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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 98

TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2004

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO 3) – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 (No 3) pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 March 2004.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- *1 ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Environment*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 2 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 3 ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

- 4 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 5 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004 – Mr Pratt*).
- 6 STRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY HOUSING CANBERRA LTD – REVIEW – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 FULL RETAIL COMPETITION – IMPACT ON ACT LOW INCOME EARNERS – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 8 VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT – REVIEW OF OPERATION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 9 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACT – REVIEW – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Bourke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 RESPITE CARE PROJECT – MET AND UNMET NEEDS – FINAL REPORT – SUSTAINING CARING RELATIONSHIPS – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 11 FUTURE OF BURNIE COURT LAND – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 12 A.C.T. GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REVIEW – GAMING MACHINE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 ACT TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 14 INVESTIGATION INTO ADVERSE PATIENT OUTCOMES OF NEUROSURGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL – FINAL REPORT – COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 STATEMENT OF PLANNING INTENT FOR THE A.C.T. – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 16 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) (THRESHOLDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 17 LITTER BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 18 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 19 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TASKFORCE – REPORT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 20 CHILD PROTECTION IN THE A.C.T. – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2004 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 21 ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mrs Dunne*).
- 22 COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 23 GENE TECHNOLOGY (GM CROP MORATORIUM) BILL 2004: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).
- 24 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).
- *25 A.C.T. CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICAL PROFILE – DECEMBER 2003 QUARTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- *26 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – SEVENTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *27 STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004 – Mrs Dunne*).
- *28 CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2004 – Mr Cornwell*).

Notice

- 1 MR STANHOPE: To move – That the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, having noted that:

- (1) subsection 8(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Assembly shall consist of 17 members;
- (2) subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations under the Act to fix a different number of members;
- (3) regulations may only be made for this purpose in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly; and
- (4) regulations would need to be made no later than April 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004;

hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 25 by regulations made by the Governor-General for the purposes of subsection 8(3) of the Act; and

calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Commonwealth Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made at the earliest opportunity but no later than 31 March 2003. (*Notice given 25 September 2002*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR SMYTH: To move – That this Assembly, noting that the Government's proposed new land rating system:

- (1) has not been adequately tested or modeled;
- (2) is unfair and regressive;
- (3) will lead to wildly different rates being levied on owners of properties of equivalent value.

Calls on the Government to:

- (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;
 - (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
 - (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).
- 2 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 3 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 4 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 5 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).

- 6 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 7 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 8 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to develop a loan scheme to encourage more ACT households to purchase rainwater tanks, for implementation in the 2004-2005 financial year. (*Notice given 26 August 2003*).
- 9 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) recognises the importance of addressing issues relating to the safety of children;
 - (2) acknowledges the duty of care towards children especially in and around schools;
 - (3) calls on the Government to conduct a safety audit of access to all ACT schools; and
 - (4) further calls on the Government to set up a priority program for improvement with special emphasis on primary schools. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
- 10 MS DUNDAS: To move – That:
- (1) the A.C.T. Government develop in consultation with stakeholders, including students, a plan to address the shortage of affordable student accommodation, recognizing the statements in the Economic White paper that ‘... we must ensure that our universities have the capacity to maximize their impact on our economy and our future’ and the Building Canberra’s Economy Discussion Paper that ‘The availability of student accommodation is a major constraint on growth that could be addressed by the A.C.T. Government’; and
 - (2) this plan be tabled in the Assembly by the second sitting week in March. (*Notice given 10 February 2004*).
- *11 MR BERRY: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) the 2001 Labor promise to deliver a protected portability scheme for the long service leave entitlements of private sector workers in the A.C.T. on an industry-by-industry basis;

- (b) that the A.C.T. Labor Government has yet to deliver such a scheme to any group of workers; and
 - (c) that a majority of the Assembly Standing Committee on Legal Affairs endorsed in principle the Long Service Leave (Private Sector) Bill 2003, which seeks to establish a universal scheme for the protection and portability of long service leave for A.C.T. private sector workers; and
- (2) acknowledges that the development of industry-by-industry schemes will be time consuming and will further delay the portability and protection of private sector long service leave entitlements for many workers. (*Notice given 1 April 2004*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 5 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 6 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GUNGALIN DRIVE EXTENSION: Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That this Assembly:
 - (1) notes the ACT Government's commitment to build the Gungahlin Drive extension on time, on the western alignment, and to the same budget as that allocated to the eastern alignment; and
 - (2) directs the Minister for Planning, Mr Corbell, to table before the Assembly rises on Thursday, 6 June 2002 his proposed timetable for completing the Gungahlin Drive extension including but not limited to the:
 - (a) commencement and completion of environmental planning;
 - (b) commencement and completion of engineering planning;

- (c) commencement of the draft variation process;
- (d) timetable for the letting of tenders;
- (e) commencement of works; and
- (f) completion of works.

- 7 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 8 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 9 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 10 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 11 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 12 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 13 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 14 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
- 15 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 16 GMO (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2003: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 26 November 2003 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 17 DISCRIMINATION (GENETIC STATUS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 18 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Smyth)*: Detail Stage – Clause 1 – Resumption of debate *(from 10 December 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.

- 19 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2004: *(Mr Cornwell)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 February 2004 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 20 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: *(Mr Berry)*: Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle *(Ms Gallagher)*.
- 21 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2004: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 3 March 2004 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 22 SALE OF WILLIAMSDALE QUARRY: Resumption of debate *(from 3 March 2004 – Ms Dundas)* on the motion of Mr Smyth – That this Assembly calls on the A.C.T. Government to provide, by close of business today, details of:
- (1) the process by which the sale of Williamsdale Quarry was achieved, including details of any public tenders that were sought and the responses to those tenders;
 - (2) the sale of the Williamsdale quarry business and assets, including the sale price;
 - (3) all parties who expressed interest in buying Totalcare's share of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture;
 - (4) all parties who expressed interest in buying the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture business and assets;
 - (5) the reasons why various parties were unsuccessful in their offers to purchase the Williamsdale Quarry business; and
 - (6) any involvement and undertakings by Totalcare in the Williamsdale Quarry business after 30 June 2002.
- 23 COMMISSIONER FOR THE FAMILY BILL 2004: *(Mrs Burke)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 31 March 2004 – Mr Wood)*.
- 24 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ASSISTED TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Burke)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 31 March 2004 – Mr Wood)*.
- 25 PHARMACY AMENDMENT BILL 2004: *(Mrs Cross)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 31 March 2004 – Mr Smyth)*.
- 26 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): *(Ms Dundas)*: Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle *(from 26 November 2003 - Mr Quinlan)*.
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS – continued**Notice**

- 1† MRS DUNNE: To move – That Disallowable Instrument DI 2003-323, Land (Planning and Environment) (Further Rural Lease Grant Conditions) Determination 2003 (No 1) be disallowed. (*Notice given 9 March 2004*).

† 1 sitting day for resolution

Orders of the day - continued

- 2 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 3 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 4 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Wood on behalf of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 5 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 6 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That the report be noted.
- 7 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – ACCESS TO NEEDLES AND SYRINGES BY INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.

- 8 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 9 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 7 OF 2002 – FINANCIAL AUDIT WITH YEARS ENDING TO 30 JUNE 2002 - MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 11 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REPORT ON RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2003 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 12 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE A.C.T. – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 10 – LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2004 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.

- 16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 4 – 2002-2003 ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE DISABILITY COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 17 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 26 – INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2002-2003 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN SERVICES AND RELATED AGENCIES – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the report be noted.
- 18 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 27 – INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING OF A SUPERMARKET NEXT TO THE BELCONNEN MARKETS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 19 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – “NO LONGER JUST A NUMBER” – YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE ADOLESCENT DAY UNIT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2004 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 20 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – POSSIBLE AGED CARE FACILITIES IN HOLT – PROPOSED REFERENCE: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April – Ms MacDonald*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the Legislative Assembly refer to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment for investigation and report by 1 July 2004, the proposal for aged care facilities on part of Section 99 Block 11 Holt, the disused holes 19 to 27 of the Belconnen Golf Course.

And on the amendment moved by Ms Dundas – Omit everything after “1 July 2004” and replace with:

- (1) the proposal for aged care facilities on part of Section 99 Holt, the disused holes 19 to 27 of the Belconnen Golf Course;*
 - (2) the proposal for aged care facilities on Section 87 Belconnen, with particular reference to any impact on the social and environmental impact upon Belconnen Lakeshore; and*
 - (3) refer to the demand for aged care accommodation in the Belconnen region and any other relevant sites.*
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31 May 2004

- 21 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – KARRALIKA DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITY – CALL IN POWER AND DEVELOPMENT: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2004.

22 June 2004

- *22 ESTIMATES 2004-2005 – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 1 April 2004.

Referred to Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 (No 3) on

11 March 2004

APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO 3): (*Treasurer*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on

23 October 2003

VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE)
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Smyth*).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of a period of sittings a complete *Notice Paper* is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new and redirected or revised questions are included on the *Notice Paper*.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Member indicated have been redirected to the Ministers indicated and answers have been received:

- 1430 Treasurer (*Mrs Dunne*).
1470 Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services (*Mr Cornwell*).

Unanswered questions**2 March 2004***(30 days expires 1 April 2004)*

1291 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Are any A.C.T. Government approvals required to add the extra 69 residential aged care places allocated to the A.C.T. by the Commonwealth on 10 February 2004 to existing facilities;
- (2) If so, how long is it expected to take for such approvals to be given.
(Redirected 9 March 2004)

11 March 2004*(Redirected question – 30 days expires 10 April 2004)*

1407 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – Further to his answer to a Question without notice on 9 March 2004 concerning a briefing given to him by the Community Advocate on 3 October 2002 in which he stated that he received written advice from the Department in response to the issues that were raised and he was advised in a written brief signed by the Chief Executive of the Department that things were being done, can he provide (a) any specific written advice from the Department to the Minister, addressing the issues raised by the Community Advocate and (b) any written advice to the Minister at the time, signed by the Chief Executive, addressing the criticisms raised the Community Advocate.

30 March 2004*(30 days expires 29 April 2004)*

1410 MR BERRY: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to contracts for the financial year 2003-2004 to date, for each agency the Minister is responsible for, could he provide the following information:

- (1) number of contracts;
- (2) number of consultants;
- (3) number of contractors;
- (4) number of labour hire firms;
- (5) number of contracts containing labour hire component;
- (6) number of contracts with no labour hire component;
- (7) types of services provided;
- (8) number of contracts needing extension after 2003;

- (9) numbers of each type of contract used, in the following categories (i) standard (ii) schedule of fees, (iii) quote/lump sum, (iv) invoice and (v) other;
- (10) number of services outsourced in the following categories (i) whole, (ii) in part or (iii) unidentified;
- (11) number of contracts directing appropriate award usage;
- (12) number of contracts where there is subcontracting occurring;
- (13) number of contracts with permission or non-permission clause for subcontracting;
- (14) number of contracts requiring award usage for subcontractors.

MR BERRY: To ask the following Ministers:

1411	Treasurer
1412	Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism
1413	Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming
1416	Minister for Police and Emergency Services
1418	Minister for Health

In relation to contracts for the financial years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 to date, for each agency the Minister is responsible for, could the Minister provide the following information:

- (1) number of contracts;
- (2) number of consultants;
- (3) number of contractors;
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- (12) number of contracts where there is subcontracting occurring;
- (13) number of contracts with (a) permission or (b) non-permission clause for subcontracting;
- (14) number of contracts requiring award usage for subcontractors.

31 March 2004*(30 days expires 30 April 2004)*

- 1439 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How much of the \$400 000 allocated to Gungahlin Outreach in the 2003-04 Budget has been expended to date;
 - (2) How many additional clinical staff have been hired to deliver outreach services for mental health clients in Gungahlin;
 - (3) How many mental health clients are listed in the Gungahlin area;
 - (4) What is the case load of staff hired to provide Gungahlin Outreach;
 - (5) How many homes on average are visited by staff on a weekly basis.
- 1443 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How many radiologists are currently employed to work in the A.C.T.;
 - (2) What is the average waiting time for radiology treatment in the A.C.T.

1 April 2004*(30 days expires 1 May 2004)*

- 1459 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) Where is the Government up to in implementing the recommendations of the drug taskforce;
 - (2) How much of the \$250 000 allocated this financial year towards this objective has been expended;
 - (3) What recommendations (a) have been implemented and (b) are still to be implemented.
- 1460 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) What were the estimates of A.C.T. Government funding per capita for mental health services for the current and the past four financial years provided by the (a) forward estimates of each relevant A.C.T. budget, (b) results reported in each relevant annual report by A.C.T. Government health agencies, (c) Productivity Commission's annual report on Government Services series, and (d) National Mental Health Report;
 - (2) What were the estimates of the national average State and Territory Government funding per capita for mental health services for financial years from 1999-00 onward provided in the (a) Productivity Commission's annual report on Government Services and (b) National Mental Health Report.

- 1461 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) What changes have occurred to the components making up the (a) total cost and (b) cost per 1000 head of population, of funding for mental health services presented in each of the current and past four A.C.T. budgets;
 - (2) What are the details, both by way of explanation and in terms of financial cost, of the following changes that appear to have occurred in the 2003-04 Budget:
 - (a) the effect of incorporating the cost of mental health services provisions at the Canberra Hospital into the Department's accounts as outlined in the 2003-04 Budget Paper No 4, page 149, note (4);
 - (b) changes to the distribution of corporate overheads as outlined in the 2003-04 Budget Paper No 4, page 149, note (4);
 - (c) the inclusion under Output 1.2: Mental Health Services of any costs reported in previous budgets under output classes for policy, planning and purchasing as outlined in 2003-04 Budget paper No. 4, page 149;
 - (d) any other redistribution of policy or departmental costs to the Mental Health Services output subclass.
- 1462 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – What are the differences in the data or the cost components relating to A.C.T. Government funding for mental health services published in the (a) forward estimates of each relevant A.C.T. budget, (b) results reported in each relevant annual report by A.C.T. Government health agencies, (c) Productivity Commission's annual report on Government Services series and (d) National Mental Health Report, that would explain the differences between the annual spending reported by each of those publications.
- 1463 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) Further to a press release dated 29 March 2004, in which the Minister claimed that the Government had provided \$300 000 for mental health nursing scholarships, when was this mental health nursing scholarship initiative decided upon;
 - (2) When were the scholarships announced;
 - (3) What advertising of the scholarships has been undertaken to date;
 - (4) Which educational institution and study programs are covered by the scholarships;
 - (5) What progress has been achieved in awarding the scholarships and what stage of study has been achieved by any recipients;
 - (6) When was the funding provided to this program;
 - (7) Under what budget initiative or appropriation authority was this initiative funded;
 - (8) Is funding for the scholarships a once off or an ongoing program; if it is ongoing, what level of funding has been committed.

1474 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1295 regarding the bus concessions review to extend pensioner off-peak tickets to peak periods and the assurance that the outcome of this review would be made available to Members of this Assembly, why has the Government not yet considered the review, given the review was completed in November 2003 as indicated in answer to Question on notice No 1172.
- (2) By what date will the outcome of this review be made available to members of this Assembly, given the review was completed in November 2003.

New questions

(30 days expires 3 June 2004)

*1480 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) In the August 2003 census of students, how many students with disabilities were identified as requiring additional resources or additional services;
- (2) Of those students, how many were required, under the Services to students with disabilities policy and mandatory procedures, to have an Individual Education Plan now known as an Individual Learning Plan (ILP);
- (3) For those students who required an ILP, how many at the census date had an ILP which was (a) current, for example, for which the review date on the ILP had not passed, (b) agreed to in writing by the parents or carers of the student and (c) both current and agreed to by the parents or carers of the student;
- (4) For students who did not have an ILP which was both current and agreed to by parents or carers, how many commenced their schooling in the A.C.T. education system on or after the first day of Term 3, 2003;
- (5) Please provide this information as aggregate numbers and also provide the numbers broken down by (a) school and (b) the nature of the program in each school, for example, Special School, Special Unit/Centre and in mainstream classes with additional support;
- (6) When there is no agreed and current ILP, how are the educational needs of these students met;
- (7) What is the maximum time frame allowed under departmental policy for development and agreement of an ILP for a student who is new to the A.C.T. or to a particular school; if there is no such maximum, why is this the case;
- (8) Is there any process in place to monitor at an A.C.T. wide level whether ILPs have been agreed in relation to students with disabilities and that they continue to be updated so that they are current; if so, what is it and how long has it been in operation;
- (9) What training or professional development has been provided to principals and teachers in relation to collaborative development of ILPs for students with disabilities over the last twelve months;

- (10) For each training or professional development event, (a) when and where was it held, (b) what was its duration, (c) was the training compulsory or optional, (d) how many principals attended, (e) how many teachers attended and (f) was there a charge made for attendance at the training, if so, what was it;
- (11) What training or support has been provided over the last twelve months for parents or carers to encourage their meaningful participation in development of ILPs for students, not including addressing support or interest group meetings at the request of such groups;
- (12) For each training event, (a) how many parents or carers attended, (b) what charge was made for attendance, if any, (c) where and when was the event held, (d) what was its duration and (e) how was the event publicised.

*1481 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (1) In relation to the \$5.15 million set aside in the 2003-2004 A.C.T. Budget, budget paper 4, page 142, for the provision of a sub/non-acute care facility containing 60 beds for aged persons, has construction of this facility commenced; if so, when did it commence; if not, why not, and when will it commence;
- (2) Where is, or where will, this facility be located;
- (3) How much of the \$5.15 million budgeted for this project has been expended to date;
- (4) Will construction of this facility be completed by the forecast date of December 2004; if not, why not, and when will it be completed;
- (5) By what date will the facility be open for use;
- (6) Will this facility still provide 60 beds for aged persons; if not, what is the exact number of beds that will be provided;
- (7) Of the beds to be provided, how many will be for (a) rehabilitation, (b) transitional care, (c) psycho-geriatric dementia type patients and (d) other.

*1482 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – When might I receive a reply to my letter of 29 January 2004 concerning the safety of the suburban gas infrastructure, for example, whether or not it could be turned off in an emergency such as a bushfire and the effectiveness of plastic in the mains.

*1483 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to Question on notice No 322 in relation to Full Retail Contestability (FRC) for electricity in the ACT, has the A.C.T. Government received all or part of the expected \$12.2m for 2003-2004 from National Competition Payments (NCP) for implementing National Competition Policy in relation to FRC for electricity;
- (2) If so, how much has been received; if not, when can the A.C.T. Government expect to receive all or part of this payment;

- (3) Has or will the A.C.T. Government use this NCP funding for a specific purpose; if so, what, or will it simply be absorbed into general revenue;
- (4) Has the A.C.T. Government's overall performance in relation to FRC been assessed; if so, how was this performance determined and how has it fared; if not, when and how will this occur;

*1484 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) In relation to vacant older persons public housing accommodation, are the public housing properties at (a) 53 Campbell Street, Ainslie and (b) 7 Waratah Street, O'Connor currently vacant; if so, how long have these properties been untenanted or unoccupied;
- (2) Could the Minister confirm that the above properties are indeed older persons public housing accommodation;
- (3) Are there immediate or future plans for these properties to be tenanted; if so, when will this occur;
- (4) If not, why not, and what future plans does A.C.T. Housing have for these properties.

*1485 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) In relation to the absence of street lighting along Hindmarsh Drive between Symonston and O'Malley, why has street lighting not been installed along this road, particularly on the stretch of road upon the hill, which is of significant concern to motorists travelling at night due to kangaroos and the glare of oncoming vehicles;
- (2) Are there any plans to install lighting along this stretch of road; if so, what are those plans; if not, why not;
- (3) Will consideration be given to providing funding for lighting upon this stretch of road in the future.

*1486 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) Further to your interjection in the Assembly on 4 March 2004, Hansard page 721, that the failure of some eight persons who were mandated to report failed to do so in respect of a child who died subsequent to presenting with bruising and other indications of hurt had been followed up, how has the matter been followed up;
- (2) Will the Minister be taking action against these eight persons; if so, what action will be taken;
- (3) If not, why not.

*1487 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) In relation to the removal of trees in the areas around Duffy Primary School during mid-late April 2004, (a) when did this work commence, (b) when was this work completed and (c) why was this work carried out;
- (2) How many trees were removed, what types of trees were these and in what areas;
- (3) Were there specific safety or other concerns in regards to these trees; if so, what were those concerns;
- (4) In addition to safety and other concerns, was consideration given to retaining the ambience of the suburb's surroundings after the January 2003 bushfires by retaining numbers of these trees rather than removing them; if not, why not;
- (5) What consideration or notice was given to residents about the removal of the trees and when and how was this notice provided; if notice was not given, why not.

*1488 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Is the proposed building construction at Block 2 Section 119 Yarralumla a genuine proposal;
- (2) If so, what is proposed to be constructed and who is building it;
- (3) Will the construction impede the use of the walking and cycling trail around Lake Burley Griffin;
- (4) If the proposed construction is not genuine, (a) why were the signs placed there, (b) by whom were they placed and (c) what action has or will be taken against the perpetrator(s).

*1489 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to the collection of revenue from land tax imposed in the A.C.T., what quantum of revenue is generated by those people or organisations who pay land tax on residential properties valued at (a) \$100 000 or less, (b) between \$100,001 and \$200,000 and (c) more than \$200,000;
- (2) What quantum of revenue is generated by those people or organisations who pay land tax on commercial properties valued at (a) \$100,000 or less, (b) between \$100,001 and \$200,000 and (c) more than \$200,000.

*1490 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to the action taken by the Commonwealth Government in March 2004 to introduce changes to the basis of the public sector superannuation scheme, will the changes to the public sector scheme (PSS), to operate from 1 July 2005, have any impact on the funding for and provision of superannuation benefits in the A.C.T.;

- (2) If so, what is the estimated impact from changing the PSS from a defined benefit scheme to an accumulation scheme on the A.C.T. in terms of estimates of changes in the level of liabilities that are likely to be accrued.

*1491 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to the announcement in the 2003-04 Budget of a proposal to implement a parking space levy in certain parts of the A.C.T., what is the status of this proposal;
- (2) When is it anticipated that this new tax will be introduced;
- (3) What has been the outcome of any consultations with the community and with directly interested organisations and groups about this proposed new tax;
- (4) Have there been any changes proposed to the initial intention to apply this new tax to private car parks located in Civic, Woden, Belconnen and Tuggeranong;
- (5) What exemptions, if any, are now being proposed from the application of this new tax;
- (6) What concessions, if any, are being proposed to ameliorate the impact of this new tax on community and non-profit organisations.

*1492 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to the management of investments held within the Superannuation Provision Account (SPA) and further to answers to Questions on notice Nos 340 and 1280, when did the A.C.T. Government make the decision for the SPA's investment portfolio to go overweight [sic] cash and Australian fixed interest, as noted in the annual report of Treasury for 2001-02;
- (2) When the decision was made to allocate at least 54 per cent of the SPA portfolio to cash and Australian fixed interest assets, were appropriate fund managers already in place to handle this change in asset allocation strategy;
- (3) Was the basis for this change in asset allocation strategy a result of appropriate fund managers not having been appointed across all asset classes, as noted in the answer in paragraph (2) for Question on notice No 1280;
- (4) If the appointment of fund managers was not the reason for the change in asset allocation strategy at that time, what was the reason for this change having been made;
- (5) Given that a decision was made during 2001 to allocate at least 54 per cent of the SPA portfolio to cash and Australian fixed interest assets, what is the basis for the comment by the Chief Minister, in his media release of 28 October 2002 in which he stated, that the Government has acted to address the situation by adopting a more defensive position in the light of the collapse in international [equity] markets and has now changed the balance of asset allocation, with more than 58 per cent of the portfolio now invested in cash and fixed interest assets;

- (6) Further to paragraph (3) of answer to Question on notice No 340, concerning research being conducted by Treasury on the performance of superannuation investments in other jurisdictions, will the Treasurer provide a copy of this comparative analysis that has been undertaken by Treasury.

*1493 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) In relation to the involvement of ACTION in providing bus services to community and sporting events and further to the answer to Question on notice No 1339, when is it expected that the review of special event ticketing, mentioned in part (8) of the answer, will be completed;
- (2) Is this review solely an internal review or will it involve consultations with external interests, such as tour and event organisations and other bus companies;
- (3) Will a copy of this review be available publicly; if not, why not.

*1494 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Since the introduction of paid parking in Tuggeranong, have there been any concerns expressed to the Government or the Department of Urban Services by businesses in Tuggeranong whose parking areas are being used by non-customers as an alternative to paying for parking for people working in the area;
- (2) If so, how many concerns have been expressed and what is the Government doing about these concerns for businesses in Tuggeranong;
- (3) If not, has the Government or the Department of Urban Services contacted businesses in Tuggeranong with large free parking areas for customers to ask for feedback about the impact introduction of paid parking has had on them;
- (4) If not, will they be contacted in the future.

*1495 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –

- (1) Are any recording devices such as hand-held video cameras and audio recorders being used by police officers in the A.C.T. to record people when they are booked for traffic infringements in the A.C.T.;
- (2) If so, (a) why are they being used, (b) what is being done with the recordings and (c) was there any awareness campaign implemented to alert the public that this was going to take place;
- (3) If recording devices are being used by police officers and there was not an awareness campaign implemented to alert the public, why not.

*1496 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) In relation to staff structures in schools, how many teachers and at what level are they employed, are currently teaching at (a) Calwell High, (b) Torrens Primary, (c) Wanniassa Junior Campus, (d) Wanniassa Senior Campus, (e) Campbell High and (f) Gundaroo Primary schools;

- (2) Are any mentoring programs between senior teachers and junior teachers in place at (a) Calwell High, (b) Torrens Primary, (c) Wanniasa Junior Campus, (d) Wanniasa Senior Campus, (e) Campbell High and (f) Gundaroo Primary schools;
- (3) If so, what is the structure of these programs and how many hours each week do teachers spend on these programs;
- (4) If there are no mentoring programs in place, why not.

*1497 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – How many retired teachers (a) were employed by the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services on a casual basis and (b) have applied to the Department for teaching positions in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004 to date

*1498 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –

- (1) Further to a media release issued by the Minister on 29 March 2004 A.C.T. Workcover which reported that during the explosives and fireworks amnesty before the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* came into effect, they made eight referrals to the Bomb Squad, has A.C.T. Workcover received any reports of the outcomes of the investigation by the Bomb Squad into these referrals;
- (2) If so, what are the outcomes;
- (3) If not, when is A.C.T. Workcover expecting reports from the Bomb Squad on the outcomes of the referrals;
- (4) Where did A.C.T. Workcover store these surrendered explosives and fireworks;
- (5) What did A.C.T. Workcover do with the surrendered explosives and fireworks.

*1499 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –

- (1) Since the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* came into effect on 31 March, have there been any reports to A.C.T. Workcover about any illegal explosives or fireworks in the A.C.T.;
- (2) If so, how many reports have there been and what steps has A.C.T. Workcover taken to investigate them;
- (3) If there have been reports made to A.C.T. Workcover about any illegal explosives or fireworks in the A.C.T., how many (a) calls/reports were received by A.C.T. Workcover, (b) explosives or fireworks were seized, (c) referrals were made to the Bomb Squad and (d) warnings were issued.

- *1500 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –
- (1) In relation to the Disability Employment Framework and further to the response to Question on notice No 1308 in which you stated that a final draft of this framework would be presented to the Government at the end of May, is work on the framework running according to schedule and will the Government still receive the report by the end of May;
 - (2) How soon after the Minister receives this report will the Government respond;
 - (3) Since this report will be handed to the Government after the Budget has been handed down, how will the Government ensure any measures that require funding in this framework will be implemented.
- *1501 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –
- (1) In relation to a housing review and further to the response to Question on notice No 1307 in which you stated that a review will take place to provide you with advice on the nature and impact of market renters in A.C.T. public housing, when will this review (a) begin and (b) be completed;
 - (2) Why has there been a delay in commencing this review.
- *1502 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) In relation to playground safety, what are giraffe swings;
 - (2) Which A.C.T. district parks are they located in;
 - (3) Did *The Playground People* find that giraffe swings comply with safety requirements;
 - (4) If not, what are the consequences of that finding.
- *1503 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) In relation to the \$900 000 2003-04 playground safety program, what safety improvements, and at which playgrounds, have been completed in Packages 3, 4 and 5;
 - (2) Will any of the playground works in any of the packages in part (1) be rolled over into 2004-05; if so, what works at which playgrounds;
 - (3) Will Package 6 in its entirety be rolled over into the 2004-05 financial year; if not, which playgrounds will have works completed by the end of this financial year.

*1504 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) In relation to Vocational Education and Training (VET), what evidence did the A.C.T. Government provide for the A.C.T. not meeting its New Apprenticeships growth target under the 2001-2003 Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) Agreement, resulting in ineligibility for growth funding in 2003;
- (2) Why has the Minister refused to increase funding to the VET sector by 1.5%;
- (3) Is the A.C.T. Government doing enough to meet the demands of the VET sector, both in places provided and support for service providers;
- (4) What reasons did the Minister provide to the Australian Government for refusing to agree to the National Construction Code;
- (5) What reasons did the Minister provide for refusing to agree to the funding levels offered by the Australian Government;
- (6) Following the rejection of the A.C.T. Government to sign up to the new ANTA Agreement for 2002-2006, has the A.C.T. now missed out on some \$3.6 million funding over three years for the VET sector;
- (7) Why has the A.C.T. Government reduced funding levels for VET by 0.3% in real terms between 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;
- (8) Where have these funds been redirected to.

*1505 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –

- (1) In relation to Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) accommodation and further to the response to Question on notice No 1322 in which you stated that the first of two new student housing buildings at the Bruce Campus would be open for occupancy during the Easter break, can you confirm whether these rooms were available for occupancy during that time;
- (2) If so, when did the first students move in and how many rooms are currently occupied; if not, when did/will the rooms be available for occupancy and what number are currently occupied, if any;
- (3) Has the second building been completed; if not, what is the completion date.

*1506 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) When might I receive a response to my letter of 12 March and my follow-up letter of 2 April, in support of representations from a constituent seeking an immediate review of the decision to remove her grandchildren from the care of their mother, following recent developments in the United Kingdom in respect of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSbP);
- (2) Is it a fact that these developments in the United Kingdom have discredited previous claims about women suffering MSbP to the extent that (a) these women have been freed of murder charges and (b) the principle proponent of MSbP in the United Kingdom is now under professional misconduct charges by the British General Medical Council;

- (3) In view of the background of part (2), will the Chief Minister institute an immediate review of the case at part (1); if not, why not.

*1507 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Further to your reply of 13 April to my Question on notice 1424 in relation to a national transport reciprocity scheme for seniors, what was the result of the discussion on this matter at the Positive Ageing Taskforce meeting on 28 April 2004 in Melbourne where the topic was listed on the agenda;
- (2) Have any other States or Territories accepted the Commonwealth's offer; if so, which State or Territories;
- (3) Has the A.C.T. now accepted the offer; if not, why not.

*1508 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to a Letter-to-the-Editor in the *Canberra Times* of 28 April 2004 entitled *A Rort that Needs to be Stopped*, what is the incidence of home owner/builder investment properties claimed to be a family home;
- (2) Can such properties at part (1) be identified; if not, can steps be taken to do so;
- (3) Can the one year qualification be extended to avoid such profit taking as outlined in the letter;
- (4) Alternatively, can such sales of the one year qualification be factored out of local rates rises based upon sales in the suburb;
- (5) If neither part (3) nor (4) are feasible, what can be done to prevent (a) loss of revenue to the Government by such means and (b) increasing rate rises to other residents;
- (6) Can any estimate be provided as to the annual revenue loss from this subterfuge; if so, how much was the amount in 2002-03.

*1509 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) In relation to applications to develop aged care and nursing home facilities, upon what date was the original application lodged with planning authorities for (a) Calvary, Block 1 and 4 Section 4 Bruce, (b) Southern Cross Homes, Block 56 Section 8 Garran, (c) St Andrew's Village, Block 12 Section 28 Hughes, (d) Goodwin Village, part of Section 3 Block 50 Monash and (e) Mirinjani, Block 2 Section 59 Weston;
- (2) Has approval been given, therefore allowing construction to commence on any of the above; if so, when;
- (3) If approval has not yet been given, when is approval likely to be given for each of these applications to enable construction to commence.

- *1510 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) In relation to comments made on Wednesday, 28 April upon WIN TV in the 18:00 news in which you stated that more children in need of care were coming into the A.C.T., could you provide supporting figures to justify this statement;
 - (2) Why would children in need of care come to the A.C.T. from elsewhere in Labor controlled States and Territories;
 - (3) Why should the A.C.T. population be obliged to look after children in need of care from elsewhere in Australia.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for the life of the Fifth Assembly. The dates of the amendments to the committees' resolution of appointment are reflected, but not changes in the membership.

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: (*Formed 12 November 2001*): The Speaker (*Presiding Member*), Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Mr Hargreaves.

Pursuant to resolution

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY: (*Formed 11 December 2001*; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002): Mr Hargreaves (*Chair*), Mr Cornwell, Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas.

EDUCATION: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms MacDonald (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mr Pratt.

HEALTH: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mrs Burke, Ms MacDonald.

LEGAL AFFAIRS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Stefaniak (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves, Ms Tucker.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: (*Formed 11 December 2001*; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002): Ms Dundas (*Chair*), Mrs Cross, Mrs Dunne, Mr Hargreaves.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Smyth (*Chair*), Ms MacDonald, Ms Tucker.

Select

ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 3): (*Formed 11 March 2003*): Mrs Cross (*Chair*), Ms MacDonald, Mr Smyth.

ESTIMATES 2004-2005: (*Formed 1 April 2004*): Mr Stefaniak (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald.

Dissolved

ESTIMATES 2001-02: (*Formed 19 February 2002*): Mr Humphries (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. (*Presented 9 April 2002*).

ESTIMATES 2002-03: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Mr Humphries (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne, Ms Gallagher. (*Printing, circulation and publication authorised 19 August 2002; presented 20 August 2002*).

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PRIVILEGES: (*Formed 6 June 2002*): Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mr Hargreaves, Mr Smyth. (*Presented 14 November 2002*).

PRIVILEGES: (*Formed 26 June 2003*): Ms Dundas (*Chair*), Mr Quinlan, Mr Stefaniak. (*Presented 18 November 2003*).

PRIVILEGES 2004: (*Formed 10 February 2004*): Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mr Cornwell, Ms MacDonald. (*Presented 30 March 2004*).

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Ms Gallagher (*Chair*), Mrs Cross, Ms Dundas. (*Presented 21 November 2002*).
