

**2001–2002**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**No. 24**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2002**

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- 1** The Assembly met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. A quorum of Members not being present, the Speaker (Mr Berry) ordered the bells to be rung. A quorum having been formed the Speaker took the Chair and asked Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of the Australian Capital Territory.

**2 MAGISTRATES COURT (REFUND OF FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Ms Tucker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*.

*Paper:* Ms Tucker presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Title read by Clerk.

Ms Tucker moved - That this Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hargreaves) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**3 BIO-BIN TRIAL IN CHIFLEY**

Ms MacDonald, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the trial of a third bin for green and food waste in Chifley, the Household Organic Material Collection Trial, and thanks the residents of Chifley for their participation in the trial;
- (2) welcomes the release of the Report on the Bio Bin trial and notes the results;
- (3) congratulates ACT No Waste on the innovative trial; and
- (4) looks forward to a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to deal with green and household waste in the near future.

Debate ensued.

Ms Dundas, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

- (1) Insert new paragraph 3A

“3A calls on the Government to recommence the Bio Bins trial in Chifley and to expand the Bio Bin trial to the north of Canberra in a suburb or suburbs that provide a demographic contrast to Chifley; and”.

- (2) Insert “across Canberra” after the word “waste” in paragraph (4).

Debate continued.

Question – That Ms Dundas’ amendments be agreed to – put.

Ms MacDonald, by leave, moved – That the question on the two amendments be put separately.

Question – put and passed.

Question – That Ms Dundas’ amendment No (1) be agreed to – put and negatived.

Question – That Ms Dundas’ amendment No (2) be agreed to – put and passed.

Question – That the motion, as amended, viz:

That this Assembly:

- (1) notes the trial of a third bin for green and food waste in Chifley, the Household Organic Material Collection Trial, and thanks the residents of Chifley for their participation in the trial;
- (2) welcomes the release of the Report on the Bio Bin trial and notes the results;
- (3) congratulates ACT No Waste on the innovative trial; and
- (4) looks forward to a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to deal with green and household waste across Canberra in the near future –

be agreed to – put and passed.

#### **4 O’CONNELL EDUCATION CENTRE**

The notice for the moving of the motion having been called on –

Mr Pratt, pursuant to standing order 128, fixed the next day of sitting for the moving of private Members’ business, notice No. 3.

#### **5 LAND AUCTION IN EAST O’MALLEY**

Ms Tucker, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly calls on the Government to:

- (1) cancel the proposed auction in August of land in East O’Malley for residential development;
- (2) defer any decision about the sale of any part of this land until:
  - (a) the Government has completed a review of Action Plan 10 for the protection of the declared endangered Yellow Box/Red Gum Grassy Woodland ecological community; and
  - (b) the Assembly has considered the outcome of this review.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put.

The Assembly voted –

Ayes, 2	Noes, 13
Ms Dundas	Mr Berry
Ms Tucker	Mr Corbell
	Mr Cornwell
	Mrs Dunne
	Ms Gallagher
	Mr Hargreaves
	Mr Humphries
	Ms MacDonald
	Mr Pratt
	Mr Quinlan
	Mr Smyth
	Mr Stefaniak
	Mr Wood

And so it was negatived.

## 6 ELECTION COMMITMENTS IN BRINDABELLA

Mr Hargreaves, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (1) recognises the strong endorsement given to the Stanhope Labor Government by the electorate of Brindabella at the 2001 Legislative Assembly election.
- (2) notes the Government's commitment to deliver on the agenda it promised Brindabella residents at the election.
- (3) welcomes the early delivery of election commitments such as:
  - (a) investing in Brindabella schools via the abolition of the \$27 million free bus travel scheme;
  - (b) establishing the Affordable Housing Task Force;
  - (c) funding major public infrastructure projects in Brindabella;
  - (d) opening the new child and youth dental facility in Tuggeranong;
  - (e) developing sustainable public transport options for Brindabella residents;
  - (f) creating additional police positions;
  - (g) committing more field staff in Brindabella parks and reserves; and
  - (h) establishing the solar water rebate scheme.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted in accordance with standing order 74 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

## 7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 8 AUDITOR-GENERAL ACT - AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT - NO. 4 OF 2002 – FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNAL AUDITING IN TERRITORY AGENCIES – PAPER – PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General Act - Auditor General's Report – No. 4 of 2002 – Framework for Internal Auditing in Territory Agencies, dated 25 June 2002.

Mr Stanhope (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That the Assembly authorises the publication of Auditor-General's Report No. 4 of 2002.

Question - put and passed.

**9 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT - EXECUTIVE CONTRACTS - PAPERS AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

Mr Stanhope (Chief Minister) presented the following papers:

Public Sector Management Act, pursuant to sections 31A and 79 - Copies of executive contracts or instruments -

Short term contracts:

Pam Davoren, dated 31 May 2002.

Sandra Georges, dated 7 June 2002.

Lucy Bitmead, dated 4 June 2002.

Schedule D variation:

Lucy Bitmead, dated 6 May 2002 –

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the papers.

**10 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES ACT AND PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT - EXECUTIVE CONTRACT - PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

Mr Stanhope (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Health and Community Care Services Act, pursuant to section 25 and the Public Sector Management Act, pursuant to sections 31A and 79 - Copy of executive contract -

Short term contract:

Laurann Yen, dated 10 May 2002 –

and, by leave, made a statement in relation to the paper.

**11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF MEMBER**

Mr Stefaniak moved – That leave of absence be granted to Mrs Cross for today, 26 June, and tomorrow, 27 June 2002.

Question – put and passed.

**12 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - DISCUSSION – DRUG DEPENDENCE**

The Assembly was informed that Ms Dundas had proposed that a matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely, “The treatment of drug dependence in the ACT as a health issue, noting that this week is Drug Action Week.”.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

### 13 ELECTION COMMITMENTS IN BRINDABELLA

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That this Assembly:

- (1) recognises the strong endorsement given to the Stanhope Labor Government by the electorate of Brindabella at the 2001 Legislative Assembly election.
- (2) notes the Government's commitment to deliver on the agenda it promised Brindabella residents at the election.
- (3) welcomes the early delivery of election commitments such as:
  - (a) investing in Brindabella schools via the abolition of the \$27 million free bus travel scheme;
  - (b) establishing the Affordable Housing Task Force;
  - (c) funding major public infrastructure projects in Brindabella;
  - (d) opening the new child and youth dental facility in Tuggeranong;
  - (e) developing sustainable public transport options for Brindabella residents;
  - (f) creating additional police positions;
  - (g) committing more field staff in Brindabella parks and reserves; and
  - (h) establishing the solar water rebate scheme –

Debate resumed.

Ms MacDonald addressing the Assembly –

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 5 p.m. – The question was proposed – That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Wood (Manager of Government Business) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate –

Question – put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Ms MacDonald, by leave, was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put and passed.

### 14 PENSION BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME SELF FUNDED RETIREES

Mr Cornwell, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly calls upon the ACT Government to reverse the decision of its Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services, Mr Corbell, not to participate in the Federal Government's extension of pension benefits to low-income self funded retirees in the ACT.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put.

The Assembly voted -

Ayes, 7

Mr Cornwell	Mr Smyth
Ms Dundas	Mr Stefaniak
Mrs Dunne	Ms Tucker
Mr Humphries	

Noes, 6

Mr Berry	Mr Hargreaves
Mr Corbell	Ms MacDonald
Ms Gallagher	Mr Stanhope

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## **15 CANBERRA 400 V8 SUPERCAR EVENT – CONTRACT**

Ms Gallagher, pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism to table the contract relating to the Canberra 400 V8 Supercar event.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hargreaves) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## **16 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Stanhope (Chief Minister) moved – That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 5.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE:** All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except Mrs Cross (on leave).

**M J McRAE**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly