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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****NOTICE PAPER**

No. 89

TUESDAY, 2 MARCH 2004

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 HUMAN RIGHTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *2 DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Detail stage – Clause 1 – Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004 – Ms Gallagher*).
- 3 GAMING MACHINE AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2004 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 BUILDING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 5 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS (LICENSING) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 6 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 7 NURSE PRACTITIONERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*).

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

- 8 ANNUAL REPORTS (GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) BILL 2003: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *9 ANNUAL REPORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004 – Mr Smyth*).
- 10 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 11 HUMAN CLONING AND EMBRYO RESEARCH BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 12 BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 13 CRIMINAL CODE (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 14 EDUCATION BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 15 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.
- 16 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.

- 20 RESPIRE 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 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.
- 23 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 24 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.
- 25 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.
- 26 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.
- 27 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) (THRESHOLDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 28 LITTER BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 29 ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 30 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*).

- 31 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.
- 32 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.
- 33 ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mrs Dunne*).
- *34 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004 – Mr Pratt*).

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 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 7 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*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 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*).
- 10 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to require that plain clothes police and unmarked police cars be used wherever possible when collecting a mentally ill person from their home for assessment by a psychiatrist. (*Notice given 9 December 2003*).
- 11 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*).

12 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*).

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 GUNGALHIN 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 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 9 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 10 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 11 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 12 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 13 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Humphries)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 14 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 16 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
- 17 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 18 GMO (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2003: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 26 November 2003 – Mr Corbell)*.

- 19 DISCRIMINATION (GENETIC STATUS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Cross*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 20 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ASSISTED TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Burke*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 21 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Smyth*): Detail Stage – Clause 1 – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 22 GAMING MACHINE AMENDMENT BILL 2004 (NO. 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 23 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004 – Mr Stanhope*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.

- 13 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.

1 April 2004

- 14 PRIVILEGES 2004 – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 10 February 2004.
- *15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 February 2004.

31 May 2004

- 16 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 11 February 2004.

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on

7 May 2003

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: (*Mr Berry*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Ms Gallagher*).

23 October 2003

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

Standing Committee on Public Accounts on

12 February 2004

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Ms Dundas*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mr Quinlan*).

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 question

1238 Attorney-General (*Mr Cornwell*).

Unanswered questions

11 December 2003

(30 days expires 10 January 2004)

- 1180 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – For the funds allocated as bushfire initiatives in the 2003-04 Budget for counselling services:
- (1) How much of the allocated funding for (a) 2002-03 and (b) 2003-04 has been spent;
 - (2) How many residents have accessed counselling services established as part of the bushfire recovery;
 - (3) Will this service cease to exist at the end of the current financial year.
(Redirected 10 February 2004)

10 February 2004

(30 days expires 11 March 2004)

- 1232 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Further to a report in the *Canberra Times* on Sunday 1 February 2004 regarding the provision of security guards deployed to patrol mobile speed camera vans across the A.C.T. due to acts of aggression directed towards speed-camera operators by motorists:
- (1) How many acts of aggression, threats, assaults or other inappropriate behaviour against mobile speed-camera operators and/or equipment were reported in (a) 2001-02, (b) 2002-03 and (c) 2003-04 to date;
 - (2) How many charges have been laid against individuals responsible for such acts in each of the years listed at (1) above;
 - (3) How many security guards are currently deployed in the A.C.T. to protect mobile speed-camera operators and equipment on a (a) daily, (b) weekly and (c) monthly basis;
 - (4) From what date did it become necessary for security guards to be deployed for such purposes;

- (5) Who is financially responsible for the provision of security guards to protect speed-camera vans and operators and what is the cost to the A.C.T. Government for this service;
- (6) What action is the A.C.T. Government taking to educate motorists against this kind of unacceptable, illegal and dangerous behaviour.

1233 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to graffiti:

- (1) Has the Department recently provided \$2 000 for the purchase of spray cans for graffiti activity;
- (2) What is the purpose of this allocation.

1236 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Family Services:

- (1) How many reports of possible child abuse did the Department refer to Family Services in 2002-03 under mandatory reporting requirements;
- (2) What feedback was received by the Department from Family Services to these referrals;
- (3) If no feedback was received, why not.

1237 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to bridle trails:

- (1) Have bridle trails in the vicinity of Campbell Park offices been closed off and if so, when did this closure occur;
- (2) Why did the closure occur and when is it envisaged these trails will reopen;
- (3) Does the closure require horse riders to make a detour and if so, by what distance.

1239 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Community Affairs – In relation to the Multicultural Council:

- (1) How much funding did the Multicultural Council receive from the A.C.T. Government to prepare the Multicultural Festival in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2002-03 and (d) 2003-04;
- (2) Does the A.C.T. Government provide the Multicultural Council with any additional funds to that provided for the Multicultural Festival; if so, what were the additional funds provided and for what purpose in the years listed above.

1240 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to computer aided dispatch system (CADS):

- (1) Did you state on 6 March last year that the new CADS will be operational in September or October 2003; if so, why is the system not operational;

- (2) Did (a) you state in response to Question on Notice number 1188 that the project is to be completed by 30 June 2003 and (b) media reports out of the Coroner's Inquiry into the 2001 bushfires indicate that Mr Lucas Smith believed the system would be operational by April 2004; if so, what is the correct date for the system to be operational and why is there confusion about the completion date;
- (3) How much funding had been expended on this project as at 31 January 2004 and what has been delivered for that expenditure.

11 February 2004

(30 days expires 12 March 2004)

1247 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the trial of issuing syringes from vending machines outside health centres:

- (1) Why has the Government announced that it will move ahead with the trial when it has not responded to the Committee report on this subject;
- (2) When will the Government formally respond to the Committee report;
- (3) How much do you estimate that the trial of issuing syringes from vending machines will cost;
- (4) Has the A.C.T. Government purchased the vending machines or will it lease them;
- (5) What is the design of the machines to be used, for example, coin slot to get new needle or disposal of old needle to get new needle
- (6) How many vending machines will be used during the trial and where will they be located;
- (7) What arrangements will be put in place to encourage safe disposal of needles after use;
- (8) What educational activities will be put in place to advertise the availability of the syringes and promote the safe disposal of needles after use amongst relevant groups;
- (9) What criteria will be used to assess whether or not the trial has been a success.

1248 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to a review of funds paid to the A.C.T. by N.S.W. for health services and further to an article that appeared in the *Canberra Chronicle* on 16 December 2003 detailing plans by the Southern Area Health Service to the rate paid to the A.C.T. for health services, what input, if any, has the A.C.T. had in this review.

1249 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to recruitment of locums at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital:

- (1) How many (a) locums and (b) doctors were recruited from overseas to work at the (i) Canberra Hospital and (ii) Calvary Public Hospital during 2002 and 2003;
- (2) What was the total cost of recruiting these (a) locums and (b) doctors to work in the public hospital system during 2002 and 2003;
- (3) What countries did the overseas doctors recruited as (a) locums and (b) doctors during 2002 and 2003 come from.

1250 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to security at Calvary Public Hospital and further to your response to Question on notice No 1212 which stated that the audit identified some immediate security issues, what are the immediate security issues identified.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

1252 Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism

In relation to airline travel in the A.C.T. Public Service and A.C.T. Government:

- (1) How many airline flights each month did officers in your department or associated agencies undertake on official business between 1 July 2003 and 31 January 2004;
- (2) How many of these flights were on (a) Qantas, (b) Rex Airlines and (c) Virgin Blue services;
- (3) How many airline flights did officers in your departments or associated agencies undertake on official business between Canberra and Sydney or vice versa between 1 July 2003 and 31 January 2004;
- (4) How many of these flights were on (a) Qantas, (b) Rex Airlines or (c) an airline other than Qantas or Rex.

1255 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the Welcome Back Cotter function on Australia Day:

- (1) How many residents attended this function;
- (2) What was the cost to the A.C.T. taxpayer of hosting this function;
- (3) From where in the budget did the funds come from to pay for this event;
- (4) Why was it decided to hold this function on Australia Day and not another day;
- (5) How were funds made available for this event, but not for Australia Day in the National Capital to organise local activities to celebrate Australia Day.

- 1256 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the upgrade of the emergency services communications system:
- (1) What work has been completed on the upgrade of the emergency services communications system in the A.C.T.;
 - (2) As at 31 January how much of the \$312 000 allocated to this project had been expended;
 - (3) What has been delivered for the money expended to date;
 - (4) How does the Government anticipate to spend \$23.668m on this project by June 2007 when only \$312 000 has been allocated this financial year.
- 1257 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the Civic Youth Centre:
- (1) Further to your reply to Question on notice No 1084 in which you state that there are plans to replace the Civic Youth Centre in another location, what is that location;
 - (2) When will work begin for the replacement of the Civic Youth Centre;
 - (3) When is the work scheduled to finish;
 - (4) How much has been budgeted for the replacement;
 - (5) Have any community or youth groups been consulted on the replacement of the Civic Youth Centre;
 - (6) If so, which groups have been consulted;
 - (7) If there has been no consultation, why not.
- 1258 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Community Affairs – In relation to business migrant sponsorship, how many potential business migrants, who have met the relevant criteria and presented the A.C.T. Office of Multicultural Affairs with a business plan, have been offered Territory sponsorship in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, (d) 2002-2003 and (e) 2003 to date.
- 1259 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to water bombing displays:
- (1) How much did the water bombing display that was conducted on 9 February 2004 with the Squirrel helicopter and the Bell 214 helicopter cost;
 - (2) When was it decided that the display would be conducted;
 - (3) How much has been allocated in the budget for the displays of this type.
- 1261 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – What are the policy, protocols and procedures for the day-to-day treatment of children with a disability or special needs within special schools like Cranleigh, Marymead and Woden Special School.

- 1262 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – Can the Minister advise:
- (1) The frequency of inspections for A.C.T. Housing properties;
 - (2) The method of recording such inspections;
 - (3) How this information is used, and by whom;
 - (4) Where such information is held;
 - (5) Evidence of these inspections for 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- 1264 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – What is the cost to the Government through vandalism to public housing properties since November 2001 to date and detail such costs in relation to (a) multi-unit complexes and (b) single dwellings.
- 1265 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to a review of sports grounds:
- (1) Has the assessment of the state of Category 3 and Category 4 sports grounds been completed;
 - (2) If so, what are the results of that assessment; if not, when will it be completed;
 - (3) How many Category 3 and 4 sports grounds are in a condition where they will be able to be used during the winter;
 - (4) What is the estimate of the cost of the work needed to restore these ovals to usable condition;
 - (5) Which ovals require such restoration work and what will be the cost of restoring each of these ovals;
 - (6) Which ovals are in such bad condition that they will not be available for use during the winter season of 2004;
 - (7) How much will it cost to restore each of these ovals to a condition of being fit for use;
 - (8) Has any work been done on studying the likely impact of the unavailability of these ovals for competitions during the 2004 season;
 - (9) In regards to (8), if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.

12 February 2003

(30 days expires 13 March 2004)

- 1266 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to teacher planning in the A.C.T:
- (1) Is a high school teacher required to follow a prepared program of work, written either by the teacher or by a superior teacher;

- (2) If not, why not and how are work programs for classes determined;
- (3) If teachers do not write the work programs for the classes, how much input is provided by the teachers;
- (4) Does a prepared program of work have to meet the requirements of the A.C.T. Department of Education, Youth and Family Services; and
- (5) If so, what are those requirements.

1267 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to bushfire fuel reduction on public land:

- (1) Since 1 November 2003 what are the locations to date of the bushfire fuel reduction exercises on public land in Canberra that have been undertaken by the Department of Urban Services or any companies contracted by the Department;
- (2) How many of the locations have been followed up since the original fuel reduction had been undertaken to ensure that regrowth was not a hazard;
- (3) Have local residents of these locations been alerted to any fuel reduction exercises;
- (4) If so, how have they been alerted;
- (5) If not, why have they not been alerted;
- (6) What is the standard process for the Department of Urban Services when a request has come from a resident for the Department to clear public land as it may be a bushfire hazard;
- (7) How many requests have been received by the Minister and the Department from residents requesting that public land be cleared as it may be a bushfire hazard;
- (8) How many of these requests have been followed up and the land cleared.

1268 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to illegal operators in the hire car industry in Canberra:

- (1) What action has been taken, or strategy put in place, to catch and penalise illegal operators in the hire car industry;
- (2) What role does the Motor Traffic Branch of A.C.T. Policing take in catching and penalising illegal operators in the hire car industry;
- (3) How many illegal operators in the hire car industry in Canberra have been (a) given warnings or (b) penalised or charged by A.C.T. Policing in (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 2000-2001, (iii) 2001-2002, (iv) 2002-2003 and (v) 2003 to date;

1270 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) Was there a debt blow out within A.C.T. Housing at the end of the 2003 calendar year;
- (2) If so what was the amount of that debt and why did this blow out occur.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

- 1272 Attorney-General
- 1273 Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 1274 Minister for Planning

In relation to air space above the Southcare helicopter base at Hume:

- (1) What are the regulations regarding air space for the Snowy Hydro Southcare helicopter above its base in Hume;
- (2) Are there any regulations that prevent the construction of structures anywhere under that air space;
- (3) If so, what are those regulations and what are the implications of the proposed prison site at Hume on air space for the Snowy Hydro Southcare helicopter;
- (4) Are there any other aircraft that utilize land near or around the proposed prison site;
- (5) If so, what implications does the proposed site have on the owners of those aircraft.

1275 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the National Zoo and Aquarium:

- (1) Did you state almost 12 months ago in your response to Question on notice No 396 that an application is being considered by Government and a decision will be made shortly; if so, why has there still been no decision on whether the National Zoo and Aquarium can utilise more land to expand its operation;
- (2) When will a decision be made on whether the National Zoo and Aquarium can utilise more land to expand its operations;
- (3) Did the National Capital Authority (NCA) request information and documentation from the A.C.T. Government before it would proceed in preparing and releasing a Draft Amendment to the National Capital Plan to allow the zoo to lease the required land; if so, has the information listed in response to Question on notice No 396 been given to the NCA;
- (4) If so to (3), when was it given to the NCA; if not, why not and when will it be provided.

1276 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the introduction of pay parking in Belconnen and Tuggeranong:

- (1) How much revenue will be raised during 2003-04 with the introduction of pay parking in Belconnen and Tuggeranong;
- (2) How much revenue is it anticipated will be raised during (a) 2004-05, (b) 2005-06 and (c) 2006-07;
- (3) What is the itemised cost to date for each town centre to introduce pay parking;

- (4) How much additional expenditure, including for the employment of additional parking officers, will be incurred in (a) 2004-05 and (b) the out years as a result of the introduction of pay parking in Belconnen and Tuggeranong;
- (5) What would the itemised cost be for each town centre to restore free parking in Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

1278 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school based management:

- (1) What is the total sum of funds currently sitting in school bank accounts under school based management;
- (2) What is the figure for each school.

1281 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to certain capital works that were undertaken at Hennessy House during 2002-03 and further to the reply to Question on notice No 1215:

- (1) What was the urgent reason that necessitated the Calvary Hospital Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CALCAM) team having to move from Calvary Hospital to Hennessy House;
- (2) What was the required deadline referred to in the answer to paragraph (1) of Question on Notice No 1215 and how was this deadline determined;
- (3) How was it possible to determine that the Technical and Special Classes (TASC) room in the Hennessy House precinct was able to provide potentially suitable accommodation for the CALCAM team when significant renovation work was required before the CALACM team could occupy these premises;
- (4) How long is it anticipated that the CALCAM team will be located in the TASC room.
- (5) When was the renovation project (a) commenced and (b) completed.
- (6) Have there been any implications for the capital works budget for A.C.T. Health for 2003-04 following the need to cash [manage] the Capital Works Program to undertake the renovation of the TASC room.

2 March 2004

(Redirected question - 30 days expires 11 March 2004)

*1245 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – In respect of initial reforms to be made to energy, water and sewerage concessions as outlined in the Canberra Social Plan 2004, page 28:

- (1) From what date will the new concession for households connected to gas be introduced in order to remove the anomaly in current arrangements and streamline energy concessions;

- (2) From what date will the rebates be adjusted to ensure that A.C.T. residents on low incomes are not disadvantaged by electricity, water and gas price rises;
- (3) From what date and in what form will advice on improving energy efficiency be offered to households in receipt of concessions;
- (4) What will the value of each of the concessions above be to each household or consumer on a yearly basis;
- (5) Will each of the concessions above also be made available to all low-income self-funded retirees in the ACT.

(Redirected question - 30 days expires 12 March 2004)

- *1254 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Canberra Connect and further to a recent report that Canberra Connect software failed and the phone lines for Canberra Connect, which claims to be accessible from 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays (excluding public holidays), were not switched through to Telstra, on how many occasions in the period January 2002 – January 2004 has this problem occurred, on a month by month basis.

New questions

(30 days expires 1 April 2004)

- *1283 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment –
- (1) When was the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre completed;
 - (2) What was the projected population that would be served by the plant at the time of completion;
 - (3) Has the population projection to be served by the plant been revised since completion;
 - (4) If it was revised, (a) why was it changed and (b) what is the current population projection;
 - (5) What factors have caused any changes to projections.
- *1284 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission pricing direction for A.C.T. water price increases, does the Government have any proposals for concessions to large families.
- *1285 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –
- (1) Who sanctioned or approved the placement of the *Little Johnny Howard* statue outside ActewAGL premises in Civic and why;
 - (2) What criteria does ActewAGL have for placing such structures on display;

- (3) Is ActewAGL prepared to accept other political artistic efforts for public display, including anti-Labor items;
- (4) Which charities will obtain funds from such activities;
- (5) Given that ActewAGL is currently the sole suppliers of retail electricity and gas in the A.C.T., does it have a right to be so politically partisan;
- (6) In view of the large number of non-Labor voters in the A.C.T., is this action in the best taste given that ActewAGL has a monopoly over utilities supplies.

*1286 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) How many A.C.T. Housing tenants pay full market rent;
- (2) What is meant by full market rent;
- (3) Is this rent adjusted; if so, how and when;
- (4) If this rent is not adjusted, why not.

*1287 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) What are the details of your Department's support for the Communities @ Work Inc directory for Tuggeranong and Weston Creek regions and, if financial, how much;
- (2) Is it intended to produce similar directories for other regions of the A.C.T.; if so, when; if not, why not;
- (3) How will this directory be distributed to the community;
- (4) How do the community services provided by Communities @ Work Inc differ from your Department's services in the various areas shown upon the letterhead or is the Department planning to vacate these fields;
- (5) Would there have been economies of scale to produce this directory for the entire A.C.T.
- (6) Was Communities @ Work Inc previously the Tuggeranong Community Council; if so, (a) why was the name changed, (b) what was the cost of the change and (c) who paid for the name change.

*1288 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) In relation to the renting of 50 private rental properties by A.C.T. Housing, was this initiative advertised to property owners; if so, when and who was invited to apply; if not, why not;
- (2) In what suburbs are these houses located;
- (3) Will the private owners have any input into the type of tenants to be accommodated, for example families and groups;

- (4) Will market rent be charged by the owners; if so, will this result in A.C.T. Housing paying more rent than it currently forgoes for its own properties and if so, what will the cost difference be;
- (5) Are rents payable by A.C.T. Housing to the owners fixed; if so, for how long;
- (6) If rent is fixed, how will the private landlord take advantage of rising rents in the market;
- (7) If the properties are mortgaged, will A.C.T. Housing take over the full mortgage repayments via rent;
- (8) What will be the average rent paid to owners;
- (9) What rules will apply to eviction and will they be the same rules as those applying in the private rental market;
- (10) What arrangements will be made in cases of property damage by tenants and will a bond be required to cover this possibility.

*1289 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) Did he issue a media release US11/04 of 11 February 2004 which stated that the Government will continue to remove graffiti from public property within three working days;
- (2) Why is the City Scape depot adjacent to Belconnen Way east of Coulter Drive still with graffiti applied before Christmas 2003;
- (3) What control is exercised to ensure contractors fulfill their obligations of three working days for removal of graffiti.

*1290 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –

- (1) Are police officers required to go through 12 screen levels before they can make a report because the reporting is for statistical purposes rather than recording of incidents;
- (2) Does it take 45 days to match a fingerprint; if so, why; if not, how long does it take.

*1291 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (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.

*1292 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) Are the 71 new service residential care places, located at Calvary (35) and Southern Cross (36), which were allocated to the A.C.T. by the Commonwealth on 10 February 2004, in addition to those already allocated to these bodies; if so, what are the total available places now held by each organisation;

- (2) Will the allocation of these new places result in further A.C.T. planning delays to buildings to accommodate these places; if so, why.

*1293 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –

- (1) In relation to the Targeted Land Release for Aged Care commitments as outlined in the *Building for our Ageing Community* brochure, what is the exact location of the four sites presently included in the A.C.T. Government's land release program for the purposes of aged care accommodation;
- (2) Have each of these sites been allocated to specific service providers or developers; if so, to whom;
- (3) When is it expected that development on each of these sites will be (a) commenced and (b) concluded;
- (4) How many aged care beds will be provided by each of these developments, and will they be (a) high care, (b) low care or (c) independent living units;
- (5) In relation to two further sites set for release in 2004-05, namely Block 9 Section 78 Nicholls and Block 9 Section 410 Gordon, can he provide similar information to that in parts (2), (3) and (4) above;
- (6) In relation to planning investigations that have also commenced for the development of aged care accommodation on sites 14 and 19 Greenway, can he provide similar information to that in parts (2), (3) and (4) above.

*1294 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (1) In relation to the 2004 Report on Government Services, Section 12 Aged Care Services, Table 12.2 showing operational high care and low care residential places at 30 June 2003 and that the A.C.T. is shown to have the lowest number of total places (79.4) for any State or Territory per 1000 people aged 70 years and over, is the A.C.T. Government currently undertaking negotiations with the Commonwealth Government to address this problem;
- (2) If so, could details of these negotiations be provided;
- (3) If such negotiations are not being undertaken, why.

*1295 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Did you state to the Assembly in 2003 that a bus concessions review to extend pensioner off-peak tickets to peak periods was underway; if so, will you make the outcome of this review available to Members of the Assembly;
- (2) If not, why not; if so, when will it be available.

*1296 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) In relation to full retail contestability and Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Report 17 of 2003, when will the A.C.T. Government respond to the report;
- (2) If the A.C.T. Government does not intend to respond, why not.

*1297 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1230 concerning water exemptions, why are there 2 436 exemptions currently active until the end of Stage 3;
- (2) How many of the 2 436 exemptions are for residential properties;
- (3) What does an exemption allow for a residential property;
- (4) Can an estimate be provided of the amount of water used by these Stage 3 exemptions.

*1298 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 4 in relation to facilities for the aged by region, how many public housing aged person units exist in (a) Belconnen, (b) City, (c) Gungahlin, (d) Tuggeranong, (e) Weston Creek and (f) Woden;
- (2) What is the (a) waiting list number and (b) expected wait for such accommodation in each of the suburbs listed at (1) above;
- (3) How many residential aged care facility beds are currently operational in the A.C.T. in the categories of (a) high care, (b) low care and (c) respite care;
- (4) As at the end of February 2004, how many people were on the nursing home waiting list held by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) in each of the categories of (a) Calvary Hospital, (b) The Canberra Hospital, (c) private hospitals, (d) hospice and (e) community;
- (5) Do the waiting list figures at (4) above include clients from Queanbeyan or other parts of NSW; if so, how many people in this situation are represented on this list;
- (6) Can an estimate be provided of the total number of people who are on waiting lists for aged care facilities in the A.C.T. and who are not included on the list held by ACAT;
- (7) How many dementia specific designated beds are there currently in the A.C.T.;
- (8) Is there a dementia specific waiting list held by ACAT at present; if so, how many people are on this list.

*1299 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –

- (1) Further to your response to Question on notice No 1061 regarding funding for the Alzheimer's Association of the A.C.T., why have the Alzheimer's Association's previous claims for recurrent funding of up to \$350 000 per annum, to enable it to continue to run its charitable operations, been rejected by the Government;
- (2) Why is the A.C.T. the only State or Territory Government that does not provide funds for its Alzheimer's Association.

- *1300 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –
- (1) In relation to the lighting of a fire outside the Australian Federal Police headquarters on Friday 9 February 2004 by Aboriginal protestors, was a total fire ban in force in the A.C.T. on that day;
 - (2) If so, what action is being taken against those who began the fire;
 - (3) If no action is being taken (a) why not, (b) why should such bans be respected by A.C.T. residents, (c) is it because the perpetrators are Aboriginal or supporters of Aboriginal people and (d) do we have separate laws for Aboriginal people and others and if so, will the A.C.T. Government promulgate the differences.
- *1301 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) How many instances of deliberately obscuring motor vehicle number plates to avoid speed or red light camera detection have been recorded in the A.C.T. in (a) 2001-02, (b) 2002-03 and (c) 2003-04 to date;
 - (2) What are the penalties for such activity.
- *1302 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) Further to the Government's longer term strategy for older people's use of Canberra's library services and facilities, who decided to use the picture of an elderly couple on the front page of the *Are you over 50* brochure regarding older people's use of library services and facilities;
 - (2) Has the Government received any complaints regarding the use of this photo given that the brochure is for those over 50, not those over 70;
 - (3) How many of the ten actions listed in this brochure have been acted on and how;
 - (4) When will any remaining actions be acted on.
- *1303 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Why are trees being removed at Blocks 19 and 20 of Section 19 Fyshwick.
- *1304 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning –
- (1) Further to your reply to Question on notice No 990, has the revitalisation incentives policy been determined;
 - (2) If so, could details be made available; if not, when will it be determined.
- *1305 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) Is the Government looking to develop the O'Connell Education Centre at Griffith and the Joint Emergency Services Centre at Curtin as aged care facilities;

- (2) If so, (a) how many aged care beds will be available at each site, (b) how far has planning progressed and (c) who will manage each facility;
- (3) Have the local communities been consulted; if not, why not;
- (4) When is a public announcement expected.

*1306 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Who are the Senior Executive Working Group and what do they do;
- (2) Do their duties include approving or endorsing land release for aged care facilities; if so, why do approvals take so long and what is the average time for land release for an aged care facility.

*1307 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services –

- (1) What progress has been made to date on the Government's promise to review its policy of guaranteeing security of tenure for public housing tenants paying full market rent;
- (2) What methods is the Government adopting to undertake this review.

*1308 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – What is the Government doing to assist people into employment who are long-term unemployed with a mild disability and who require rehabilitation and have a mental disadvantage in some way, for example schizophrenia.

*1309 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – How many Apprehended Violence Orders have A.C.T. Housing tenants taken out against other A.C.T. Housing tenants during (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003 and (c) 2003-2004.

*1310 MRS BURKE: To ask the Chief Minister –

- (1) Do people from culturally diverse backgrounds currently experience any difficulty in attaining managerial or policy positions within the A.C.T. Public Service; if so, why;
- (2) What is the ratio of people from culturally diverse backgrounds that currently hold such positions within the A.C.T. Public Service compared to other groups;
- (3) Are there any current problems within the A.C.T. Public Service in relation to racial or group discrimination;
- (4) Are there any inequities within our Public Service system that would cause people from culturally diverse backgrounds undue distress in relation to possible job promotion;
- (5) Are the current Equal Employment Opportunities strategies working as effectively as they can; if so, what evidence is there to support this.

- *1311 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) What is the purpose of the departmental publication entitled *Making Canberra an Even Better Place 2004*;
 - (2) What was the (a) print run and (b) cost of the print run;
 - (4) Where will it be distributed;
 - (5) What will be the cost of distribution;
 - (6) Is the information on the services described also available elsewhere.
- *1312 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General –
- (1) In relation to underage drinking at Canberra Stadium during this calendar year, (a) how many inspectors, if any, has the Office of Fair Trading tasked to enforce the provisions of the liquor laws and (b) at which events, if any, were Fair Trading Liquor inspectors tasked to enforce the liquor laws;
 - (3) How many underage persons have been detected at Canberra Stadium in breach of the liquor laws for the period 1 November 2001 to 1 March 2004;
 - (4) How many of these persons were (a) prosecuted, (b) found guilty of an offence or (c) imposed a penalty and if so, what was the penalty in each case;
 - (5) What action was taken against those persons not prosecuted;
 - (6) What action was taken against any accompanying adult who was either supplying alcohol to the young person or permitting the young person to purchase or consume alcohol.

T Duncan
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 (*from 18 February 2003*), Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald (*during the absence of Mr Hargreaves from 11-27 May 2002*), Mr Stefaniak (*during the absence of Mrs Dunne on 6 May 2003*).

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 (*from 21 November 2002*), 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 (*from 18 February 2003*), 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): Mrs Dunne (Chair), Mrs Cross (*from 21 November 2002*), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves (*from 30 January 2003*), (Mr Stefaniak *from 12 February 2004 for the duration of the inquiry into Aldi supermarkets*).

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: (*Formed 11 December 2001*): Mr Smyth (Chair), Ms MacDonald (*from 30 January 2003*), Ms Tucker.

Select

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

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*).

ESTIMATES 2003-04: (*Formed 3 April 2003*): Mr Smyth (Chair), Mrs Cross, Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Dunne, Ms MacDonald. (*Presented 17 June 2003*).

ESTIMATES 2003-04 (NO. 2): *(Formed 19 August 2003)*: Mr Smyth (*Chair*), Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves. *(Presented 23 September 2003)*.

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)*.

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