zed Seselja MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
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Dear Mr Seselja

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2013 about the Question Taken on Notice regarding the availability of the Post Implementation Review of the ACT Land Rent Scheme.

I would like to confirm that my response to the Committee of 9 April 2013 was correct. This response replaced my previous response of 8 April 2013 which contained an error.

According to the Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate, the Post Implementation Review of the Land Rent Scheme was posted on the Treasury website on 12 February 2013.

I apologise for the confusion and trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA
Treasurer

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 March 2013

Mr Smyth - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 5 March 2013:

On land rent, how many blocks will that purchase?
(p.3, Transcript)

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

The \$112 million of additional appropriation provided will permit the purchase of 382 land rent blocks, based on the weighted average price of anticipated land rent eligible settlements in Bonner, Wright, Jacka and Harrison which is \$293,000.

The methodology used to calculate the appropriation amount was based on a forecast of land rent block settlements which would be financially completed in 2012-13 year.



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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 March 2013

Mr Seselja - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 5 March 2013:

The accelerated land development...What is the break-down of that \$963,000? Was it all on consultants? Were there a number of different consultancies? Was some for internal spending?
(p6, Transcript)

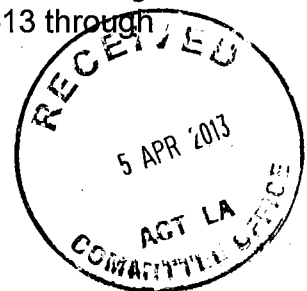
Mr Barr - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

This amount relates to:

- planning studies for Molonglo Stage 2 (\$113,000);
- planning studies for infill developments (\$100,000);
- consultancies and projects associated with ACT Environmental Clearances in Molonglo (\$620,000);
- consultancies and projects associated with Commonwealth and ACT Environmental Clearances in Gungahlin (\$180,000); and
- an *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* coordinator (\$200,000) and internal land economics and legislation advisor (\$50,000).

The total amount of these consultancies and internal project spending is \$1.263 million and the \$963,000 figure is a result of this total amount being offset by the \$300,000 already re-profiled from 2011-12 to 2012-13 through the 2012-13 Budget.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS INQUIRY INTO APPROPRIATION BILL 2012-13 (No 2)

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by Mr Seselja on 5 March 2013 : Dr Brown took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript page 15.

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In relation to the Local Hospital Network Council:

Mr Seselja: What is the total cost for the financial year for running the council, including payments to council members?

Dr Brown: I will have to take that on notice and provide that back to the committee. Members of council are paid at the rate set by the Remuneration Tribunal. It covers the fees for council meetings and subcommittee meetings. They have a couple of subcommittees. I can certainly get that information and provide it to you.

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

	2011-12	2012-13	2012-13
	Full (initial) year	Year to Date	Projected
Local Hospital Network Council	\$93,350	\$74,280	\$198,500

The projected budgeted cost for the 2012-13 full year for the Local Hospital Network Council is \$198,500 comprising secretariat staffing and administrative costs, Chair and council member remuneration and expenses, council meeting and subcommittee expenses, printing, advertising and the Local Hospital Network Council's community consultation as required under Part 3A of the *Health Act*.

The January 2013 Year to Date expenditure is \$74,280.

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: 13-3-13

By the Minister for Health – Katy Gallagher MLA

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 March 2013

Dr Bourke - Asked the Treasurer upon notice on 5 March 2013:

Could you expand on output 1.4 for coordinated communications for community engagements at page 14? What does that cover and why is there an increase?
(p.11-12, Transcript)

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

Output 1.4 provides community support, Centenary of Canberra management, protocol services and executive support to the ACT Government and community.

The increase in total cost and Government payment for Output 1.4 of \$2.776 million from the original budget represents *Financial Management Act 1996* Section 16B rollovers from 2011-12 to 2012-13, for:

- Centenary of Canberra – ACT Celebratory Program \$2.682m
- Community Centenary Initiatives Fund \$0.08m
- Community Initiatives Fund \$0.014m

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