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RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT

On 27 November 2012 the ACT Legislative Assembly (the Assembly) agreed by resolution to establish legislative and general purpose standing committees to inquire into and report on matters referred to them by the Assembly or matters that are considered by the committees to be of concern to the community, including:

- (e) a Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services to examine matters related to planning, public works, land management, municipal and transport services, heritage and sport and recreation and matters related to all aspects of climate change policy and programs, water and energy policy and programs, provision of water and energy services, conservation, environment and ecological sustainability.¹

The Assembly agreed that each committee shall have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the relevant standing committees appointed during the previous Assembly.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 29 October 2015, the Assembly referred the annual and financial reports for the calendar year 2015 and the financial year 2014—2015 to Assembly committees for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2016, in accordance with a schedule.² The reports were 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, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services were:

- Capital Metro Agency;
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate – Sport and Recreation Services, Venues and Events, Architects Board of the ACT, *Constructions Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004*, Environment Protection Authority;
- Environment and Planning Directorate – Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Planning, Heritage, ACT Heritage Council, Conservator of Flora and Fauna, Report on the Operation and Administration of the *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012* for 2014-15, Parking—Coordinator General;
- Land Development Agency;
- Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment; and

¹ Legislative Assembly for the ACT, Minutes of Proceedings No. 2, 27 November 2012, pp. 24-27, accessible at <http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/downloads/minutes-of-proceedings/MoP%202.pdf>.

² Legislative Assembly for the ACT, Minutes of Proceedings No. 120, 29 October 2015, pp. 1353-1361, accessible at http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-the-assembly/minutes_of_proceedings.

- Territory and Municipal Services Directorate - Information services; Waste and Recycling; Land Management; Regulatory Services; Capital Linen and Sustainable Transport, Roads ACT, ACTION, ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, Animal Welfare Authority, ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board.

ACRONYMS

ABEST	Arts, Business, Events, Sport and Tourism
ACSRA	Aboriginal Corporation for Sport and Recreational Activities
CMA	Capital Metro Agency
CMTEDD	Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
ED	Economic Development
EPD	Environment and Planning Directorate
EEIS	Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPIC	Exhibition Park in Canberra
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LDA	Land Development Agency
LDC	Land Development and Corporate
NCA	National Capital Authority
OSCE	Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment
TAMS	Territory and Municipal Services Directorate
UC	University of Canberra

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RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1

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RECOMMENDATION 2

- 3.13** The Committee recommends that the public be informed of the terms of Floriade's use of Commonwealth Park as soon as the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority have reached agreement.

RECOMMENDATION 3

- 4.10** The Committee recommends that when the Key Performance Indicators for the manager of Westside are finalised they be made public.

RECOMMENDATION 4

- 5.7** The Committee recommends that the Government update the Assembly on the plan of works in the ACT's water catchments during the April 2016 sitting week.

RECOMMENDATION 5

- 6.10** The Committee recommends that in future annual reports Libraries ACT include reporting on the number of digital visitors to libraries in the financial year.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 29 October 2015, the Assembly referred the annual and financial reports for the calendar year 2015 and the financial year 2014—2015 to Assembly committees for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2016.³ On 8 March 2016 the reporting date for the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services was amended to the last sitting day in April 2016.
- 1.2 The following annual reports, or sections of annual reports were referred to the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services (the Committee):
- Capital Metro Agency;
 - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate – Sport and Recreation Services, Venues and Events, Architects Board of the ACT, *Constructions Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004*, Environment Protection Authority;
 - Environment and Planning Directorate – Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Planning, Heritage, ACT Heritage Council, Conservator of Flora and Fauna, Report on the Operation and Administration of the *Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Act 2012* for 2014-15, Parking—Coordinator General;
 - Land Development Agency;
 - Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment; and
 - Territory and Municipal Services Directorate - Information services; Waste and Recycling; Land Management; Regulatory Services; Capital Linen and Sustainable Transport, Roads ACT, ACTION, ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, Animal Welfare Authority, ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board.

CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

- 1.3 The Committee held six public hearings on 5, 11, 13, 24 and 25 (two hearings) November 2015. At these hearings, the Committee heard evidence from 47 witnesses. Full details of witnesses who appeared are available in Appendix B of this report. Transcripts from the hearings are available at www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/2013/comms/default.htm#planning.
- 1.4 A total of 65 questions were taken on notice during the public hearings and 6 questions were placed on notice after the hearings. Please refer to Appendix A for a list of the questions. Answers to the questions are provided on the inquiry webpage:
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³ Legislative Assembly for the ACT, Minutes of Proceedings No. 120, 29 October 2015, pp. 1353-1361, accessible at http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-the-assembly/minutes_of_proceedings.

http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing_committees/Planning,-Environment-and-Territory-and-Municipal-Services/annual-and-financial-report-2014-15?inquiry=788681.

- 1.5 Most responses to questions taken on notice at public hearings were received promptly. The Committee would like to thank Ministers and directorate staff for their prompt return of responses. References to questions taken on notice are included throughout this report in footnotes.

STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

- 1.6 This report presents a summary of the Committee's inquiry into the annual reports listed in paragraph 1.2. In developing this report, the Committee has primarily focused on the issues that were raised at public hearings although some additional material has been drawn from annual reports documents.
- 1.7 The structure of this report is as follows:
- Chapter 1: Introduction;
 - Chapter 2: Annual reporting requirements
 - Chapter 3: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate;
 - Chapter 4: Land Development Agency;
 - Chapter 5: Environment and Planning Directorate
 - Chapter 6: Territory and Municipal Services Directorate; and
 - Chapter 7: Capital Metro.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 1.8 The Committee thanks relevant ACT Government Ministers and accompanying directorate officials for providing their time and expertise as witnesses at its annual reports hearings.

2 ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* sets the framework for annual reporting across the ACT public sector. In accordance with the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*, the Annual Reports Directions (the Directions) are issued annually to outline agency reporting requirements.
- 2.2 As specified in the Directions, annual reports are ‘reports from agency heads to their responsible Minister, the Legislative Assembly and the public’. Annual reports enable agencies to provide an account of their performance, through Ministers, to the Legislative Assembly and the wider community.⁴
- 2.3 The Directions state that an effective annual report will:
- provide clear information about the agency’s purpose, priorities, outputs and achievements;
 - focus on results and outcomes - communicate the success or shortfalls of the agency’s activities in pursuing government objectives in the reporting year, while accounting for the resources used in the process and explaining changes in performance over time;
 - discuss results against expectations - provide sufficient information and analysis for the Legislative Assembly and community to make a fully informed judgment on agency’s performance;
 - clearly identify any changes to structures or functions of the agency in the reporting period;
 - report on agency financial and operational performance and clearly link this 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 useful to the maximum number of users while maintaining a suitable level of detail; and

⁴ *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Notice 2014* Notifiable Instrument NI2014—319, p. 6.

- comply with legislative reporting requirements including the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* and the Annual Report Directions.⁵

2.4 Annual reports are public documents and available for use by stakeholders, including educational and research institutions, and the broader community. They provide a valuable tool for public reporting, accountability and transparency.

TIMING AND PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

2.5 The Directions for 2014-15 required annual reports to be presented to the responsible Minister before the close of business on Tuesday 6 October 2015. Unless an extension of time was granted under section 14 of the Act, annual reports were required to be given to the Speaker's Office by the close of business on Tuesday 13 October 2015.

2.6 All reports examined by the Committee were presented to the Speaker by the required date.

⁵ Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Notice 2014 Notifiable Instrument NI2014—319, p. 8.

3 CHIEF MINISTER, TREASURY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) was formed in July 2014, bringing together the Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate, the former Commerce and Works Directorate and the former Economic Development Directorate, along with artsACT, community concessions and community facilities from the Community Services Directorate and ACT Property Group from the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate. According to CMTEDD, it was formed “in recognition of the continued focus on creating a one-government approach to the delivery of services to the people of the ACT along with the critical importance of ensuring that economic development is at the centre of government policy deliberations”.⁶
- 3.2 On 5 and 11 November 2015, the Committee examined the following areas of CMTEDD’s 2014-15 Annual Report:
- policy, strategy and infrastructure delivery;
 - sport and recreation services;
 - venues and event services; and
 - areas of Access Canberra related to environmental protection, construction and the Architects Board.
- 3.3 Others areas of the CMTEDD report were considered by other standing committees.

SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES

- 3.4 Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) is responsible for the management and planning of ACT Government sporting facilities and the delivery of targeted programs and professional

⁶ Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, *Annual Report 2014-15*, p. 10.

development training for the ACT community. SRS also supports local athletes through the ACT Academy of Sport.⁷ The Committee discussed the following issues:

- Access to enclosed ovals;⁸
- UC Sports Hub and ACT Sport;⁹
- Interim Advisory Group on Boomanulla Oval.¹⁰

UC SPORTS HUB

3.5 The Committee asked about the move of ACTSport from Sports House in Hackett to the University of Canberra (UC) sports hub. The Committee was informed that smaller sporting groups, for whom it was not viable to establish stand alone offices, had used Sports House as a headquarters. They subleased space in Sports House from ACTSport. A number of these organisations had moved their office functions to UC sports hub when ACTSport moved. As part of the ACT government's \$5 million investment in community sport, ACTSport acquired a 30 year sublease at UC sports hub.¹¹ With ACTSport winding up, Sport and Recreation Services is working with UC to ensure that small sports can still use the sports hub. ACT Property Group now manages the ongoing tenancy at sports hub and is acquiring the sublease.¹²

3.6 The Committee was advised that ACTSport received funding from tenants renting space at Sports House. ACTSport and UC finalised leasing arrangements at UC sports hub and it was then up to ACTSport to decide how they would utilise the space and make it available to tenants.¹³

BOOMANULLA OVAL

3.7 The Committee asked about the impact of the liquidation of the Aboriginal Corporation for Sport and Recreational Activities. The ACT Government established a working group with Indigenous community representatives to work through issues, particularly around the management of Boomanulla Oval. The Committee was advised that the Government's intention is to return the oval to sustainable Indigenous management. The Government has begun an expression of interest process to see if an Indigenous organisation wants to take a leadership role in managing the oval.¹⁴

⁷ *Economic Development Directorate Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 47.

⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 55.

⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 56-59, 63-66.

¹⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 59-63.

¹¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 63-64.

¹² *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 56-59.

¹³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 57.

¹⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 59.

Recommendation 1

- 3.8 **The Committee recommends that the ACT Government continue to work with Indigenous organisations with a view to having the management of Boomanulla Oval returned to Indigenous leadership as soon as it is practicable and sustainable to do so.**

VENUES AND EVENTS

- 3.9 CMTEDD Output 8.5 Venues and Events covers the management of Canberra's elite sporting venues, major sporting events and the delivery of Canberra's major tourism and community-related events and supporting programs.¹⁵ The Committee discussed the following issues at a public hearing on 5 November 2015:

- Enlighten festival;¹⁶
- Floriade;¹⁷
- impact of light rail on events;¹⁸
- ACT Event Fund online application tool;¹⁹
- new events;²⁰
- GIO Stadium;²¹
- low cost accommodation at EPIC;²² and
- Stromlo Forest Park.²³

ENLIGHTEN FESTIVAL

- 3.10 The Committee was advised that Enlighten 2015 attracted a record attendance of 287,874. It is estimated 10,434, were interstate or international visitors specifically in Canberra for Enlighten, a 97 per cent increase on the previous year. There was \$3.35 million in direct expenditure by visitors to the festival. The night noddle market will return in 2016 and be expanded.²⁴

¹⁵ *Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Annual report 2014-15*, Vol I, p. 58.

¹⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 23-25.

¹⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 25-26.

¹⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 26-27.

¹⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 27-28.

²⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 28.

²¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 29.

²² *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 29-30.

²³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 30.

²⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 23-25.

FLORIADE

- 3.11 The Committee inquired about the possible move of the Floriade site. The Committee was informed that the Commonwealth Park site provides a combination of experience, proximity, transport and accessibility that no other site provides. The National Capital Authority (NCA) has said that it does not wish to evict Floriade from Commonwealth Park but it has concern about damage to established trees and the length of time people are excluded from sections of the park by Floriade works. The ACT Government is discussing with the NCA what a viable footprint for the event is. A particular focus is on ways to minimise the exclusion period before and after the event. The Government is looking at opportunities for “Floriade fringe-type” events in the CBD.²⁵
- 3.12 The Committee notes the considerable media and public interest in a possible change to the Floriade site and the impact this may have on the event.

Recommendation 2

- 3.13 **The Committee recommends that the public be informed of the terms of Floriade’s use of Commonwealth Park as soon as the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority have reached agreement.**

LOW COST ACCOMMODATION AT EPIC

- 3.14 The Committee asked about the provision of low cost accommodation on the EPIC site. The Committee was informed that Freespirit, the developers and managers of EPIC, were planning to commence civil works in February 2016. The first stage would be dormitory accommodation for over 400, cabins and caravan bays. Stage two would be more cabins and stage three was a budget style motel. The accommodation was expected to be particularly attractive to school groups and patrons of EPIC hosted events such as the National Wine show, Summernats and the National Folk Festival.²⁶

ACCESS CANBERRA

- 3.15 On 16 December 2014, the Chief Minister announced the formation of Access Canberra, bringing together key shopfront and regulatory services to make it easier for businesses, community organisations and individuals to interact with the ACT Government.²⁷ The

²⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 25-26.

²⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 29-30.

²⁷ *Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Annual report 2014-15*, Vol I, p. 71.

Committee examined the environmental protection and construction regulation areas of Access Canberra's operations. The Committee discussed:

- banning of wood fires in new housing;²⁸
- noise complaints;²⁹ and
- website and social media presence.³⁰

²⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 31-33.

²⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 33-34.

³⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 34-37.

4 LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 4.1 The Land Development Agency (LDA) is the ACT Government agency responsible for the development and release of Territory owned land for residential, commercial, industrial, and community purposes. The LDA is a Territory authority established by section 31 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*.³¹
- 4.2 The Committee met with the Chief Minister/Minister for Urban Renewal and officials from the LDA at a public hearing on 5 November 2015. The following issues were discussed:
- affordable housing;³²
 - Riverview development;³³
 - Yarralumla brickworks development;³⁴
 - increase of serviced residential land;³⁵
 - Public Housing Renewal Committee;³⁶
 - Westside;³⁷
 - joint venture management committees for Crace and Forde;³⁸
 - Glebe Park;³⁹
 - West Belconnen and Lawson green star initiative;⁴⁰ and
 - strategic land acquisition.⁴¹

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 4.3 The Committee was informed that in 2014-15, 165 new land rent contracts were entered into, 393 first homebuyer grants were paid, at \$7,000; and 1,312 first homebuyer grants were paid, at \$12½ thousand each, under the new scheme, which targets newly constructed homes. 202 over-60s home bonus scheme duty concessions have been provided. 1,361 families accessed concessions under the first homebuyer concession scheme. The new suburbs of Moncrieff,

³¹ *Land Development Agency Annual Report 2014-2015*, p. 6.

³² *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 1-3, 8-9.

³³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 3-7.

³⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 7-8.

³⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 9-11.

³⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 11-15.

³⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 15-18.

³⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 18.

³⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 19-20.

⁴⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 20

⁴¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 20-23.

Throsby and Denman Prospect include requirements for 20 per cent affordable housing. The LDA transferred 382 sites to the public housing renewal task force in 2014-15.⁴²

- 4.4 The Committee asked about current challenges to housing affordability in Canberra. The Chief Minister noted consistent feedback from the private sector that one bedroom apartments to the investor market were well supplied and demand has slowed but demand is growing for larger products in the medium and high density dwelling market, aimed at owner-occupiers. The LDA will be looking at opportunities in that part of the market in urban infill and renewal over the next 12 months.⁴³

SERVICED RESIDENTIAL LAND

- 4.5 The Committee asked about the intent, stated in the annual report, to grow the LDA's inventory of serviced residential land given that there were only three blocks in the inventory at the end of the reporting period. The Committee was informed that the LDA was developing entire suburbs at one time: Moncrieff had been delivered this way, work was beginning on Throsby and a decision to deliver Taylor this way was likely soon. These would provide the needed single residential blocks. The policy of LDA is to meet demand for blocks through 50 percent greenfield site and 50 percent infill.⁴⁴
- 4.6 For a three year period the LDA was unable to deliver its land release programme due to issues with the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.⁴⁵ This had hampered the building up of an inventory.
- 4.7 In response to a question taken on notice the Committee was informed that:
- the estimated demand for all types of housing is 2,700 for the financial year 2015-16. The 2015 Indicative Land Release Program includes a target of 3,513 dwelling sites in 2015-16 and around 17,000 over the period 2015-16 to 2018-19. This includes sites to accommodate around 4,900 detached dwellings, 2000 compact block/townhouses, and 10,000 apartments. This level of land release is over and above the anticipated level of demand in order to increase the level of developable land supply held by the private sector to meet the underlying housing demand and put downward pressure on house prices.⁴⁶

⁴² *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 2.

⁴³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 3.

⁴⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, p. 9.

⁴⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 November 2015, pp. 9-10.

⁴⁶ *Answer to Question taken on Notice 6*.

WESTSIDE

- 4.8 The Committee inquired about the cost of the Westside pop-up village. A total of \$967,000 was paid to construct Westside. Since assuming operations, the Government has increased capacity at Westside to accommodate additional food vendors. The Government has paid \$79,000 to enhance electrical, water and waste services capacity for these extra vendors, and provide some additional capacity for future growth in vendors. The Government has also undertaken associated landscaping and compliance work at a cost of \$50,000. This takes the total cost to \$1.096 million.⁴⁷
- 4.9 Since the site opened between 50,000 and 75,000 people have attended events at the site. Events associated with Art, Not Apart, Canberra Day, Enlighten and other events are expected to boost total attendance.⁴⁸ The LDA is developing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the engagement of a manager for the site. The KPIs may include visitation targets.⁴⁹

Recommendation 3

- 4.10 **The Committee recommends that when the Key Performance Indicators for the manager of Westside are finalised they be made public.**

⁴⁷ Answer to Question taken on Notice 9.

⁴⁸ Transcript of Evidence, 5 November 2015, pp. 17-18.

⁴⁹ Answer to Question taken on Notice 10.

5 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE

- 5.1 The Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) integrates ACT Planning with the Government's environment protection functions, including a strong commitment to address climate change and enhance land and water management.⁵⁰ On 7 July 2014 EPD replaced the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.
- 5.2 The EPD Annual Report was referred to the Committee for inquiry and report as well as the annexed reports of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna and the ACT Heritage Council.
- 5.3 The annual reports of the Chief Planning Executive and the ACT Planning and Land Authority are subsumed in the EPD annual report.
- 5.4 The Committee held a public hearing with Mr Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for the Environment on 13 November 2015. The Committee held a public hearing with Mr Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning on 25 November 2015.

ENVIRONMENT

- 5.5 The Committee discussed the following environment issues;
- ACT Basin Priority Project;⁵¹
 - water quality in Lake Tuggeranong;⁵²
 - development on Reserves and Grasslands;⁵³
 - kangaroo fertility control trial;⁵⁴
 - weed management;⁵⁵
 - waste management;⁵⁶
 - waste to energy;⁵⁷
 - Mulligan's Flat woodlands sanctuary;⁵⁸

⁵⁰ *Environment and Planning Directorate Annual Report 2014-15*, p. 6.

⁵¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 95-96.

⁵² *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 96-98.

⁵³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 98-99.

⁵⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 99-100.

⁵⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 100-101.

⁵⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 101-104.

⁵⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, p. 103.

- interaction between TAMS and EPD;⁵⁹
- ACT and Region Catchment Management Coordination Group;⁶⁰
- Action Plan 2 climate change actions;⁶¹
- site of Williamsdale solar farm;⁶²
- progress towards renewable energy targets;⁶³
- Renewable Energy Investment Development Strategy;⁶⁴
- bullying and staff satisfaction in EPD;⁶⁵
- Energy efficiency improvement scheme and Outreach low income energy and water efficiency program;⁶⁶
- wood heater replacement program;⁶⁷
- ACTsmart;⁶⁸
- carbon neutral government fund;⁶⁹
- transfer of water entitlements to the Murray Darling Basin Authority;⁷⁰
- internal audit;⁷¹
- engagement with the local indigenous community on natural resource management;⁷²
- volunteer participation.⁷³

LAKE TUGGERANONG

5.6 The Committee inquired about water quality in Lake Tuggeranong. The Committee was informed that Lake Tuggeranong was one of the most polluted catchments in the ACT. When Tuggeranong was designed water quality management was not very sophisticated and there is a lot of urban runoff along concrete stormwater drains into the lake. The runoff is deposited rapidly meaning that the lake is subject to a very large injection of pollutants in a very short

⁵⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, p. 104.

⁵⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 104-105.

⁶⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 105-107.

⁶¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 107-108.

⁶² *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 108-109.

⁶³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 109-110.

⁶⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 110-112.

⁶⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 112-116, 126-127.

⁶⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 116-119.

⁶⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 119-123.

⁶⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 123-125.

⁶⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 128-129.

⁷⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 129-130.

⁷¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, p. 130.

⁷² *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 130-131.

⁷³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 133-134

period. Better filtration systems, such as ponds and wetlands, need to be retrofitted into suburbs.⁷⁴

The Committee also heard that as part of the ACT Basin Priority Project, \$85 million of Commonwealth funding and \$8.5 million of territory funding will be invested over a three year period to improve water quality within catchment areas. A lot of effort will go into Lake Tuggeranong because that is where some of the best outcomes in terms of value for money are available. The Committee notes that the Government expects to have a response from the Commonwealth on preferred works by the end of March 2016.

Recommendation 4

- 5.7 **The Committee recommends that the Government update the Assembly on the plan of works in the ACT's water catchments during the April 2016 sitting week.**

WOOD HEATER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

- 5.8 The Committee asked about the wood heater replacement programme and was informed that the Government was offering a rebate for people to replace their inefficient existing wood fired heaters with gas or electric heaters. The aim of the programme is to reduce particulate matter in the air. The programme was expanded to include a rebate for installing efficient electric heaters as they produce fewer emissions than gas heaters and the gas price is subject to significant fluctuations. People can install more modern wood burning heaters but no rebate is available for this and in certain areas of the city, where the airshed is particularly susceptible to the inversion effect, approval must be sought prior to installing wood burning heaters.⁷⁵

PLANNING

- 5.9 The Strategic Planning Division and the Planning Delivery Division deliver planning outputs within EPD.
- 5.10 The following issues were discussed:
- Statement of Planning Intent;⁷⁶
 - role of Mr David Lamont, former MLA, in planning;⁷⁷

⁷⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 96-98.

⁷⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 119-123

⁷⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 164-166.

⁷⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 166-167.

- Building Act review including security of payment and licensing issues;⁷⁸
- regional and cross border planning including South Tralee and Riverview;⁷⁹
- lobbyists and advocates;⁸⁰
- future master plans;⁸¹
- towers near Gungahlin Town Centre and proposed “refresh”;⁸² and
- Light Rail Master Plan.⁸³

LIGHT RAIL MASTER PLAN

5.11 The Committee asked about the light rail master plan and the cost of the proposed legs of the network. The Committee was informed that the light rail master plan was not a financial document but a planning document so there are no costs in it. The rail corridors are similar to those identified for public transport in the ACT Government’s Transport for Canberra policy released in 2012. The intent is to engage the community on what development they would like to see along the corridors.⁸⁴

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

5.12 The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment is a statutory office holder under the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993*. In accordance with the Act, the Commissioner shall:

- produce ‘State of the Environment’ reports for the ACT;
- investigate complaints about the management of the environment by the Territory or a territory authority, and issues relating to ecologically sustainable development;
- conduct investigations as directed by the Minister;
- initiate investigations into action of an agency where those actions would have a substantial impact on the environment of the ACT; and
- make recommendations for consideration by government.⁸⁵

⁷⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 167-171.

⁷⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 171-173.

⁸⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 173-176.

⁸¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 176-177.

⁸² *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 177-180.

⁸³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 180-185.

⁸⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 180-185.

⁸⁵ *Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Annual Report 2014-15*, p. 1.

5.13 The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, Ms Ann Lyons Wright, is supported in her role by staff in the Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (OCSE).

5.14 The Committee discussed the following issues at a public hearing on 13 November 2015:

- Minister initiated investigations,⁸⁶
- Commissioner initiated investigations,⁸⁷ and
- an outstanding complaint from 2012-13.⁸⁸

⁸⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, p. 132.

⁸⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, p. 132.

⁸⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 13 November 2015, pp. 132-133.

6 TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

INTRODUCTION

- 6.1 The Territory and Municipal Services Directorate (TAMS) is responsible for the delivery of a range of services including:
- planning, building and maintaining roads, stormwater infrastructure, bridges, cycling and community paths and the streetlight network;
 - public transport through ACTION buses;
 - public library services;
 - waste management and recycling; and
 - operational and strategic management of parks and reserves across the ACT.⁸⁹
- 6.2 TAMS also manages the ACT Government businesses Capital Linen Services and Yarralumla Nursery; and provides administrative oversight to the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority which operates the Woden, Gungahlin and Hall cemeteries.⁹⁰
- 6.3 The following issues were discussed by the Committee:
- playgrounds and community involvement;⁹¹
 - fitness equipment;⁹²
 - skate parks;⁹³
 - Pialligo quarry;⁹⁴
 - mowing;⁹⁵
 - Mulligan's Flat and pest management;⁹⁶
 - grasslands management;⁹⁷

⁸⁹ *Territory and Municipal Services Annual Report 2014-2015—Volume 1*, p. 7.

⁹⁰ *Territory and Municipal Services Annual Report 2014-2015—Volume 1*, p. 7.

⁹¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 39-40.

⁹² *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 40-41.

⁹³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 41.

⁹⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 42-44.

⁹⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 45-47.

⁹⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 47-49

⁹⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 49-51.

- bushfire operational plan;⁹⁸ and
- National Arboretum.⁹⁹

PIALLIGO QUARRY

6.4 The Committee asked about the operation of Pialligo Quarry. The Committee was advised that operation ceased when WorkSafe issued a prohibition notice on 5 April 2012. The notice was issued due to concerns that the work area was unstable and subject to collapse. A geotechnical report was undertaken and made recommendations including exclusion zones, improved drainage, and the adjustment of the height of working platforms. Operations recommenced on 25 July 2013, while the identified safety concerns were addressed.¹⁰⁰

NATIONAL ARBORETUM

- 6.5 The Committee asked about the National Arboretum's capacity to hold events. The Committee was informed that funding for a second garden on the events terrace had been announced. The gardens provide opportunities for events such as weddings, celebrations, and corporate events. TAMS is also working with a company on developing a fun run event. The trend for visitation appears to be around 500,000 visitors per year.
- 6.6 The Committee was informed that there was an error in the annual report. The number of new trees planted to replace dead trees was 919, not 557 as reported. The Committee was further informed that out of a total of 44,000 trees this is a very low percentage of loss, especially given that many of the trees are rare and unusual.¹⁰¹

ANIMAL WELFARE AUTHORITY

- 6.7 The Executive Director of the Parks and City Services Division in TAMS is appointed as the ACT's Animal Welfare Authority.¹⁰² The Committee discussed the following issues:
- animal welfare regulatory reform;¹⁰³ and
 - animal noise.¹⁰⁴

⁹⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 51-52.

⁹⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 52-55.

¹⁰⁰ *Answer to Question taken on Notice 27*.

¹⁰¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 52-54.

¹⁰² *Territory and Municipal Services Annual Report 2014-2015—Volume 1*, p. 343.

¹⁰³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 88-89.

¹⁰⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 89-90.

LIBRARIES ACT

6.8 The Committee discussed the following matters with the Minister and directorate officials:

- digital preservation system;¹⁰⁵
- English conversation program;¹⁰⁶
- e-music;¹⁰⁷
- library service at Lanyon;¹⁰⁸
- digital hub at Gungahlin Library and Makerspace;¹⁰⁹

6.9 The Committee notes that the annual report provides figures for physical visits to libraries (1,995,331) but not digital visits which the Committee was informed comprised 799,069 visits to the library's website and 1,602,232 page views.¹¹⁰ Given the changing way in which people interact with the library and the growth of the library's digital collection the inclusion of this information in future reports would be helpful.

Recommendation 5

6.10 **The Committee recommends that in future annual reports Libraries ACT include reporting on the number of digital visitors to libraries in the financial year.**

WASTE AND RECYCLING

6.11 The Committee discussed the following issues about ACT NOWaste and resource management centres:

- KPMG report on Mugga Lane landfill;¹¹¹
- recycling strategies;¹¹²
- waste reduction;¹¹³
- odour issues;¹¹⁴

¹⁰⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 72-73.

¹⁰⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 74.

¹⁰⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 75.

¹⁰⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 76.

¹⁰⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 76-78.

¹¹⁰ *Answer to Question taken on Notice 34*.

¹¹¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 78-80.

¹¹² *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 81-83.

¹¹³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 83.

¹¹⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 83-84.

- West Belconnen facility and asbestos disposal;¹¹⁵
- green waste;¹¹⁶
- bulky waste;¹¹⁷ and
- green shed.¹¹⁸

ASBESTOS DISPOSAL

6.12 The Committee asked about work to allow the West Belconnen Resource Management Centre to accept waste from Mr Fluffy home demolitions. The Committee was advised that a clay-lined landfill site was developed with methane and leachate collection systems. Roads were upgraded to allow all-weather access. There is sufficient space for the waste of thousands of homes but areas are being prepared as they are needed to ensure planning is based on actual volumes of material.¹¹⁹

CAPITAL LINEN SERVICE

6.13 The Capital Linen Service provides a managed linen service to a wide range of ACT clients including public and private hospitals, health and aged care providers, hotels, restaurants, major tourist attractions, educational institutions and emergency services.¹²⁰

6.14 The Committee discussed the following matters related to Capital Linen Service:

- Profit.¹²¹

ACT PUBLIC CEMETERIES AUTHORITY

6.15 The ACT Public Cemeteries Authority (the Authority) is an independent statutory authority established under the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* to manage public cemeteries in the ACT. It currently operates three public cemeteries at Gungahlin, Woden and Hall.¹²²

6.16 The Committee discussed the following matters relating to the Authority:

- multiculturalism and burial needs;¹²³

¹¹⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 84-86.

¹¹⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 86-87.

¹¹⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 87.

¹¹⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 87.

¹¹⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 84-86.

¹²⁰ Territory and Municipal Services Annual Report 2014-2015—Volume 1, p. 48.

¹²¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 90-92.

¹²² Territory and Municipal Services Annual Report 2014-2015—Volume 2, p. 5.

- mausoleum;¹²⁴
- capacity at Woden;¹²⁵
- Southern Memorial Park;¹²⁶
- popularity of cremation;¹²⁷
- on-line memorialisation;¹²⁸ and
- Indigenous burial.¹²⁹

ROADS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

ROADS ACT

6.17 The Committee heard evidence on the following issues:

- 40km/h speed zones in group centres;¹³⁰
- signage;¹³¹
- Barton Highway flyover;¹³²
- Ashley Drive;¹³³ and
- road resurfacing.¹³⁴

40 KM/HR SPEED ZONES

6.18 The Committee asked about the 40 kilometre per hour speed zones now implemented across 18 group centres in the ACT. The Committee was informed that the reduction was initially trialled in Gungahlin and Woden then expanded to all group centres. The zones are determined by levels of pedestrian, vehicle and other usage.¹³⁵ The Minister noted that the research evidence is clear that reducing speed greatly increases the survivability of a pedestrian hit by a vehicle.

¹²³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 67.

¹²⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 67-68.

¹²⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 68-69.

¹²⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 68-69.

¹²⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, pp. 69-70.

¹²⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 70.

¹²⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 11 November 2015, p. 71.

¹³⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 185-188.

¹³¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 188-191.

¹³² *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 191.

¹³³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 191-192.

¹³⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 192-197.

¹³⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 185-188.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

6.19 The Committee discussed the following issues related to sustainable transport:

- Bunda Street shareway;¹³⁶
- compensation to taxi perpetual plate owners;¹³⁷
- on road cycle lanes on Tharwa Drive;¹³⁸
- Civic cycle loop;¹³⁹
- separation trial for cycle lanes;¹⁴⁰ and
- Kingston foreshore cycle routes.¹⁴¹

ACTION

6.20 The Committee discussed the following issues related to ACTION:

- Transport Canberra;¹⁴²
- Network 14 and new routes;¹⁴³
- Gungahlin bus routes including planned 254 Crace to City;¹⁴⁴
- late bus service to Lanyon market place;¹⁴⁵
- changes to bus network by introduction of light rail;¹⁴⁶
- advertising on ACTION buses;¹⁴⁷
- patronage;¹⁴⁸
- greenhouse gas reduction and emissions;¹⁴⁹
- new buses;¹⁵⁰
- contract procurement;¹⁵¹

¹³⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 199-202.

¹³⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 202-204.

¹³⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 204-206.

¹³⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 206.

¹⁴⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 206-208.

¹⁴¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 206-208.

¹⁴² *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 198-199.

¹⁴³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 209-212.

¹⁴⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 212-214.

¹⁴⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 214.

¹⁴⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 214-216, 229-230.

¹⁴⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 216-218.

¹⁴⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 218-221.

¹⁴⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 221-222.

¹⁵⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 222.

¹⁵¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 223.

- electric bus trials and natural gas buses;¹⁵²
- flexible bus service;¹⁵³
- MR Cagney review;¹⁵⁴
- Nightrider service;¹⁵⁵
- cost per kilometre measurement;¹⁵⁶
- bus shelters;¹⁵⁷
- payroll tax;¹⁵⁸
- Comcare expenses;¹⁵⁹
- depot upgrades;¹⁶⁰
- women bus drivers;¹⁶¹
- bus breakdowns and accidents;¹⁶²
- driver availability;¹⁶³
- loan from Commonwealth.¹⁶⁴

PATRONAGE

6.21 The Committee noted ACTION's target of 18.5 million passenger boardings in 2014-15 and its result of 17.6 million passenger boardings. The Minister noted that this was a source of frustration. Other indicators had improved: ACTION had the cheapest adult peak fares of any major Australian city, on-time running is up from 67 per cent in 2012-13 to 79 per cent now and improving, service reliability is high and customer satisfaction has increased from 65 to 76 per cent in the last twelve months. These indicators, combined with improvements from Network 14, are expected to increase patronage.¹⁶⁵

¹⁵² *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 223-225.

¹⁵³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 225-229.

¹⁵⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 230-232.

¹⁵⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 232-235.

¹⁵⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 235-236.

¹⁵⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 236-237.

¹⁵⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 237.

¹⁵⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 237-239.

¹⁶⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 240-242.

¹⁶¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 241.

¹⁶² *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 242-243.

¹⁶³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, pp. 243-244.

¹⁶⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 245.

¹⁶⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 219.

- 6.22 The Committee was informed that in the last survey done on why people did not use the bus 71 per cent said they preferred to use the car with the next highest reason at eight per cent saying the service was not convenient for them.¹⁶⁶
- 6.23 Officials suggested that declining patronage numbers could largely be attributed to less usage by tertiary students due to an increase in on-campus accommodation and fewer riders being captured by the data twice as routes that used to require transfers are now direct. Patronage trends are strong in Molonglo, Gungahlin, the Flemington road corridor and on the blue rapids that run from the north to the south.¹⁶⁷ Patronage has declined from the following suburbs: Phillip, Fraser, Garran, Torrens, Lyneham, Campbell, Turner, Spence, Yarralumla and Amaroo.¹⁶⁸

¹⁶⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 219.

¹⁶⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 25 November 2015, p. 221.

¹⁶⁸ *Answer to Question taken on Notice 63*.

7 CAPITAL METRO AGENCY

7.1 Capital Metro Agency (CMA) was established on 1 July 2013. CMA's mission is to manage all aspects of the ongoing planning, design and delivery of Stage 1 of a light rail network for the Territory.¹⁶⁹

7.2 The Committee discussed the following issues at a public hearing on 24 November 2015:

- development applications;¹⁷⁰
- partnership with Canberra Business Chamber and local industry participation;¹⁷¹
- Executive Director, Procurement and Delivery;¹⁷²
- promotion and community engagement;¹⁷³
- use of Magistrates' Court car park;¹⁷⁴
- business and community reference groups;¹⁷⁵
- CMA's role in Light Rail Network Master Plan;¹⁷⁶
- acquisition of land for Dickson interchange;¹⁷⁷
- overhead wires;¹⁷⁸
- greenhouse gas emissions reduction and sustainability;¹⁷⁹
- borrowing to finance project;¹⁸⁰
- funding from private groups;¹⁸¹
- yearly travel and dead running;¹⁸²
- ticket price;¹⁸³
- Transport Canberra;¹⁸⁴
- Chairman and Board of Capital Metro;¹⁸⁵

¹⁶⁹ *Capital Metro Annual Report 2014-2015*, p.8.

¹⁷⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 138-139.

¹⁷¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 139-141.

¹⁷² *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 141-144.

¹⁷³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 145-146.

¹⁷⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 146-147.

¹⁷⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 147-149.

¹⁷⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 149-150.

¹⁷⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 150-151.

¹⁷⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 151-152.

¹⁷⁹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 152-153.

¹⁸⁰ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 153-155.

¹⁸¹ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, p. 155.

¹⁸² *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 155-156.

¹⁸³ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 156-157.

¹⁸⁴ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 157-158.

- congestion reduction;¹⁸⁶ and
- economic benefits.¹⁸⁷

USE OF MAGISTRATES COURT CAR PARK

- 7.3 The Committee asked about the use of the Magistrates Court car park as a temporary construction facility during the construction phase of light rail. The Committee was informed that, as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessment, the Magistrates Court car park was identified as the most suitable public land for use as a construction compound. While the EIS assessment used a worst case scenario of all the car park being used, the final EIS, as approved, has no more than half the car park being used.
- 7.4 The two options being assessed to deal with the loss of car parking are either to remark and slightly extend both the Magistrates Court and Canberra Theatre car parks at a cost of approximately \$1 million or to build a temporary parking structure on the available half of the Magistrates Court car park at a cost of an estimated \$6 million. Both options provide more car parking spaces than are currently available on the full Magistrates Court car park.¹⁸⁸

¹⁸⁵ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 158-159.

¹⁸⁶ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 159-160.

¹⁸⁷ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 160-161.

¹⁸⁸ *Transcript of Evidence*, 24 November 2015, pp. 146-147.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Committee has made five recommendations in this report relating to a broad range of areas.
- 8.2 The Committee would like to thank ACT Government Ministers and directorate officials for their contribution to this inquiry and for their timely return of answers to questions taken on notice.

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Chair

23 March 2016

Appendix A Questions taken on Notice/Questions on Notice

No.	Hearing Date	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject	Answer Date
1	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Land acquisition	24/11/15
2	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Payments to panel members	30/11/15
2a	5/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	LDA	Denman Prospect and Homes for Homes	8/12/15
3	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Money spent by ACT government on Riverview Development	8/12/15
4	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Copy of Strategic acquisition policy	19/11/15
5	5/11/15	Dr Bourke	LDA	Criteria for affordability for 1, 2, 3 bedrooms	24/11/15
6	5/11/15	Mr Wall	LDA	Forecast demand for single residential blocks over the next 12 month	8/12/15
7	5/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	LDA	Status of remaining Moncrieff blocks	24/11/15
8	5/11/15	Ms Lawder	LDA	Map of public housing	17/11/15
9	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Breakdown of spend on Westside to date	26/11/15
10	5/11/15	Mr Smyth	LDA	Original targets for visitation and usage of Westside	26/11/15
11	5/11/15	Mr Smyth	LDA	Agendas for 14 LDA Board meetings	20/11/15
12	5/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	LDA	Stage of development of commercial blocks in Amaroo	15/12/15
13	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	NCA agreement that road verges by Parkes Way pond become Territory land	19/11/15
14	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Valuations for blocks of land acquired in Glebe Park	Answered on the day
15	5/11/15	Dr Bourke	LDA	Lawson Green Star rating	26/11/15
16	5/11/15	Mr Coe	LDA	Acquisition of land under a business as usual definition	Answered on the day

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No.	Hearing Date	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject	Answer Date
17	5/11/15	Mr Wall	CMTEDD	Increase in funding to ACT Events Fund	23/11/15
18	5/11/15	Mr Wall	CMTEDD	Current operating cost to government of GIO Stadium	20/11/15
19	5/11/15	Dr Bourke	CMTEDD	Quantify effect of woodfire smoke reduction measure	3/12/15
20	5/11/15	Ms Lawder	CMTEDD	Noise complaints broken down by area	23/11/15
21	11/11/15	Mr Doszpot	Sport and Rec	Lyneham Beach Volleyball	1/12/15
22	11/11/15	Mr Doszpot	Sport and Rec	Grants to grass roots sports clubs	1/12/15
23	11/11/15	Mr Doszpot	Sport and Rec	Community ovals	1/12/15
24	11/11/15	Dr Bourke	TAMS	Money raised for Pat Rubly park	19/11/15
25	11/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS	Outdoor gym equipment at Yerrabi pond	19/11/15
26	11/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS	Has some proportion of the BMX track at Kippax Oval been removed for either Icon Water infrastructure or ActewAGL	19/11/15
27	11/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS	Pialligo Quarry shut down	19/11/15
28	11/11/15	Dr Bourke	TAMS	Area mowed in Belconnen	26/11/15
29	11/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS	Variations to the arterial roads contract	19/11/15
30	11/11/15	Mr Doszpot	TAMS	Percentage of the mowing work covers the arterial roads, dollar-wise, compared to what is done by local contractors	19/11/15
31	11/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS	Site-by-site summary of what was done under the Bushfire Operational Plan and what was not	19/11/15
32	11/11/15	Mr Doszpot	Sport and Rec	Tenants of Sports House	Answered on the day

No.	Hearing Date	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject	Answer Date
33	11/11/15	Dr Bourke	TAMS	Volunteers involved in the Libraries ACT English conversation program	19/11/15
34	11/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS	Breakdown of library visits between the digital and the physical	19/11/15
35	11/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS	KPMG and PWC reports on the Mugga Way waste facility	30/11/15
36	11/11/15	Dr Bourke	TAMS	What happens when the Green Sheds are full of a particular type of item?	19/11/15
37	11/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS	Capital Linen Services fee for corporate support	19/11/15
38	13/11/15	Mr Wall	EPD	Lake Tuggeranong Closure	21/12/15
39	13/11/15	Mr Wall	EPD	Weed Spotter Website integrity	21/12/15
40	13/11/15	Mr Wall	EPD	Weed Spotter Website costings	21/12/15
41	13/11/15	Mr Coe	EPD	Staff Snapshot percentage	21/12/15
42	13/11/15	Mr Coe	EPD	Staff Snapshot completion	21/12/15
43	13/11/15	Dr Bourke	EPD	Outreach Energy and Water Program	21/12/15
44	13/11/15	Mr Coe	EPD	Outreach Energy and Water Program figures	21/12/15
45	13/11/15	Mr Wall	EPD	Wood Heater Replacement program	21/12/15
46	13/11/15	Mr Coe	EPD	Home Energy Advice Service	21/12/15
47	13/11/15	Dr Bourke	EPD	PV Installation at the Canberra Hospital	21/12/15
48	13/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	EPD	Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment progress	27/11/15
49	13/11/15	Mr Wall	EPD	Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Investigations	27/11/15
50	24/11/15	Mr Wall	CMA	Notice given by the Executive Director, Procurement	21/12/15

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No.	Hearing Date	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject	Answer Date
51	24/11/15	Mr Wall	CMA	2015-16 financial year communications budget	21/12/15
52	24/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	CMA	The business reference group for the city and stakeholders in car park	21/12/15
53	24/11/15	Mr Coe	CMA	The single lane stretch of Flemington Road as it goes into Hibberson Street	21/12/15
54	24/11/15	Mr Wall	CMA	Kilometres per year light rail expected to travel once operational	21/12/15
55	24/11/15	Mr Coe	CMA	Light rail's impact on expected travel time for a vehicle	21/12/15
55a	24/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	CMA	Volume of cars currently travelling Gungahlin to the City	21/12/15
56	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/Roads	Numbers of each type of streetlight used and annual electricity usage in gigawatts and cost by type	02/02/16
57	25/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS/Roads	Report on speed monitoring locations	02/02/16
58	25/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS/Roads	Modelling for duplication of Ashley Drive	17/12/15
59	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/Roads	Bus lane on Northbourne turned into T2	14/12/15
60	25/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS/ACTION	Patronage for route 250	7/12/15
61	25/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS/ACTION	Details of proposed Lanyon late service	7/12/15
62	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/ACTION	Scrutiny of ACTION advertising arrangements	7/12/15
63	25/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS/ACTION	Falling patronage areas	7/12/15
64	25/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS/ACTION	Breakdown of peak vs off-peak boardings and whether change over time	7/12/15
65	25/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS/ACTION	Proportion of the ACT's transport emissions from ACTION	18/12/15

No.	Hearing Date	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject	Answer Date
66	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/ACTION	Communication with unsuccessful bidders for ACTION tyre contract	7/12/15
67	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/ACTION	Details of measures used in cost per kilometre measure of operating costs	7/12/15
68	25/11/15	Ms Fitzharris	TAMS/Roads	Amaroo school bus shelter	7/12/15
69	25/11/15	Mr Coe	TAMS/ACTION	ACTION's payroll tax liability	7/12/15
70	25/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS/ACTION	Long-term leases at Woden bus station?	18/12/15
71	25/11/15	Mr Wall	TAMS/ACTION	Number of accidents at fault involving ACTION busses last year	7/12/15

Appendix B Witnesses

Thursday 5 November 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Chief Minister, Minister for Urban Renewal, Minister for Tourism and Events
- Mr David Dawes, Director-General, Economic Development (ED), Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- Mr Tom Gordon, A/g Executive Director, Land Development, Land Development and Corporate (LDC), ED
- Mr David Collett, Executive Director, Public Housing Renewal Taskforce
- Mr Ben Ponton, Deputy Director-General, LDC, ED
- Ms Margaret Cicolini, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Corporate and Governance/Chief Financial Officer, LDA Strategy Finance
- Mr Adam Stankevicius, Director, Arts ACT and Events ACT (ABEST)
- Ms Liz Clarke, General Manager, Territory Venues (ABEST)
- Mr Mark McCabe, Executive Director, Construction and Workplace Protection and ACT Work Safety Commissioner, Access Canberra, CMTEDD
- Mr Christopher Collier, Director, Community and Business Licensing, Access Canberra

Wednesday 11 November 2015

TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE (TAMS)

- Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services
- Ms Fleur Flanery, Director, City Services, Parks and Territory Services, TAMS
- Mr Phillip Perram, Executive Director, Parks and Territory Services, TAMS
- Mr Daniel Iglesias, Director, Parks and Conservation, Parks and Territory Services, TAMS
- Mr Gary Byles, Director General TAMS
- Ms Jenny Priest, Director, Sport and Recreation Services (ABEST)
- Mr David Dawes, Director-General, Economic Development (ED), Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)

- Mr Hamish Horne, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Cemeteries, Corporate and Business Enterprises, TAMS
- Mr Stephen Bartos, Deputy Chair, ACT Cemeteries Authority
- Ms Vanessa Little, Director, Libraries ACT, Parks and Territory Services, TAMS
- Mr Michael Trushell, Director, ACT NOWaste, Parks and Territory Services, TAMS
- Mr Daniel Childs, Manager, Capital Linen Service, Corporate and Business Enterprises, TAMS

Friday 13 November 2015

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE (EPD)

- Mr Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for the Environment
- Ms Dorte Ekelund, Director General, EPD
- Mr Gary Rake, Deputy Director General, EPD
- Ms Annie Lane, Executive Director, Environment, EPD
- Mr Bruce Fitzgerald, Director, Finance and Operational Support, EPD

Tuesday 24 November 2015

CAPITAL METRO AGENCY

- Mr Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for Capital Metro
- Ms Emma Thomas, Director-General, Capital Metro Agency
- Ms Melanie Taylor, Director, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, Capital Metro Agency
- Mr Duncan Edghill, Executive Director, Commercial, Capital Metro Agency

Wednesday 25 November 2015

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

- Mr Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning
- Ms Dorte Ekelund, Director General, EPD
- Mr Gary Rake, Deputy Director General, EPD
- Mr Tony Carmichael, Executive Director, Strategic Planning, EPD

- Mr Tony Gill, Director, Roads ACT, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS
- Mr Paul Peters, Executive Director, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS
- Mr Gary Byles, Director General, TAMS
- Mr Ben McHugh, ag Senior Manager, Capital Works Design and Delivery, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS

TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

- Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services
- Mr Ben McHugh, ag Senior Manager, Capital Works Design and Delivery, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS
- Mr Karl Alderson, Deputy Director-General, CMTEDD
- Mr Gary Byles, Director-General, TAMS
- Mr Ian McGlenn, ag Director, Public Transport, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS
- Mr Paul Peters, Executive Director, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS
- Mr Andrew Pedersen, ag Chief Finance Officer, Corporate and Business Enterprises, TAMS
- Mr Bren Burkevics, Chief Operating Officer, ACTION Bus Services, Public Transport, Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport, TAMS