



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2017-18

MR WALL MLA (CHAIR), MS CODY MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MR COE MLA, MS LE COUTEUR MLA, MR PETERSSON MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

JACS - Budget Statement D - Output EBT 1.1

In relation to TASERs (page 110 of Budget Paper 3), I note that the United Nations Committee Against Torture has previously said that the use of TASERs on humans can amount to torture:

- 1) Why has the Government chosen to invest further in the use of TASERs rather than other preventative and humane police methods and tactics?
- 2) How frequently were TASERs used by ACT Police in the past 12 months?
- 3) Is ACT Police authorised to use TASERs against minors under the Age of 18, noting that the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has previously expressed concerns about this?
- 4) How many of those cases resulted in significant injuries for the person on whom the TASER was used?

Mr Mick Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Note: TASER is a specific brand of Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW). The phrase "taser" is used, as it is the term most commonly understood in the community.

1. The use of TASERs has resulted in the successful de-escalation of potentially lethal incidents and gives police an additional less-lethal use of force option to deal with life threatening situations.

Tasers can be deployed from a safe distance and inflict less pain for a shorter period of time than other police use of force options such as 'capsicum' spray and batons.

TASER use within ACT Policing is in accordance with section 5.4 of The Australian Federal Police (AFP) Commissioner's Order on operational safety (CO3) (Commissioner's Order 3): *"the principles of negotiation and conflict de-escalation are always emphasised as the first consideration prior to using physical force. The AFP considers the safety of AFP appointees and members of the public to be of paramount importance"*.

In addition to protecting the community from potentially lethal incidents, equipping police officers with TASERS provides extra protection for our police officers. This is particularly important given evolving threat of violent extremism and terrorism. In addition to equipping police with TASERS the Government is implementing a number of other preventative measures through security enhancements at ACT Policing facilities to improve safety for its staff and visitors.

2. ACT Policing advises that a TASER was *used** on 48 occasions between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017.

*The term 'use' in relation to TASERs is defined under AFP Commissioner's Order on Operational Safety (CO3) as one or more of the following:

- i. drawing;
- ii. aiming; or
- iii. discharging.

ACT Policing reports that a TASER was not *discharged* on 37 of the 48 occasions of reported use.

ACT Policing reports there have been no findings of inappropriate use of a TASER between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017.

3. ACT Policing provides a high level of governance and oversight for TASER use within the ACT ensuring that all use is recorded correctly and conducted in accordance with AFP Commissioner's Order on operational safety (CO3), and that all ACT Policing members are accountable for their TASER possession and use.

TASER use within ACT Policing is in accordance with section 5.4 of The AFP CO3: *"the principles of negotiation and conflict de-escalation are always emphasised as the first consideration prior to using physical force. The AFP considers the safety of AFP appointees and members of the public to be of paramount importance"*.

Police are able to use reasonable force regardless of a person's age, under common law and under a range of legislative provisions. At all times force must be reasonable; CO3 defines reasonable as "the minimum force reasonably necessary in the circumstances to resolve a particular incident".

TASERs are available for use across all jurisdictions in Australia.

The use of TASERs has resulted in the successful de-escalation of potentially lethal incidents and gives police a less-lethal use of force option to deal with life threatening situations.

TASERs can be deployed from a safe distance and inflict less pain for a shorter period of time than other police use of force options such as "capsicum" spray and batons.

All ACT Policing Use of Force (UoF) reports are retained on the Police Realtime Online Management Information System (PROMIS) and may be reviewed by the Ombudsman.

4. ACT Policing advises there were no reports of injury to persons on whom a TASER was used over the same period.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

JACS - Budget Statement D - Output EBT 1.1

In relation to alcohol-fuelled violence, I note that the Government has invested in increased police presence for night time precincts:

- 1) Will all these police be deployed in Civic or are their other night time hotspots that will be a focus?
- 2) Has the directorate done any modelling on the density of alcohol outlets across the city to identify high-risk areas?
- 3) How do the current initiatives seek to address violence linked to off-license (take away) alcohol outlets?
- 4) Are there any plans to amend the current risk-based licensing scheme to take additional criteria into account (e.g. incident history, availability of other activities etc.)?

Mr Mick Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) I am advised that the six additional members have been allocated to ACT Policing's Regional Targeting Team. The Regional Targeting Team patrols all areas of Canberra, focusing on the Central Business District and entertainment precincts. The additional officers will increase ACT Policing's presence in these entertainment precincts as well as at major sporting, cultural and music events.
- 2) The issue of outlet density (the number of licensed premises in a particular geographical area) is considered through the licence oversight process built into the Liquor Act 2010 (the Act). Under this process, applications for liquor licences are carefully assessed by the Commissioner for Fair Trading in accordance with the harm minimisation and community safety principles of the Act.
- 3) One of the initiatives outlined in the 2017/18 Budget relates to an increase in licence fees for off-licensed venues. There has been a five percent fee increase for off-licences with licensed times after 6pm and which have more than \$3 million in annual liquor purchases, with a further five percent fee increase for every extra million in purchases to a cap of 20 percent. The funding raised by this fee increase will be used to run an education/awareness campaign on responsible consumption of alcohol.

- 4) The ACT's recent reforms strengthen an already robust liquor licensing framework to ensure that Canberra's nightlife becomes safer and more vibrant. Further reforms to the ACT's liquor licensing scheme will be considered once there has been an opportunity to fully implement and review recent reforms.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA



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14 JUL 2017

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: EPSD, Budget Statement E

In relation to: Affordable Housing Action Plan

1. Which Minister, Directorate, Office and Agency will have responsibility for the Affordable Housing Action Plan, moving forward?
2. Under what output class will the Affordable Housing Action Plan be delivered?
3. How will EPSD Land Policy and CSD Housing Policy be coordinated?

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Minister for Housing and Suburban Development has responsibility for the existing Affordable Housing Action Plan and the development of a new Strategy.

Land Supply and Policy Division, in the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate has lead responsibility for the current Affordable Housing Action Plan and any new future Strategy.
2. The current Affordable Housing Action Plan is being delivered under Output 4.1: Land Policy. Any future Strategy will also be delivered under this output.
3. These policy areas are coordinated through a cross Directorate Project Control Group.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: EPSD, Budget Statement E – Suburban Land Agency

In relation to: The purchase of the 'Burraburoo' property in Williamsdale by the LDA in 2014

1. In the brief released under a Freedom of Information request from LDA's CEO, David Dawes, dated 23 December 2014, it is stated that "the suitability of the remaining land as a rural residential estate will be assessed in due course", therefore:
 - a. Has that work been done yet?
 - b. If not, which budget year is it funded under?
 - c. What is the expected timeline for completion of that study?
 - d. What other rural residential estates has the Government or its agencies investigated developing?
 - e. What other rural residential estates does the Government or its agencies plan on developing over the next four years?
 - f. What is the policy rationale for pursuing rural residential development?
 - g. Under what policy was the LDA/SLA pursuing rural residential development?

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- a. No. The suitability of the remaining land as a rural residential estate has not progressed beyond an initial review and environmental studies.
- b. No budget funding has been provided.
- c. N/A.
- d. There are currently no rural residential estates under active consideration by the Suburban Land Agency.
- e. There are no rural residential estates identified in the Indicative Land Release Program for 2017-18 to 2020-21
- f. The Government is not pursuing rural residential development.
- g. As per answer to (f) above.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

EPSDD - Budget Statement E - Output 4.1

In relation to: The profitability of greenfield land development:

- 1) What is the gross revenue for greenfield land development?
- 2) What is the net profitability and profit margin for greenfield land development?
- 3) Do these profit calculations take into account the costs borne by other areas of Government, including construction of new schools, downstream road upgrades and so on?
 - a) If not, once downstream expenses are factored in, do greenfield land developments remain profitable?
- 4) What are the expected figures for greenfield release over the next five years?



MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) The revenue (excluding GST) for Greenfield land development is:

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
\$310,621,645	\$283,051,010	\$450,219,837	\$393,114,776

These figures exclude joint arrangements.

- 2) The net profitability and profit margin for Greenfield land development is:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Profitability	\$196,654,476	\$145,642,088	\$202,829,173	\$182,022,225
Profit Margin	63%	51%	45%	46%

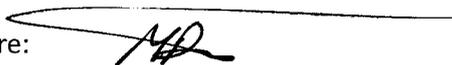
These figures exclude joint arrangements.

- 3) The above figures will include some downstream road upgrades but not all. Construction of new schools and other downstream costs is not included in the above figures.
- a) The Government undertakes Greenfield land development to ensure the growing ACT population is accommodated in an orderly manner. Profit calculations on land development are primarily undertaken for the purposes of financial reporting obligations. The Government considers the establishment of infrastructure like roads, schools and hospitals to be a core responsibility of Government that arises due to the growing population of the ACT and broader region. These expenses are funded from consolidated revenue and as such are not factored into profit calculations on Greenfield land development.
- 4) The expected release figures are provided in the Indicative Land Release Program which covers a period of four years. The figures as per the 2017-18 to 2020-21 Indicative Land Release Program for Greenfield release are:

Residential Dwellings	Residential Dwellings	Mixed Use Site Area m ²	Commercial Site Area m ²	Community Site Area m ²
2017-18	2,150	26,400	15,400	3,000
2018-19	2,150	22,700	0	86,700
2019-20	2,035	10,000	40,900	100,440
2020-21	2,030	21,900	30,000	61,400

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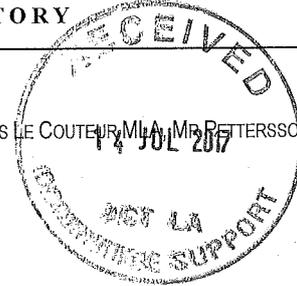
By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Output Class 4.2 – Urban Renewal – Public Housing Renewal Taskforce

In relation to: Public Housing Renewal Taskforce, and I refer to comments by the Treasurer on day 2 of the Estimates Committee Hearings, that being that the ACT Government is spending over \$600,000,000 on public housing and of that, \$400,000,000 on the public housing renewal on top of the revenue from the asset recycling initiative:

1. What is the average cost for these dwellings, with the following additional detail:
 - a. Minimum cost per dwelling
 - b. Maximum cost per dwelling
 - c. Average cost per bedroom
 - d. Average cost per square metreand where possible, without the value or cost of the land, if the land was contributed by or is owned by the ACT Government.
2. How do these compare to market rates in the ACT?
3. Does the \$600,000,000 factor in the asset value of land?
 - a. If not, what is the cumulative value of the land on which public housing renewal projects will take place?

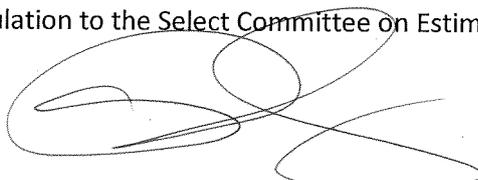
MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. As at 4 July 2017, the Public Housing Renewal Taskforce has handed over 510 dwellings to Housing ACT. Final costs for these dwellings are certain and the average cost is \$326,097.22. Costs for the remaining other dwellings are yet to be finalised, and will depend on final design, construction or purchase costs.
 - a. The minimum price for a dwelling out of the 510 dwellings is \$215,370.54 for construction on Territory-owned land in Chisholm.
 - b. The maximum price for a dwelling out of the 510 dwellings is \$490,909.09 for purchase of land and newly-constructed property in Turner.
 - c. It should be noted that this is not a standard measure for determining the value of a property, as many other factors relating to location and the overall size of the property have a significant influence on the outcome. The average cost per bedroom for the 510 dwellings has been calculated as \$148,197.94, which is a simple average of total cost by total bedrooms.

- d. The Taskforce does not have this data available on a comparable basis for all dwellings. Information varies for purchases and construction projects, and varies even within purchases (for example some include garages and some do not).
2. These prices are understood to be lower than market rates, although professional advice has not been sought to undertake a complete comparison on a site-by-site basis. All purchases are undertaken on the basis of multiple independent valuations, while design and construction prices are determined through competitive tender processes. According to ACT Treasury data from 26 June 2017 (http://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/399985/RESPROP.pdf), the average price of residential properties in the ACT in May 2017 was \$597,453.
3. The total funding of \$608 million does consider some land asset values, particularly for purchases. Construction of public housing on Territory-owned land factors in various land and servicing costs depending on the zoning, servicing status and location of the site.
 - a. It is not possible to determine the cumulative value of the land on which public housing renewal projects will take place at this time. Valuations have not been acquired for all Territory-owned land that has been identified for use in the public housing renewal program.

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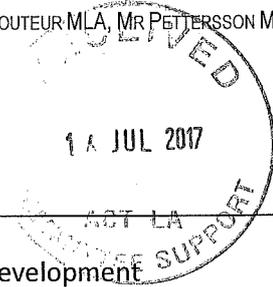


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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: Housing ACT, Budget Statement G, Output Class 1 Social Housing Services

In relation to: Ainslie Village

1. What are the Government's plans for Ainslie Village?
2. Will the current residents be permitted to remain?
3. Will the site be retained for exclusive use as social or affordable housing?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The ACT Government has allocated \$0.35 million in the 2017-18 Budget to undertake a detailed Cohort and Feasibility Study into the long-term accommodation and future support requirements for vulnerable people in the ACT with high and complex needs, including residents at Ainslie Village. This investment will help to determine the most appropriate long-term accommodation and support requirements for residents of Ainslie Village.
2. The Government is committed to supporting the Ainslie Village residents to enable them to participate in the community to their full potential. Preliminary planning work for the Cohort and Feasibility Study is now underway for the study to be progressed this financial year. Decisions about the most appropriate long-term accommodation and support needs of residents will be informed by the study recommendations.
3. A decision on the future use of the Ainslie Village site has not been made.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

[Ref: Housing ACT, Budget Statement G, Output Class 1 Social Housing Services

In relation to: community housing, and noting a projected increase of 50 community housing properties in the 2017-2018 budget year

1. What Government actions have led to or contributed to this increase?
2. Does the Government have any information on where these properties will be built?

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

The figure relates to the number of tenancies, not properties, managed by registered community housing providers. The registration under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing of an existing ACT provider in 2017-2018 was estimated to increase the number of tenancies in that measure by 50. This registration has occurred and the number of tenancies managed by registered community housing providers has actually increased by 53 due to the inclusion of tenancies already managed by that provider in the count.

There are no new dwellings.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

[Ref: Housing ACT, Budget Statement G, Output Class 1 Social Housing Services

In relation to homelessness services:

1. What is the Government's definition for "specialist homelessness services"?
 - a) How does it differ from homelessness services more broadly?
2. Noting that, as the Minister stated in response to a Question in the Assembly on 7 June, the Government does not collect data on turn-always, what actions are taken when someone seeks accommodation but it cannot be provided?
 - a) After the usual processes of referrals and contacting outreach services are exhausted and the client's housing demands remain unmet, what does the Government do to ensure that the client gets access to accommodation?
3. What is the ACT Government doing to extend the National Agreement on Housing and Homelessness?
 - a) What is the estimate timeline for this process?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Government defines specialist homelessness services as those funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and/or the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). These services provide transitional supported accommodation and a range of related support services for people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to help them achieve, to the maximum extent possible, self reliance and independence.
 - a. People at risk of or experiencing homelessness are often connected with services outside of the ACT Specialist Homelessness Sector. Whilst some of these services provide similar supports or programs available within the specialist homelessness sector (for example free food services), they are not funded under the NAHA or the NPAH. Program funding under the NAHA and NPAH places an additional requirement on services to report on the Commonwealth Government's Specialist Homelessness Information Platform.
2. Housing ACT works closely with Onelink to ensure it receives early notification of extremely vulnerable families.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Caroline Le Couteur MLA : To ask the Minister for Housing

Community Services Directorate - Budget Statement G

In relation to the "flexi-bus" service for seniors:



1. Noting the difficulty in securing a booking on the "flexi-bus", what steps are the Government taking to improve access to this service?
2. What is the progress of extending the "flexi-bus" to other areas of Canberra?
3. What is the timeline for full coverage of the "flexi-bus" service?
4. What is the current funding for the service?
5. How many years funding have been secured for the service?

Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

1. Transport Canberra has received no reports of passengers experiencing difficulties accessing the Flexible Bus Service. Passengers are required to book travel at least two days in advance.
2. The Flexible Bus Service will commence a 6 month trial of Inner North services from 1 September 2017. The service currently operates in Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Gungahlin, Woden/Weston and Inner South of Canberra.
3. The introduction of services to the Inner North will provide access to the Flexible Bus Service across the Canberra Region.
4. A total of \$1.074 million has been allocated for the Flexible Bus Service in 2017-18, this includes an expense offset of \$0.424 million (refer 2017-18 Budget Paper No.3 page 120).
5. Funding has been provided for 1 year with provisioned funding for future years.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

[Ref: Community Services Directorate, Budget Statement G, Output Class 2, Strategy, Participation and Early Intervention, 2.3 Community Participation – Youth Engagement

In relation to: youth engagement under Community Participation

1. What role does the Youth Engagement team have in supporting young people to engage in public life?
2. Is there a program that Youth Engagement contribute to (perhaps in support of the Electoral Commission) to encourage young people to register to vote?
3. What other civics or electoral programs do the Youth Engagement team run?
4. Are there programs that encourage or support young people engaging in wider “community engagement” programs, either through Community Councils or facilitating their voices being heard by Government community consultation processes?
5. Noting that there is no youth-specific accountability indicators on page 16, how does the Youth Engagement team disaggregate youth-specific engagements?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

Youth InterACT is the ACT Government youth participation strategy which encourages participation by young people in the community and to provide opportunities for young people to contribute to discussions on youth issues, to participate in Government policies and programs on matters concerning young people. This includes advising the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth, on the issues and concerns of young people in the ACT.

1. The Youth Engagement team provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships and grants to support young people to engage in activities, programs or events that enable them to express their voice on issues and participate in public, social and leadership programs. The grants program assists young people to organise projects, events, activities and programs that benefit other young people in the ACT.
2. The Community Services Directorate provides funding to support the Youth Coalition to deliver its policy, sector development, advocacy and representation services for member organisations. The Youth Coalition is funded to promote the human rights, wellbeing and aspirations of young people in the ACT community, with particular respect to their economic, political, cultural, spiritual, educational and social development.

Issues related to young people and voting feature in the *Policy Platform of the Youth Coalition*. In August 2016, the Youth Coalition of the ACT released its ACT Election Policy Map (policy map). The policy map was a tool developed to assist young people to navigate the ACT Election, highlighting key policies from Election candidates, and how they planned to address issues that were important to young people of the ACT.

3. In addition to the programs described in answers to questions 1 and 2, the Youth Engagement Team recently delivered and supported the Youth Tube event in partnership with the Youth InterACT team. Youth Tube is a new initiative that encouraged Canberrans aged 12 to 25 to create their own short films addressing various issues that can affect young people.

High school students across the ACT were invited to take part in the challenge—to make a film that runs from 90 to 120 seconds long on the following topics:

- Drugs and alcohol;
- Gender and diversity;
- Youth homelessness; and
- Mental health.

4. The Youth Advisory Council provides young people with a representative body to discuss and raise issues that affect them in Canberra. Based on this engagement, the Council provides strategic advice to the ACT Government on issues, that affect young people in the ACT.
5. The Youth Engagement team identifies youth-specific engagements based on the grants, scholarships and awards provided, the types and numbers of youth-specific events planned and conducted and the membership of the Youth Advisory Council.

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By the Minister Disability, Children and Youth, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Community Services Directorate, Budget Statement G

In relation to general budget measures, page 87 of Budget Paper 3 shows significant investment in out-of-home care and child protection, but page 14 of Budget Statement G, shows that “provision of statutory care and protection and youth justice services” funding is effectively statement:

1. Where is this “significant investment” being detailed?
2. Noting that the system is struggling to respond to increased notifications and placements and a lack of oversight function, where is the commensurate increase in funding to oversight bodies like the Public Advocate?
3. How is the review of resourcing for CSD and the Public Advocate recommended in the Glanfield Report progressing?
4. Noting that Bimberi sits outside this output class but also noting the link between youth detention and out-of-home care, is there any discrete or targeted funding in this package for young people caught in both systems?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The significant investment is reflected in the Child and Youth Protection Services Operating Statement on page 31 of the Budget Statement G.

	2016-17 Budget '000	2016-17 Estimated Outcome '000	2017-18 Budget '000
Controlled Recurrent Payments	\$89,626	\$99,536	\$99,217

During 2016-17, the Directorate identified the requirement of an estimated \$10 million in Treasurer’s Advance to address the significant demand pressure. It is reflected in the \$10 million increase from 2016-17 Original Budget of \$89.6 million to the Estimated Outcome of \$99.5 million.

In 2017-18 Budget Process, the Directorate received significant investments over four years from 2017-18 to 2020-21 at a similar level of \$10 million as the 2016-17 Treasurer’s Advance. The \$10 million investment is shown when comparing 2016-17 Original Budget of \$89.6 million to 2017-18 Budget of \$99.2 million.

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3. In line with Recommendation 15 of the Glanfield Inquiry, the resources of the Public Advocate's office were reviewed as part of the 2017-18 Budget process. This process led to an increase of funding for the Public Advocate's office. Further examination of the funding for the Public Advocate's office will commence after the Public Advocate has had the opportunity to recruit new staff.
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Ref: Community Services Directorate, Budget Statement G

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1. Please provide the most recent available data (pre-NDIS) that the Community Services Directorate holds regarding the use of force and restrictive practices in the disability sector?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

The definition of restrictive practices ranges from medication to manage behaviour, to restricting a person’s ability to open a car door from the inside or remove their seatbelt by fitting a cover to the opening mechanism.

The Community Services Directorate does not collect data on the use of restrictive practices in the disability sector as a whole. The Community Services Directorate also does not collect data on the use of force. The ACT Senior Practitioner role will be responsible for collecting data on the use of restrictive practices.

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When crisis accommodation is not available within the homelessness sector, OneLink will:

- refer the client to outreach support services
- work with clients to identify temporary accommodation arrangements within the client's social or family networks
- provide practical assistance such as swags, blankets, food packs and vouchers, and
- refer the client to facilities such as the Early Morning Centre that provide access to showers, meals and support.

Where there is a safety risk to children, or transition to crisis accommodation is imminent (in the next day or so), OneLink will use short-term brokerage to fund overnight accommodation.

- a. OneLink maintains daily contact with clients who are sleeping in cars to ensure client safety and wellbeing through an active holding model.
3. The National Agreement on Housing and Homelessness will not come into effect until 1 July 2018.
 - a. The ACT Government expects to negotiate a Bilateral Agreement with the Commonwealth under the new National Agreement on Housing and Homelessness in the first half of 2018. The Bilateral Agreement will identify the outcomes that are to be achieved with the available funding.

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Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Community Services Directorate, Budget Statement G

In relation to general budget measures, page 87 of Budget Paper 3 shows significant investment in out-of-home care and child protection, but page 14 of Budget Statement G, shows that “provision of statutory care and protection and youth justice services” funding is effectively statement:

1. Where is this “significant investment” being detailed?
2. Noting that the system is struggling to respond to increased notifications and placements and a lack of oversight function, where is the commensurate increase in funding to oversight bodies like the Public Advocate?
3. How is the review of resourcing for CSD and the Public Advocate recommended in the Glanfield Report progressing?
4. Noting that Bimberi sits outside this output class but also noting the link between youth detention and out-of-home care, is there any discrete or targeted funding in this package for young people caught in both systems?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The significant investment is reflected in the Child and Youth Protection Services Operating Statement on page 31 of the Budget Statement G.

	2016-17 Budget '000	2016-17 Estimated Outcome '000	2017-18 Budget '000
Controlled Recurrent Payments	\$89,626	\$99,536	\$99,217

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[Ref: Community Services Directorate, Budget Statement G]

In relation to the provision of early intervention and prevention services in the ACT, and I note that, at page 11 of Budget Statement G, the Directorate indicates that early intervention and prevention services are delivered by community organisations or in partnership with other organisations, local community organisations and service providers:

1. What actual frontline services do staff employed by CSD provide in relation to early intervention and prevention?
2. What agencies, local community organisations and service providers are funded under this output class?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The direct service delivery component of the early intervention services outlined in Output 2.1 on Page 11 of Budget Statement G are the Child and Family Centres (CFCs). The CFCs are located at Tuggeranong, Gungahlin and West Belconnen, and are a 'one-stop-shop' which supports families during the early years of their children's lives. The CFCs are staffed by professionals, including social workers and psychologists, and provide a range of support programs to assist parents with children from pre-birth to eight years of age. Selected services can also be offered to children up to 12 years of age.

The CFCs offer drop-in parenting support, ongoing support in the form of intensive programs, and early intervention programs, such as playgroups and wellbeing clinics. The range of services and programs offered at CFCs are detailed at

<http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/childandfamilycentres/programs-and-services>.

2. Community Services Directorate (CSD) funds a number of ACT agencies, community organisations and service providers through Service Funding Agreements and both recurrent and one-off grants. See **Attachment A** for a full list of CSD-funded organisations under this output class.

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Community Services Directorate- Agencies, Community Organisations and Service

Providers funded under Output Class 2.1

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT
Australian Capital Territory Council of Social Service Inc
Barnardos Australia
Belconnen Community Service Inc
Canberra Police and Community Youth Club
Companion House
Duke of Edinburgh
Families ACT
Girl Guides Association
Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation
Lone Fathers Association
Majura Women's Group
Migrant and Refugee Settlement Service of the ACT
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect ACT Inc
Northside Community Service
Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre
Relationships Australia
Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as Trustees for CatholicCare
Scout Association of Australia
Society of St Vincent de Paul
The Smith Family
The Uniting Church in Australia (Australian Capital Territory) Property Trust of UnitingCare Kippax
The Young Women's Christian Association of Canberra
Tuggeranong Community Arts Association
Youth Coalition of the ACT
ACT Playgroups Association Inc
Communities@Work Ltd
Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre Association
Noahs Ark Resource Centre Inc
North Belconnen Community Association Inc
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
Woden Community Service Inc



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mrs Lee MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Health Directorate, Budget Statement C, p20

In relation to: Population Health Class 1.3

1. Why has the government chosen not to continue funding the SPIN OUT programme offered by Warehouse Circus?
2. When was this decision made?
3. Was a study conducted into the effectiveness of the programme?
 - a. If so, will the results be published?
 - b. If so, when?

Minister Fitzharris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. In 2016, Warehouse Circus received a one-off, one year Health Promotion Innovation Fund grant for the SPIN OUT project. Funding ceased on 30 June 2017 due to the natural expiration of an explicitly time limited funding agreement.
2. The time-limited nature of the grants funding period was made explicitly clear in grants funding guidelines which informed the Warehouse Circus grant application. A continuation of funding was therefore never within scope; this was fully understood by Warehouse Circus.
3. Warehouse Circus is required to prepare a final evaluation report about the SPIN OUT project that documents its outcomes and effectiveness.
 - a. The final evaluation reports prepared by Health Promotion Innovation Fund grant recipients, are not published in the public domain by ACT Health.
 - b. Warehouse Circus is due to provide the final evaluation report to ACT Health by 31 July 2017.

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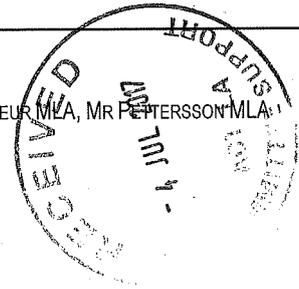
By the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Meegan Fitzharris MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Lee MLA : To ask the Commissioner for Sustainability & the Environment

Ref: Commissioner for Sustainability & the Environment Annual Report pp1 – Organisational overview

In relation to: Complaints activities

1. How does the Office promote its services and who are its target audience?
2. What criteria is used to determine what issue proceeds to investigation?
3. Who typically files a complaint with the Commission?
4. What external resources are used to address complaints?
5. What follow up is done when complaints are referred to other agencies for action?

PROFESSOR KATE AUTY: The answers to the Member's questions are as follows:—

Note: All section numbers referred to are provisions of the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993* (CSE Act).

1. How does the Office promote its services and who are its target audience?

The work of the OCSE is promoted through its reports (State of the Environment (Section 19), investigations (section 12)), and its website (<http://www.environmentcommissioner.act.gov.au/>).

The website describes the role as established in the CSE Act. The website provides access to publications, outlines information about complaints processes, and promotes educational material for the general public. Social media is also used to address the Objects of the CSE Act (section 2B (d)). The OCSE attends meetings and forums.

The 'target audience' for the work of the OCSE is the Australian Capital Territory community.

2. What criteria is used to determine what issues proceed to investigation?

Invoking principles of statutory interpretation, s13 complaints are distinguished from s12 investigations.

In compliance with s12, a matter would proceed to investigation if it pertains to the "actions of an agency where those actions would have a substantial impact on the environment of the ACT".

Section 14 guides the circumstances in which a discretion may be exercised not to investigate certain Section 13 complaints.

3. Who typically files a complaint with the Commissioner?

Complainant profiling is not a statutory requirement under the CSE Act.

In accordance with ss13-14, any *person* may make a complaint to the Commissioner.

The complaint must comply with the criteria set out in ss13(1)(a) & 13(1)(b).

4. What external resources are used to address complaints?

'External resources' is taken to mean consultants and/or contractors.

The express and inherent "executive" powers of the Commissioner sanction payments to consultants and/or contractors. External resources are used where it is necessary to achieve the Objects of the Act (s2B) *vis a vis* investigating a complaint.

5. What follow up is done when complaints are referred to other agencies for action?

Under the CSE Act the Commissioner has no statutory power to cause other agencies to take an action in relation to an s13 complaint.

Agencies are required under the Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004 to include details of the action an agency as taken during the year in relation to the recommendation (Section 23 (d) and (e)).

Recommendations have been made over time in respect of some complaints. As distinct from s19 State of the Environment Report Recommendations, and s21 Investigations recommendations pertaining to s13 Complaints are not tabled in the Legislative Assembly (Section 22 CSE Act 1993).

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By the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment, Professor Kate Auty



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA on 23 June 2017: Mr Peter Garrisson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2017 [PAGE 21]]

In relation to: Representing MLAs

MR PETERSSON: I appreciate that, but I still do not think you are really getting to the crux of my question. I want to know how much money has been spent on some of these cases. Can you take that on notice for me?

Mr Garrisson: Well, yes, I can attempt to. There is one case back in the early 2000s, and there was representation of two members of which I am aware in relation to wrongful dismissal proceedings, and there might have been one or two others. So the amount involved—I mean, I can certainly try and find the information, but that could be a bit difficult given the fact that they do not come up very often. We will certainly try and find that for you.

Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Between 1997 and 2017, based on available records and recollection of those matters that were managed within the existing resources of the ACT Government Solicitor, the Government Solicitor has expended approximately \$120,000.00 on legal assistance provided to members of the Legislative Assembly.



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mrs Giulia Jones MLA on 23 June 2017: Commissioner Dominic Lane took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 23 June 2017 [PAGE 65]]

In relation to: Definition of operational

Mr Lane: Thanks very much. I get what you are saying in terms of, well, are they a firefighter and a hose holder? No, they are not. But let us remember that examples such as the outcomes of the 2009 bushfires royal commission remind us that in order to be operational—that is, protect the community during times of emergency—requires more than just people holding the hose. Someone like Nigel, who has a critical role as a media support officer, when we are operational is also trained to provide media alerts and warnings. We know how important that is in times of emergency. Yes, I accept your point that he is not a firefighter fighting with the hose—

MRS JONES: Yes, but do you think that is not a little bit confusing for the community, and just to finish off on this point, to state that everyone is operational? Well, of course everybody has a job at ESA, but I think—is it not a little bit—

Mr Gentleman: Mrs Jones, there is a definition for “operational”, as the Commissioner was stating in regard to that report.

MRS JONES: I would love to be provided with that definition, please. If that is on notice, that is fine. Thank you.

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Final Report (the Report) provides key insights into bushfire safety policy. Specifically, page five of the Report states “.... if the initial attack fails to contain a fire, the operational focus and mindset of fire agencies should move to providing information and attending to community safety rather than fire suppression”.

The Emergency Services Agency considers all staff to be operational and continues to analyse reviews and reports from other jurisdictions to maintain best practice and lessons learnt from incidents. In effect, an ESA staff either provides direct frontline emergency service capability, or directly supports the delivery of frontline emergency service capability.

The view that all ESA staff are operational, is consistent with statements made in the Report. During an emergency incident, when the ESA is operational, all staff are able to provide assistance

in protecting life, property, and the environment. This includes providing relevant and timely information to the community.

A full copy of the Report is available at

http://www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au/finaldocuments/summary/PF/VBRC_Summary_PF.pdf.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Cody MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Tennent took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 39-40

In relation to: Affordable Housing Advisory Group

MS CODY: Sorry, can I just ask one supplementary to your supplementary? That is excellent. The current advisory group, is that the group you mentioned before, minister? Is that also available on the internet the people that are sitting on that advisory group or is that something that—

Ms Berry: It will be now because I just listed them all but—

Mr Tennent: At this stage, yes, at this stage they are not publicly listed. I guess it has just been a thought process at the moment but now that the terms of reference have been locked in and the role of the advisory group going forward from their initial sharing of ideas. So this is going to be a lot clearer in the coming month.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The list of Affordable Housing Advisory Group members is publicly available at the web address below:

[http://www.economicdevelopment.act.gov.au/buy-land-and-build/affordable housing/affordable housing action plan/ nocache](http://www.economicdevelopment.act.gov.au/buy-land-and-build/affordable%20housing/affordable%20housing%20action%20plan/nocache)

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Ms Le Couteur MLA on 26 June 2017: Ms Berry MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, pages 42-43

In relation to: Rural Land Acquisitions by the LDA, specifically Lands End, Milapuru, Fairvale and Huntley

MS LE COUTEUR: You talked about this area had been planned since 2004 which I will do some looking at whether I totally agree with that but—

Ms Berry: We can send you the link.

MS LE COUTEUR: Yes that would be great because there was somewhat contradictory evidence given in the annual reports but if it has been planned since 2004 how is it that there have been longer term leases given to land holders in that area? Because once upon a time the ACT, I think most of Gungahlin was on 99 day leases in fact and this is the long build leases are meaning that the ACT government is paying substantial amounts of money for this land. And if, in fact, we have been planning for it so long ago why are we paying out long term leases which we created?

THE CHAIR: Just before we kick off there could I just confirm that the provision of that link will be taken on notice?

Ms Berry: Sure.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Canberra Spatial Plan is available on the ACT Planning and Land Authority website via the following link <http://apps.actpla.act.gov.au/plandev/sp-pdf/spatialplan.pdf>.

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Asked by Ms Le Couteur MLA on 26 June 2017: Ms Berry MLA took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, pages 42-43

In relation to: Rural land – when were 99 year leases issued, before or after 2004 spatial plan

MS LE COUTEUR: It is effectively the *Canberra Times* story. I am saying, you know, if it was 2004 we worked it out why are we doing this now?

Mr Ponton: Thank you, Ms Le Couteur. Ben Ponton, Director-General, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate. Mr Bulless has referred to the 2004 spatial plan that did identify the western edge as future, potential future urban and the 2012 planning strategy that identified the area where the work would need to be undertaken. I would need to go back and look at the record in relation to exactly when those 99 year leases were issued, whether it was before or after the 2004 spatial plan, and I know that it was certainly in the early 2000s and some were in the late 1990s, but if I could take that on notice and go back and check the record.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The leases were issued as follows:

Lands End, 99 year Lease, commenced 1 August 2001.
Milapuru, 96 year Lease, commenced 14 October 2005.
Fairvale, 99 year Lease, commenced 21 June 2001.
Huntly, 99 year Lease, commenced 30 October 2001.



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mrs Dunne MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Gordon took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 46

In relation to: Stock on Glenloch

MRS DUNNE: And Glenloch? It comes into the Molonglo 3 development, does it not?

Mr Gordon: Yes, it does. So it will have a short-term—currently the existing licence on it has expired and the resident has left, the one that was on it, so it will be looked at in terms of, again, the short-term management of either a licence or a lease, sub-lease on the land.

MRS DUNNE: There is still stock on it at the moment.

Mr Gordon: Yes, to put stock on it, yes.

MRS DUNNE: There is stock on it at the moment.

Mr Gordon: Around it? Or actually on it?

MRS DUNNE: On it? I think there is—

Mr Gordon: I would need to take advice that, the stock levels.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The current licence on Glenloch has expired and the holding over provision has been activated and will remain until the Land Development Agency (LDA) (or the Suburban Land Agency from 1 July 2017) issues a notice to vacate. The current occupant has commenced packing to be ready to vacate when required. There is no stock currently on Glenloch.

The land is currently unleased Territory Land in the LDA's Custodianship and future short-term management via a licence is currently being investigated.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by The Chair on 26 June 2017: Mr Gordon took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 47

In relation to: Value of contracts for subleases and licences on LDA acquired rural leases

THE CHAIR: Can you, Mr Gordon, provide for the committee's benefit, for the rural leases that the LDA had acquired that have been either sublet or have someone else living or using the land under licence, provide the value of those contracts, please, individually?

Mr Gordon: Yes.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

For rural leases that the LDA had acquired and sublet, the values of the contracts are currently as per the table below.

Property	Management Arrangement	Annual Revenue
Horse Park	Sublease	\$1
Burraburoo (solar farm)	Sublease	\$39,950
Huntly	Sublease	\$285,000
Wintergarden	Sublease	\$1

The commercial arrangements of licence agreements are not publicly available and would involve the unreasonable disclosure of financial information relating to a person, pursuant to Territory Privacy Principle No. 6 of the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Coe MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Bulless took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, pages 48-49

In relation to: Expiry of the Land Acquisition Framework and instruments under the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017*.

MR COE: But how does it expire on 30 June? What is actually the mechanism for its expiration?

Mr Bulless: Sorry, Mr Coe, I will get advice on this, but my understanding is it applies to the LDA, and when the LDA ceases to exist with the new legislation applying from 1 July that framework will also cease to exist in its current form.

MR COE: Sure, so what is included in this spate of uploads that we are about to see in the notifiable instrument or disallowable instrument or regulation space?

Ms O'Neil: There are a range—Mr Coe, if I may, so in part the act requires several, and allows for others, so we can expect from the first that there will be a declaration of the precinct by which the City Renewal Authority will operate. That is by way of a notifiable instrument.

From recollection, and as I do not have the act before me, it also requires the establishment of affordable housing targets, the acquisitions framework which we are currently touching on. The act does allow for direction to be issued, but that is by a matter of discretion for the government. I would have to take on notice to give you the full sort of list of exactly what instruments will otherwise be declared.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The *Planning and Development (Land Acquisition Policy Framework) Direction 2014 (No 1)* is made under s37(1) of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (P&D Act).

On commencement of the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017*, Part 4 of the P&D Act will be repealed with the effect that any instruments made under Part 4, including the instrument made under s37(1) of the P&D Act are impliedly repealed.

Although it is repealed, the instrument will continue to apply to past actions of the Land Development Agency by virtue of s84 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017* (the Act) provides for a range of notifiable or disallowable instruments.

The Act provides that the relevant Minister may make the following instruments:

- Directions to the City Renewal Authority and the Suburban Land Agency (s 11 and 41, the Act).
- Directions to the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency requiring the payment of funds to the Territory (s 26 and 54, the Act).
- The declaration of land to be an urban renewal precinct for the purposes of the Act (s 35, the Act).

The Act provides that the relevant Minister must make the following instruments:

- The Government's statement of expectations to the City Renewal Authority (s 17, the Act).
- Directions relating to the acquisition of land by the City Renewal Authority and the Suburban Land Agency (s 63, the Act).
- A housing target determination (s 65, the Act).

Following the making of the Government's statement of expectations for the City Renewal Authority, the City Renewal Authority must prepare a statement of operational intent (s 18, the Act) for the Minister's approval.

On 30 March 2017 the Chief Minister released a map showing boundaries of the first urban renewal precinct that the Government intends to declare and in respect of which the City Renewal Authority would have responsibility for leading and delivering urban renewal works. In accordance with the Act, the Government will make its declaration following the required engagement with the City Renewal Authority and the Minister for Planning and Land Management.

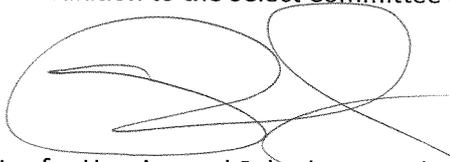
The Government is preparing its statement of expectations for the City Renewal Authority, which will be made available as soon as practicable after the commencement of the Act.

The Government is preparing directions relating to the acquisition of land by the City Renewal Authority and the Suburban Land Agency, which will be issued as soon as practicable after the commencement of the Act.

Prior to the passage of the Act the Government had begun a process of reviewing its affordable housing policy, including the future setting of affordable housing targets. The requirement to set housing targets under the Act will be addressed as part of this wider process and the necessary determinations will be made as soon as practicable after the commencement of the Act.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Orr MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 51

In relation to: Structure of the Suburban Land Agency and Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

MS ORR: Supplementary? Yes, I just wanted to go a little bit broader than that one document that Mr Coe is talking about. I am just interested to hear how the new suburban land agency, and the work that is being absorbed into the EPSDD, just how it is going to be managed, and a bit more context around who is going to be doing what under the new arrangement?

Mr Ponton: Thank you, Ms Orr. We have been working through and have now settled the directorate structure that identifies those—or brings in a range of land and economic development functions into the directorate. I can provide a copy of the organisational structure if that helps, because it has been framed in a way that we hope is sensible and logical when somebody first looks at it, if it makes clear what it is that we are seeking to achieve.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, Suburban Land Agency and City Renewal Authority structures as of 1 July 2017 are at Attachment A.

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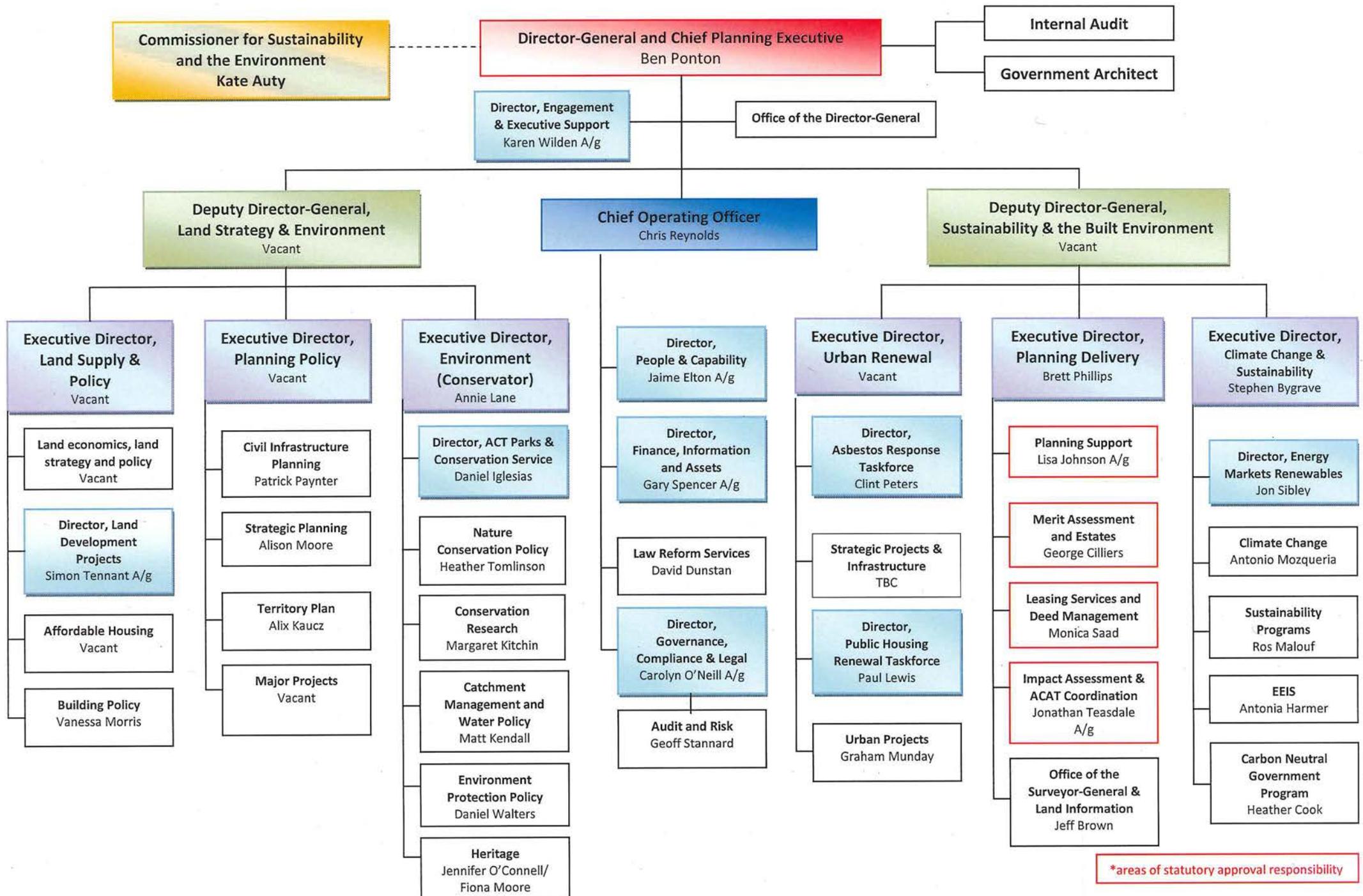
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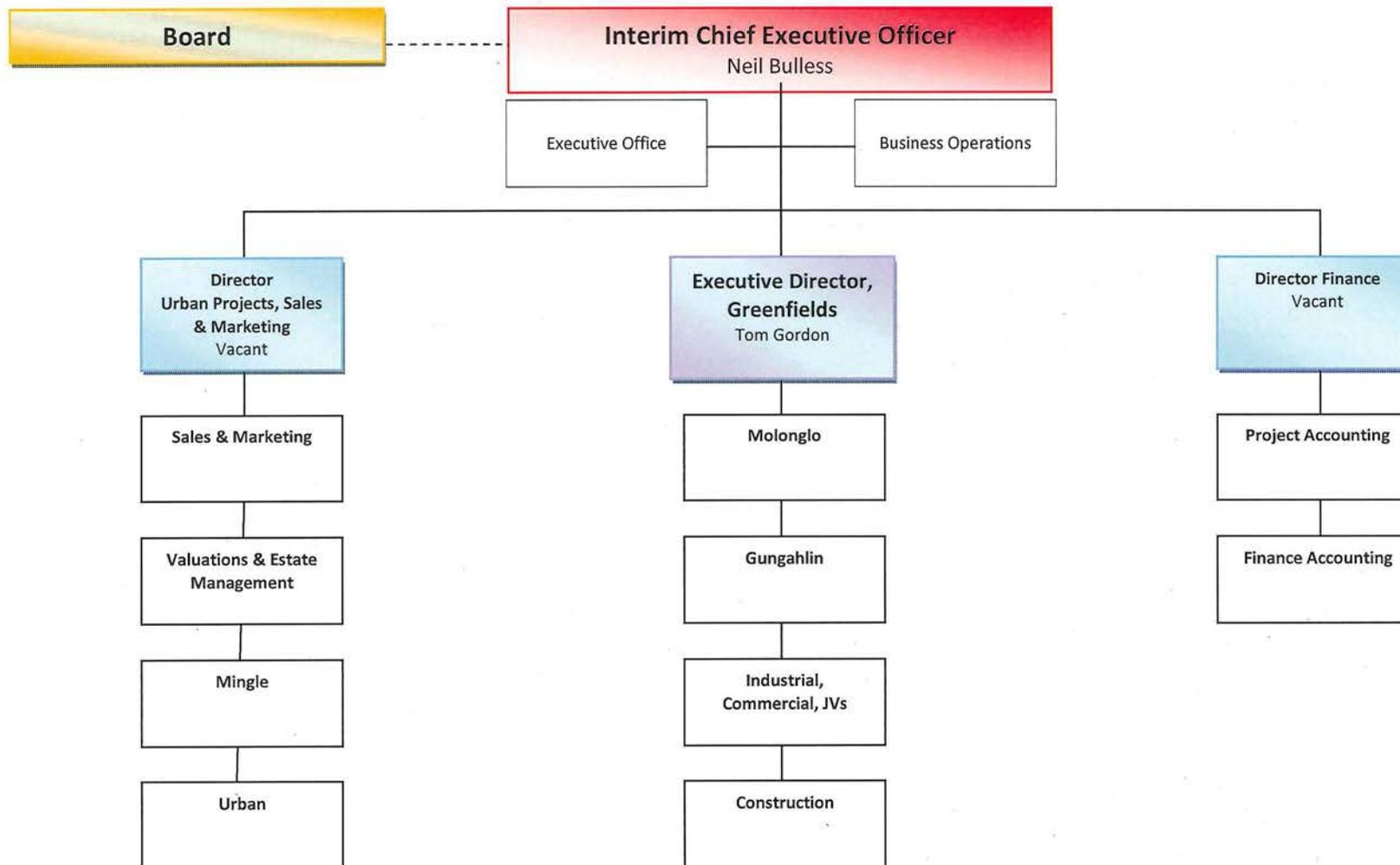
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Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (as at 1 July 2017)

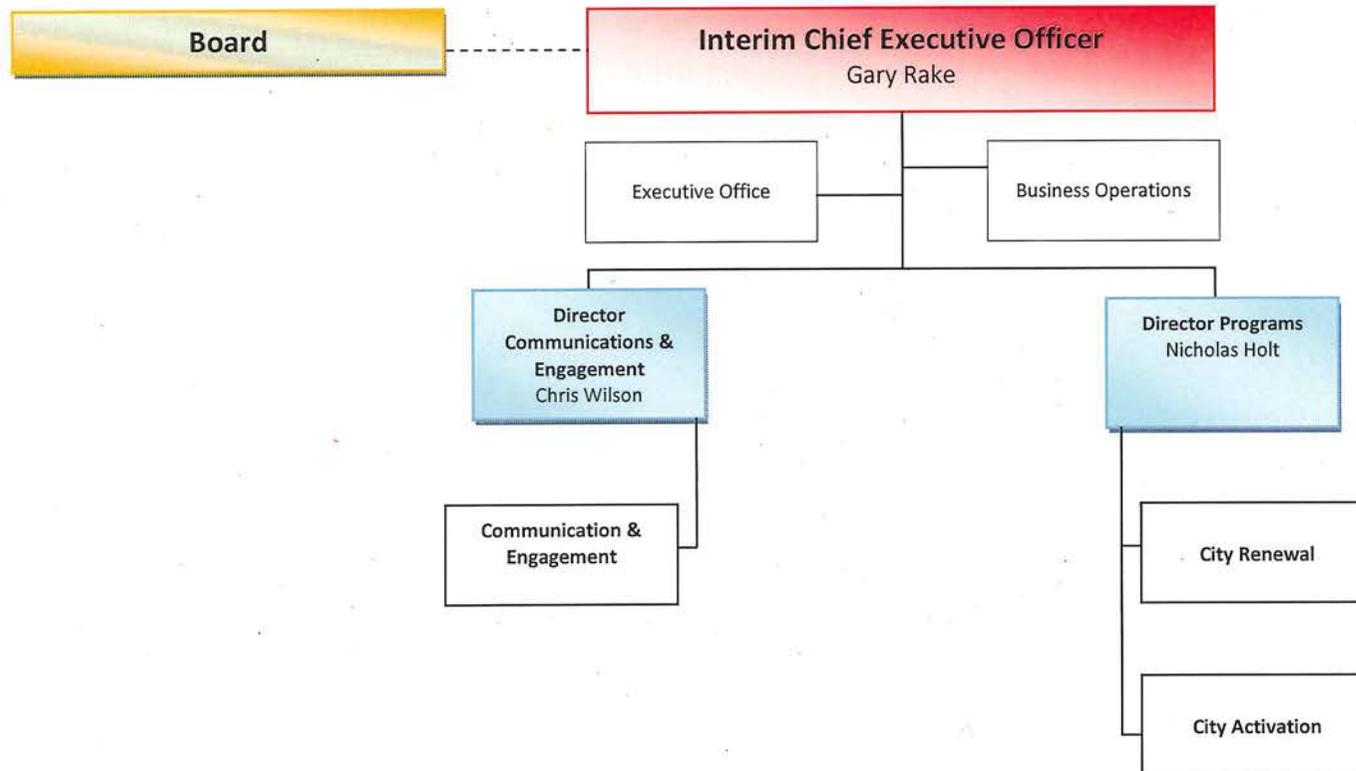


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Asked by Ms Dunne MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 52

In relation to: IAP2 Framework

MRS DUNNE: IAP, what is that?

MS ORR: Yes, that is what—

Mr Ponton: IAP2 is essentially a framework, a recognised framework internationally for the way that we, governments or anybody ought to engage. I can provide some more information if the committee is particularly interested, but it starts to make the distinction between being clear up front, why are you engaging? So is it in fact a collaboration, where you are starting from scratch, or is it about informing, is it about education? So once you are clear about the why, then you can start to think about the tools and the who.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is an international member association that seeks to promote and improve the practice of public participation (community engagement) by governments, institutions and other entities on issues that affect the public interest. The ACT Government is a member of IAP2 Australasia, which is affiliated to IAP2.

IAP2's best-practice Core Values for Public Participation guide community engagement practitioners to gather and understand the interests and concerns of people and entities that may potentially be affected by a decision, which helps inform those decisions. The core values are as follows:

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognising and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.



7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

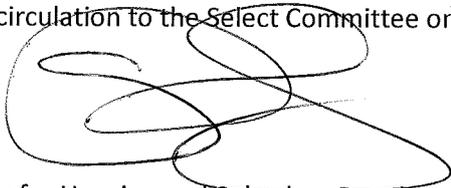
The IAP2's Public Participation Spectrum guides community engagement practitioners as to the appropriate level of engagement: inform, consult, involve, collaborate or empower. It also provides a framework for designing engagement processes.

IAP2 provides a certificate and advanced certificate program of training. Training covers the theory of public participation, planning for engagements, and communication skills and techniques for effective public participation. Through its IAP2 membership, many ACT Government communications staff and some policy staff have undertaken the training and use the core values framework to design engagement processes.

More information on IAP2 can be seen at <https://www.iap2.org.au>

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Asked by Mr Parton MLA on 26 June 2017: Ms Berry took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 58

In relation to: Public Housing Properties on Northbourne Avenue

MR PARTON: And just finally in relation to the renewal process last Monday the Chief Minister said something along the lines that it was an urban myth that will be no public housing on Northbourne Avenue and he expressed a firm view that there would, in fact, be public housing on Northbourne Avenue. Now, in previous statements, minister, and committee evidence you have confirmed that there will be no public housing actually on Northbourne Avenue. What is the actual case?

Ms Berry: First of all I would have to check exactly the words that were said by the Chief Minister before—

Ms Berry: Well, I would have to go back check the record on his actual comments so that I can make a comment accurately on that.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Under the Asset Recycling Initiative (ARI) the ACT Government agreed to sell sites for renewal that consisted of 424 public housing dwellings along Northbourne Avenue along with other properties across Canberra.

Another 169 public housing dwellings along Northbourne Avenue (in Condamine Court and Havelock House) were not included for redevelopment under this program and will remain public housing assets for the foreseeable future.

While the sale of the ARI sites does not include a requirement to reinstate any public housing on site, and there is no formal commitment from the ACT Government to purchase dwellings in the new developments at this stage, the ACT Government does not rule out future spot purchases.

The Public Housing Renewal Taskforce (Taskforce) has identified, purchased or developed 177 replacement public housing dwellings in the suburbs adjacent to Northbourne Avenue (including Lyneham, Braddon, O'Connor, Downer, Turner and Dickson). The Taskforce will continue to seek

further replacement dwellings in the inner north as part of its spot purchase and Expression of Interest programs. Housing ACT, as part of its business-as-usual processes, is also identifying opportunities for acquiring or developing replacement housing close to Northbourne Avenue.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Lawder MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Bailey took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 52

In relation to: Purchase of property in Hume by the Foy Group – Valuations vs final price

MS LAWDER: Thank you. I have some questions relating to Hume and the sale of a property to the Foy Group for a proposed plastics to fuel facility and my questions include what process did the LDA use to value the land and how was the decision made about the market value? Was it an open tender and if not would a greater return have been achieved through an open tender process whether the money was held in escrow? How much did the works on the site take before as a condition of sale, et cetera, et cetera? Would you like me start again?

Mr Bailey: Daniel Bailey, Executive Director, Sales Marketing Property Management. I will be able to address the valuation questions there and even method of sale. So the LDA use a wide range of sale techniques to sell land so we based that on a number of different efforts but also agent advice. So when we engage the agents quite often they will, for different types of land, they are better to be sold by auction or via a tender process. Then we actually sell them they are based with a reserve. That is also determined by valuers so we get that done by independent valuers and determine that amount. Set the reserve and then it is from there.

MS LAWDER: So did you receive three valuations for the land, this particular block?

Mr Bailey: I will have to take that on notice, sorry.

MS LAWDER: Take that on notice? And, if necessary, also take on notice what, compared to the three valuations, what was the final asking price compared to the valuations?

Mr Bailey: Yes I will take that on notice.



MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Two independent valuations were sought. The offer price was equivalent to the higher of the two valuations.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Nicole Lawder on 26 June 2017: Mr Ben Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript from Monday 26 June 2017, Page 60

In relation to: Cost Recovery

MS LAWDER: So you received, I think, publicly they have stated 155,000 for the deposit. Given that I would like to ask about the inquiry panel and whether the government, the LDA or otherwise, is seeking to recover the costs of the inquiry panel as per the Planning and Land Development Act 2007 section 233, page 287 whereby the government can recover direct and indirect costs for an inquiry panel from a component.

Mr Ponton: Thank you. I would need to take that on notice in relation to whether the Planning and Land Authority is seeking to recover those monies but my understanding is no, that was considered as part of the ordinary fees paid in relation to this money,

MS LAWDER: What was the cost for the inquiry panel including direct and indirect costs, you know, time, material?

Mr Ponton: I would need to take that on notice primarily because that relates to matters that would ordinarily be addressed in Wednesday's hearing so I do not have that information before me now.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Although there is capacity for the ACT to recover costs associated with the inquiry, the ACT determined that in this case it was not reasonable to do so. The reason for this is that the Government was keen to be sure that this new technology would be suitable for the relevant site, and other industrial sites, and, if so, what conditions would need to be considered for a proposal. The panel's report provides guidance that extends further than the Foy Group's proposed development. In addition, the FOY Group was previously asked to pay for the independent review of the EIS undertaken during the planning and land authority's assessment of the draft EIS.

Costs of the inquiry were approximately \$91,000.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Lawder MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Bailey took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 61

In relation to: Purchase of Property in Hume by the Foy Group

THE CHAIR: Is there a settlement date scheduled for that transaction?

Mr Bailey: My understanding is we have to undertake some additional works on that block before it is settled. There are some LDA works that are to occur at settlement.

THE CHAIR: Can you provide some more detail on that, please, Mr Bailey, as to what those works are and what the contractual arrangement is?

Mr Bailey: I think there is an issue. Well, there may be more but there is one issue now that is just with water on the site, a spring that has pumped up that is on the site there that we are just remediating and then settlement can occur.

MS LAWDER: I think that was one of my questions we might have missed in the changeover. How much of the works conducted onsite as a conditional sale cost the ACT government so obviously that is ongoing work. So are you able to take that on notice?

Mr Bulless: So I think Ms Lawder, we will take all that on notice, including subjects that the Chair has asked as well.

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Block 11 Section 21 Hume was sold by the Land Development Agency on 11 August 2016 to FOY Group Limited with settlement scheduled 30 working days from the completion of works on the block.

The site was sold with a 5 per cent deposit paid at exchange with an additional 5 per cent "at risk" under the terms of the contract if the sale is not completed.

The date for completion of the contract was subject to site works being undertaken by the Land Development Agency in relation to sub-soil drainage. The site works were completed on 10 May 2017.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Wall MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Tennent took on notice the following questions:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 4-5

In relation to: Volume of land in the green field space to be produced for market by non-government development estates and ramp up of supply of government land in the pipeline for release

THE CHAIR: Yes, so the question was, what volume of land in the green field space do you expect those non-government development estates to be producing for market? And is there a flexibility to then ramp up should the demand be there for residential dwellings?

Mr Tennent: I will have to take on notice the precise magnitude of what the private sector has in the pipeline. Obviously Denman Prospect is the largest supplier of land from the private sector just at this stage. That does have a long life. The pace at which they release will be up to them. I know that early indicative measures are around about 300 dwellings per annum.

Mr Tennent: There is the opportunity for the government to ramp up supply if need be. We now have a reasonable pipeline of sites in the forward program.

THE CHAIR: How long will that ramp-up take? Are those blocks development or shovel-ready, ready to go to market? Or are they going to be, you know, 12, 18 months off to release should the private sector not be meeting demand? Or that there is a spike in demand?

Mr Tennent: There is a measure of land in the pipeline. What we do know for sure is that the years previous, where it was around about two years, 18 months to two years between the sale of a property and being able to build on it, has compressed substantially over the past 12 to 18 months. We are now down to a period of around about six to eight months between sale and also being able to build on it.

So the ability to ramp up has improved over the last couple of years. Going forward, the land release program has a considerable amount of work in the land servicing pipeline. I would have to take on notice quickly just exactly what that number is, but it is as high as we have seen in quite some years.

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

As at March 2017, the number of sites in the non-government Greenfield pipeline is as follows:

	Planners Pipeline	Developers Pipeline	Builders Pipeline
Macgregor West 3 (Holt)		300	
Denman Prospect 1A, 1B & 2		4,011	341
Strathnairn Stage 1		347	
Strathnairn Stage 2		650	
West Belconnen	5,500		
Total	5,500	5,308	341

As at March 2017, the number of sites in the Government's greenfield developers pipeline at the land servicing stage (i.e earthworks, service connections and road construction) was 842 in Taylor and 1,099 in Throsby

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr James Milligan on 26 June 2017: Mr David Collett took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017 [PAGE 584-585]]

In relation to: The Public Housing Renewal Program

Do you know currently how many indigenous residents there are in the public housing that is due to be relocated?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As part of the program, Housing ACT has relocated 40 individuals who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in 33 households.

There are a further 44 individuals who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in 41 households in properties that have not yet been relocated.

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Asked by Ms Le Couteur MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 12

In relation to: List of Board members and criteria they fill for the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency

MS LE COUTEUR: Okay, lovely. It is really about the CRA and the SLA, which are, because it is about the boards, and I was figuring we could ask about both of them together, given that if the CRA is okay, I am fairly confident the SLA should be. The board members, the government announced them last Wednesday, and I have to say that each individual person seemed fine, worthy persons, but as a whole, my concern is that they are lacking in significant experience and enthusiasm for environmentally sustainable development and affordable housing expertise. My questions, I guess, did the recruitment process specifically look for people with that sort of expertise?

Mr Gentleman: Yes. I will ask Mr Ponton to give you the details about the recruitment for the boards.

Mr Ponton: Thank you, Ms Le Couteur. And thank you, minister.

The short answer is yes, absolutely, and I do not actually have the list in front of me. I do have a table that actually identifies the particular individuals. I was not anticipating that question, but in terms of the mix of people that we have across both boards, there is affordable housing expertise, and also environmental credentials.

I might just look to my colleague—do you have that table? I can certainly provide you, Ms Le Couteur, with a table that actually specifies. So we have listed each person, the particular criteria that we were looking at, and yes.

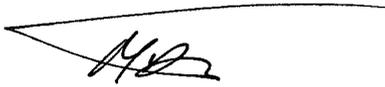
MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Appointments for the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Boards were made following a comprehensive national recruitment exercise. The recruitment panel established to support this process identified proposed appointees by reference to the full list of expertise and experience required by the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017* (the Act), including environmentally sustainable development and affordable housing. The recruitment panel made its recommendation to Government on 23 May 2017 after the passage of the Act.

The current composition of the City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Boards meets the requirement to ensure that each discipline and area of expertise is represented among the appointed members of both boards

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Coe MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Bulless took on notice the following question

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 16-17

In relation to: Breakdown of staff numbers in City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency in streams

MR COE: And so how many people are going to be in this sales and marketing area of the SLA?

Mr Bulless: Just let me look at my notes. So in terms of the SLA, its initial staffing profile is 77. It will be split between about 14 people in the sales and marketing and Mingle program. There will be about 14 people involved in urban releases. About 27 in greenfields. The valuations and estate management team is about seven. And there is a finance function of 11. There is also about five staff allocated to the Chief Executive's office. That includes Chief Executive support staff and the business operations function.

MR COE: Okay, and what about the CRA?

Mr Bulless: So the CRA is—sorry, I will take that on notice.

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The initial staffing profile for the City Renewal Authority is 22 full time equivalent (FTE) officers. The initial structure consists of:

- Chief Executive Officer
- 3 FTE in Executive support and Business operations
- 4 FTE in the Communications and Engagement team
- 4 FTE in the City Activation unit
- 10 FTE in the City Renewal team

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Wall MLA on 26 June 2017: Ms Wilden took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 23

In relation to: City Centre Marketing and Improvements Levy – portion of levy spent on admin/ activation/ delivery

THE CHAIR: Okay. Are you able to advise the committee what portion of the levy that is collected is spent on capital improvements and activation against administration and management?

Ms Wilden: In relation to the current situation I would have to take that on notice because we would need to get some updated figures from In The City.

THE CHAIR: Okay, if we can get both the current situation and then what is proposed going forward with the changes?

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Over the last five years, In The City Canberra (ITCC) has spent an average of 36 per cent of the levy on capital improvements, 45 per cent on events and promotions and 28 per cent on administration and management. These percentages are based on the amount spent compared to the levy collected. Under the current performance and funding agreement ITCC is required to account for levy funds separately from any other income, however ITCC's total yearly reported revenue also includes rollover from previous years, funding from Government, event income and other income.

Details on predicted expenses for the administration of the levy by the City Renewal Authority have yet to be finalised. A full business plan is currently being prepared and will be informed by feedback from levy payers, as well as requiring endorsement from the City Renewal Authority Board.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Ms Lawder MLA on 26 June 2017: Ms Wilden took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017, page 31

In relation to: Allocation of City Centre Marketing and Improvements Levy to bins etc.

MS LAWDER: I actually have a kind of a follow up before my substantive question. To go back full circle to about the bins in Braddon where I think Ms Cheyne started off, sort of from a me perspective it would seem that over time as the businesses up there in Braddon change, you know, from garages and car service places to food and beverage and hospitality and some residential why is it that it was so hard to get bins? Why is it that a levy has to be imposed and is that a model that applies in other town centres or other areas where there is a lot of food and drink places?

Mr Gentleman: Well, I think the bins were a decision made by TCCS at the time and the availability, of course, it is a bit like building structures. If you build something people will come. If you put bins out there people will use them and sometimes not in the best way. So Braddon has a really good history of, as you have said, formative change from its very early days as an automotive area and I remember it fondly to hardly any dining at all. In fact, Louis' Cafe was the only place that you could get a toasted sandwich and now it is incredibly different which is great. But that is the change in its use and, of course, we do need to provide opportunity there for people to get rid of their rubbish but we do hope that in most cases people will take their rubbish with them and dispose of it appropriately.

MS LAWDER: But obviously that has not been the case in Braddon. The businesses have been calling for bins for some time and my question remains is it normal to charge for the provision of bins in a busy food and beverage area and does that apply in any other areas across Canberra.

Ms Wilden: The provision of that sort of infrastructure primarily sits with TCCS so we would need to take that on notice in terms of how they manage the prioritisation and place for allocation of bins across the area.

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- TCCS does not charge for the provision or servicing of public rubbish bins, including the 13 wheelie bins located in the Braddon precinct.
- The provision and servicing of these public bins is funded through the TCCS recurrent budget.
- In 2016-17, TCCS supported the proposal from In the City Canberra (ITCC) to use funds from the City Centre Marketing and Improvements levy to pay for nine metal shrouds as a surrounding cover for the TCCS bins to further enhance the amenity in Braddon. Two of these nine installations will be a double unit containing both a recycling and a waste bin.
- Public rubbish bins are provided in areas of highest use and need.
- Placement of the bins is determined through a combination of requests from the public and traders, on-site litter inspections through the litter picking and bin servicing programs to identify high use areas.
- As Braddon's complement of food and beverage retailers has increased in recent years TCCS has increased the number of public rubbish bins in the Lonsdale Street/Mort Street area.

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Asked by Ms Lawder MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Mick Gentleman MLA and Mr Ben Ponton took on notice the following questions:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017 Page 605 - 606

In relation to: Lease variation charge – 2017-18 Budget revenue initiative

MS LAWDER: So what impact assessment did you do before deciding on this policy, on this change to look at how that would affect other people in this space as opposed to the government land, the inner corridor, the Mr Fluffy blocks? So what assessment did you do other than a strictly financial gain assessment, and are you able to table that information?

Mr Gentleman: Well, these are matters that our colleagues in Treasury have been working through, but I will take that on notice and get a response from Treasury for you.

MS LE COUTEUR: Can you take the full modelling, so you are looking at how much the government—how many blocks the government expects this will be used for, and what impact that is having on the number of infill developments? Because presumably you guys provided the expertise behind that. I mean, Treasury could not. You must have done the substantive work in that.

Mr Gentleman: Yes, certainly. So I will get the detail of that for you and come back.

MS LAWDER: Thank you, and just finally—sorry, Chair—how does the interaction of this enormous increase in the codified lease variation charge for unit titling align with government's policy of creating more affordable housing?

Mr Gentleman: Again, I will take that on notice, talk to my Treasury colleagues and come back with an answer.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The following response also contains the answer to QTON E17-338 which is identical in content and has also been submitted to the Committee.

In 2016 an internal review of the LVC was undertaken which considered whether the LVC charge was having any impact on development. The review examined the costs of development, including

and excluding the LVC charge, and the respective margins for developers under each scenario. It found that the LVC charge was unlikely to be sufficient enough to impact on the financial viability of a development.

The review also noted the inequity of the LVC charge to limit the number of dwellings permitted on the land under certain residential leases and recommended that it be increased to an amount on par with other per unit LVC charges. As the lease variation charge taxes unearned wealth, it should have no impact on production or consumption decisions and hence no impact on affordable housing policies, all other things being equal.

Estimation of the potential revenue impact of changing the lease variation charge for certain residential leases was based on assumptions about the number of applications being at similar levels to those in recent past years (but noted that the numbers of applications can differ markedly from year to year).

The number of development applications which include this particular lease variation are shown in the following table:

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2011-12	15
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2013-14	11
2014-15	38
2015-16	78
2016-17 (as of 30 May)	69

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Le Couteur MLA on 26 June 2017: Mr Mick Gentleman MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2017 Page 606 - 607

In relation to: Lease variation charge – 2017-18 Budget revenue initiative

MS LE COUTEUR: But you could provide the information that you provided to treasury about the number of blocks that would be affected?

Mr Ponton: In terms of the number of DAs, absolutely, yes.

THE CHAIR: What is the number of DAs that, in the last year, would have been in that category?

Mr Ponton: I would need to—

Mr Gentleman: We will take that on notice, as we said, and come back to you with a detailed answer.

THE CHAIR: If you are going to take it on notice, instead of just 12 months, can we perhaps look at the past three to four years?

Mr Gentleman: Sure.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The following response also contains the answer to QTON E17-337 which is identical in content and has also been submitted to the Committee.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Professor Kate Auty took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017, page 10

In relation to: Waste management strategy

MS LEE: Thank you, Chair page 468 of the State of the Environment Report refers to the resource recovery rate being stabilised now at between 70 and 75 per cent since 2005-2006, which is short of the target of more than 80 per cent of the ACT waste management strategy. What strategy does the ACT government need to undertake to improve that figure?

PROFESSOR KATE AUTY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

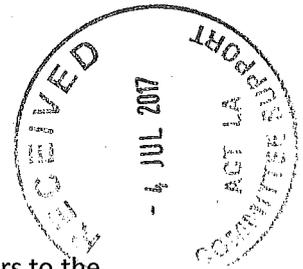
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- Conducting investigations as directed by the Minister;
- Conducting on the Commissioner's own initiative, investigations into actions of an agency where those actions would have a substantial impact on the environment of the ACT; and
- Delivering state of the environment reports (SOER).

The Commissioner has not been directed by the Minister to investigate the Waste Management Strategy 2011-2015 nor have there been any related complaints.

The Directorate responsible for these matters is Transport Canberra and City Services.

The Commissioner has reported on waste indicators in the State of the Environment Reports, most recently 2011 and 2015.



In the text below the Commissioner provides the government's responses to the recommendations made in the State of the Environment Reports 2011 and 2015 and has not formulated future strategies at this point in time.

SOER 2011

Reported in Commissioner for Sustainability and Environment Annual Report 2015-16, Page 34

http://www.environmentcommissioner.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1019228/ACT-Commissioner-for-Sustainability-and-the-Environment-Annual-Report-201516.pdf

SOER 2011 Recommendation 18: *Finalise and implement a new ACT waste management strategy with a focus on reducing waste generation, in particular:*

- i. examine and implement options for diverting wastes from landfill to higher order beneficial reuse opportunities. These actions should be measured, recorded and reported publicly*
- ii. focusing community education on the link between consumption and waste*
- iii. targeting specific programs to reduce waste from the construction and demolition, and commercial and industrial sectors.*

EPD response: ACT Waste Management Strategy: The *ACT Waste Management Strategy 2011–2025* is being reviewed (as part of the ACT Waste Feasibility Study) to assess implementation progress and identify areas for improvement. EPD notes that:

- the Strategy targets are the most ambitious in Australia
- the resource recovery target of over 80 per cent by 2015 was not met
- the ACT's resource recovery rate was around 70 per cent in 2014–15
- with waste generation increasing at a faster rate than population growth, the Territory is not on track to achieve its resource recovery target of over 85 per cent by 2020
- the government remains committed to the targets of achieving a carbon neutral waste sector by 2020 and over 90 per cent resource recovery by 2025
- achieving these targets is possible with a stronger focus on implementation, particularly through investment in waste infrastructure, new legislation and regulation providing incentives and disincentives, and behaviour change through education.

The work undertaken to date indicates there has been progress on the Strategy's actions under the four outcomes, including:

Less waste generated

- increased resource reuse with the expansion of the Green Sheds
- increased resource capture with a free bulky waste collection service for eligible seniors and veterans

Full resource recovery

- improved resource recovery through free drop-off for e-waste
- increased awareness and participation with the Actsmart program expansion
- establishing a mattress recycling social enterprise business

A clean environment

- improved litter management at the Mugga Lane landfill

Carbon neutral waste sector

- reduced carbon footprint through improved waste collection vehicle fleet
- private investment in a rail head in Fyshwick to transport recyclables interstate.

The outcome of the review is likely to result in a Strategy update and will inform the work of the next stage of the Waste Feasibility Study.

ACT Waste Feasibility Study: The 2015–16 budget allocated \$2.8 million over two years to identify and assess an integrated suite of waste services, infrastructure and complementary legislation and regulation to enable the government to achieve its waste policy goal of ‘full resource recovery and carbon neutral waste sector’. To lead this initiative with Whole of Government arrangements, the ACT Waste Feasibility Study commenced in September 2015. The Stage 1 achievements by end of 2015–16 year include:

- development of new legislation, the *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Bill 2016* with a proposed suite of regulatory changes, provided to government for consideration
- a report with pathway options to enable the waste strategy outcomes, provided to the government for consideration
- contractual changes in waste treatment, with the Hume clean Materials Recovery Facility (saving the government money and increasing resource recovery from household recyclables) and the establishment of a mattress recycling facility
- improved data on the amount and types of waste generated, enabling true understanding of the task to achieve the targets, the business opportunities for innovation and an assessment of the ‘gaps’ the existing facilities and where they are
- improved communication with the community and the waste industry through establishing reference groups, plus expanding existing web-based information about waste
- a review in 2015–16 of the existing waste education programs across the two education delivery teams (Actsmart and NoWaste); the establishment of the Waste Education Marketing Plan to guide the NoWaste team.

Stage 2 of the Study to end 2016–17 will progress a range of projects depending upon the government’s decisions.

Waste Education: The NoWaste education highlights in 2015–16 included: the MyWaste app to enable easy access to waste information and the development of the ‘Ricky Starr’ campaign (targeted at a younger demographic). There is continuation of the community survey on waste issues, open days and guided tours of waste facilities such as the Materials Recycling Facility and Mattress Recycling at Hume.

The education achievements of Actsmart programs in 2015–16 include: more than 800 businesses participating in the Business Recycling Program with the development of an online education system in which more than 5,000 staff participating in the recycling programs online education training at their workplace. All ACT schools including public, private and independent schools are signed up to the Actsmart schools program and are supported through workshops, guides and online tools.

As part of stage 1 of the Waste Feasibility Study, a review of waste education programs identified that future education programs should be evidence-based and externally evaluated to measure success. Stage 2 of the Waste Feasibility Study will guide the ongoing education programs, with a likely focus on:

- a single governance framework and waste education strategy
- behaviour change for waste avoidance
- targeted education for particular sectors
 - apartment residents
 - property managers
 - construction industry trades
 - hospitality and health.

TAMSD response: TAMS is currently undertaking a Waste Feasibility Study which examines the current state of waste generation in the Territory to establish a waste management strategy for the Territory to move forward towards achieving targets.

ACT NOWaste continues to provide education programs for community members of all ages including school groups.

The Territory with industry support undertook a major recycling campaign targeting a number of specific waste streams with a primary focus of the kerbside recycling services.

EDU response: EDU is Actsmart-accredited for waste management at its two office locations: 220 Northbourne Avenue (since 8 July 2010), and the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (since 6 June 2013). Recycling initiatives implemented at these locations have reduced waste to landfill at both sites.

At the end of 2015–16, a total of 42 public schools had been awarded Actsmart Schools accreditation for sustainable waste management.

In 2015–16 Actsmart schools organised an eco-bus tour for up to four students and one teacher to showcase 'best practice' sustainability education. The eco-bus tour included a visit to the Materials Recovery Facility and landfill to hear more from waste educators about waste and recycling in the ACT.

In 2015–16, six Canberra public schools have reinvested their feed-in tariff into waste management resources (recycling bins and compost bins).

SOER 2015

Government Response to State of Environment 2015 Recommendations, page 4-5

http://www.environmentcommissioner.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1039379/201606-Government-Response-to-the-State-of-the-Environment-Report-2015.pdf

Recommendation 2 – Human Needs

That the ACT Government implements the monitoring, reporting and evaluation commitments in the ACT Planning Strategy and the ACT Waste Management Strategy, and details those for the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy.

Government response: Supported

A report card on progress on implementation of the ACT Planning Strategy is nearing completion. It will deliver the Strategy's monitoring, reporting and evaluation commitments.

The ACT Waste Management Strategy 2011-2025 was reviewed in 2015. The review analysed implementation progress and provided recommendations for improving waste management in the ACT. The review is being used to inform planning for the future of waste management which is currently underway via the ACT Waste Feasibility Study. As part of the ACT Waste Feasibility Study the Government has reviewed and significantly improved how it collects waste generation and resource recovery data. This will enable more rigorous and transparent reporting and evaluation into the future.

In relation to the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy (NCS) 2013-23, the ACT Government has in place a 5 year NCS Implementation Plan for the period from 2013 to 2018, and proposes to develop a second NCS Implementation Plan for the period from 2018-2023. Each of the NCS Implementation Plans will be reported on through two implementation reports, mid-term and at the end of the period covered by the NCS Implementation Plan.

Recommendation 3 – Human Needs

That the ACT Government considers integrated monitoring, reporting and evaluation of all the key strategies to guide achievement of improved sustainability outcomes for the ACT, including the ACT Planning Strategy, AP2, Transport for Canberra, the ACT Water Strategy, the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy and the ACT Waste Management Strategy.

Government response: Supported in principle

There is already a high level of integration in developing, monitoring and reviewing all the strategies referred to in the recommendation with the Environment and Planning Directorate having lead responsibility for the ACT Planning Strategy, AP2, Transport for Canberra, the ACT Water Strategy, the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy and the ACT Waste Management Strategy.

The ACT Government agrees to consider how it can complement this work by developing a suite of indicators to better assess the effectiveness of environmental management and sustainable development in the ACT.

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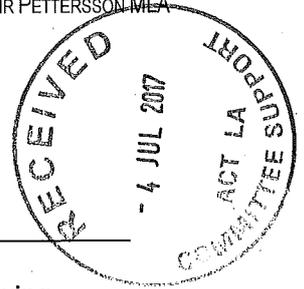


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Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Professor Kate Auty took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017, page 10

In relation to: Reports that the plastic bag ban was successful and whether a review had occurred since

MS LEE: ...What the impact of the plastic bag ban has had against that performance target, noting that there has not seemed to be, there does not seem to be a review since 2014 that I could find.

PROFESSOR KATE AUTY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

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- Delivering state of the environment reports (SOER).

The Commissioner has not been directed by the Minister to investigate the outcomes of the plastic bag ban nor have there been any related complaints.

The SOER 2011 Volume 3 referred to the introduction of the *Plastic Shopping Bags Ban Act (ACT) 2010* on page 451, 537, 582,
http://reports.envcomm.act.gov.au/actsoe2011/library/ACT_Soe_2011_Vol3.pdf.

The Commissioner reported on the plastic bag ban in the SOER 2015 to reflect the progress at that point in time in relation to recommendations made in SOER 2011 namely to finalise and implement the *Waste Management Strategy*.

The Directorate responsible for these matters is Transport Canberra and City Services.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Elizabeth Lee: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

Ref: Budget paper no 3, page number 96

In relation to: Better Services in your community – More support for Actsmart

1. Cool Planet was awarded a contract to deliver the ACTSmart Home Energy Advice service from 2013-2016. What was the total amount of monies provided to Cool Planet to deliver this program?
2. How and by whom was this program evaluated?
3. How much of the contract was spent on travel?
4. Did you consider the program as delivered by Cool Plant cost effective?

SHANE RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. From 2013 to 2016 the total amount paid to Cool Planet to deliver the ACTSmart Home Energy Advice Service (HEAS) was \$320,974.50 (GST inclusive).
2. In 2015/16 an evaluation of the ACTSmart Home Energy Advice Service was conducted by Databuild Research & Solutions. The evaluation included:
 - a review of program documents;
 - interviews with members of the delivery team, program stakeholders and ACT householders;
 - spot checking of the email/phone advice service; and
 - a review of similar programs and interviews with managers of three of these programs.
3. No money was paid to Cool Planet for travel under the ACTSmart Home Energy Advice Service (HEAS) contract.
4. At the time Cool Planet was contracted to deliver the Home Energy Advice Service there were a low number of energy efficiency household inquiries. The number and the complexity of inquiries increased significantly during the latter stages of the contract. The evaluation conducted by Databuild considered the cost effectiveness of the increased demand on services would be more cost effective if delivered in house.

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By the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, Shane Rattenbury MLA



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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Elizabeth Lee MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

ACTION, Budget Statement H, page 29, Output Class 1.1

In relation to : future bus network

1. Has there ever been a direct bus service for residents of the Inner South connecting Deakin, and Kingston, via Manuka Shops?
 - a. If so, please provide:
 - i. The period it was operational;
 - ii. The date it was discontinued;
 - iii. The reasons why it was discontinued; and
 - iv. The patronage numbers of the route prior to its cancellation.
2. Has there been any recent investigation into the feasibility of a bus between Deakin and Kingston via Manuka?
 - a. If so, please provide:
 - i. The date the feasibility study was undertaken;
 - ii. If it is publicly available; and where it can be accessed; and
 - iii. A summary of the findings and recommendations.
3. What feedback has the government received on the establishment of a new bus service directly connecting Deakin, and Kingston, via Manuka Shops?
4. Does the government have any plans to restore or establish a new bus route which would connect Deakin, Kingston and Manuka shops?
 - a. If not, provide reasons why a route is not being considered.

Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. A direct route between Deakin and Kingston via Manuka was available up until 2008.

In 2008, a comprehensive review of services across Canberra resulted in the rationalisation of a number of routes across Canberra. As part of this change, route 83 between Woden and Fyshwick via Deakin, Manuka and Kingston was replaced by more direct routes to the City and Woden on routes 3, 4 and 5 with cross suburb connection available at National Circuit. As these services ceased in 2008, prior to the introduction of the MyWay ticketing system, TCCS does not retain records on patronage numbers.

Since 2 June 2008, National Circuit has been a main connection point outside the City and Woden town centres and continues to play an important role in inner south cross suburb connectivity.

2. There have been no recent investigations into the specific feasibility of a bus between Deakin and Kingston via Manuka.
3. The Government has received ministerial correspondence in relation to services between Deakin and Manuka, most recently on 29 July 2014 and 24 September 2015. This feedback highlighted the current lack of connection between services with no direct route available.
4. The Government is currently examining a range of future adjustments to the bus network (including those affecting Canberra's inner south) ahead of the introduction of Light Rail in late 2018.

The Government has already announced the commencement later this year of a new Green Rapid services from Woden to the City via Manuka.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Lee MLA : To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

ACTION, Budget Paper 3, page 120, Output Class 1.1

In relation to : flexible bus service trial

1. Provide the date of commencement and conclusion of the flexible bus trial.
 - a. When will the results of the trial be available; and where will they be published?
2. Provide an explanation on why Inner North Canberra was chosen for the flexible community bus trial.
3. Were other areas of Canberra considered to receive funding?
 - a. If so, what were the other areas considered; and why where they not selected?
4. Has the Government considered extending the flexible bus trial to the Inner South?
5. What community transport options are currently available in the Inner South
 - a. What are the patronage numbers for these services?
 - b. What is the annual cost of providing these services?

Minister Fitzharris MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. A six month trial of Flexible Bus Services in Canberra's Inner North will commence on 1 September 2017.
 - a. Results of the trial will be published on the Transport Canberra website.
2. The Flexible Bus Service operates in Tuggeranong, Woden/Weston, Gungahlin, the Inner South and Belconnen. The Inner North trial provides a Canberra wide coverage of services.
3. All regions of Canberra will be able to access the Flexible Bus Service.
 - a. Current funding provides for a Canberra wide service.
4. The Flexible Bus Service has been operating in the Inner South since September 2014.
5. The Flexible Bus Service provides community transport services within the Inner South region.
 - a. In 2016-17 there were a total of 5,622 passenger trips in the Inner South/Woden/Weston zone.
 - b. Operating costs per region are not available.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Asked by Mr Steve Doszpot MLA: To ask the Minister for Community Services.

Community Services, Budget Statement G

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Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Increased rates

1. The ACT Taxation Review Panel considered the impact of tax reform on households with low incomes at pages 195 to 198 of the review. In its taxation reform program, the government expanded assistance measures including the Home Buyer Concession Scheme, the General Rates Deferral Scheme, continued the Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme and extended the eligibility criteria for the Duty Deferral Scheme.

Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing

2. The Minister approved the Terms of Reference for the new Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing (MACA) and was involved in the appointment process. The MACA was appointed from 31 May 2017 and it will meet for the first time on 20 July 2017.
3. Timeframes of actions will be developed with the MACA after it meets.
4. Performance measures will be developed with the MACA after it meets.

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5. 7.4 per cent of the \$7.1 million (\$525,400) for mental health is allocated to the Intensive Support Team attached to the Older Person Community Mental Health Team. This team provides a responsive and expert community health service for people over 65 years of age. The Intensive Support Team also provides case management and clinical care in the community to support people discharged from hospital or who are becoming unwell in the community.
6. The ACT Government has committed \$1 million over the next four years to develop and deliver a strategy to address the low proportion of females in male-dominated traditional trades, and assist mature age workers to up-skill and re-skill. The strategy is still being developed, with research and consultation underway to identify the most appropriate approaches to deliver this commitment. Accordingly, the allocation of funding across the two aspects of the commitment has not been determined at this stage.
7. The funding of \$136,000 in the ACT Health 2017-18 Budget has been allocated to enable work on developing an expanded model of care for Hospital in the Home (HITH). This funding is inclusive of older Canberrans.

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8. The initiative is currently in the planning phase for the 2017-18 program of works.
9. Ainslie

Construction works were completed in March 2017. The scope of work included the following:

- Wakefield Avenue/Wakefield Gardens - Realigned crossings and constructed new kerb ramps;
- Cowper Street/Bonney Street/Foveaux Street – Removed non-compliant crossings and constructed new crossings and paths at new alignments;
- Northern footpath on Wakefield Avenue (Angus Street to Wakefield Gardens) – Removed the narrow footpath in poor condition and replaced with new 1.8 m wide footpath, including kerb ramps;
- Wakefield Gardens Park - Areas adjoining the footpath filled to provide users with a wider turning circle;
- Hawdon Street and Tyson Street - Realignment of crossings and new kerb ramps;

- Suttor Street and O'Connell Street – Removed narrow path in poor condition and constructed new 1.5 metre footpath, including kerb ramps; and
- Cox Street and O'Connell Street - Removed narrow path in poor condition and constructed new 1.5 metre footpath, including kerb ramps.

Weston

Construction works were completed in March 2017. The scope of work included the following:

- Namatjira Drive near Mirinjani Village - Installed new speed cushion at pedestrian crossing;
- Gruner Street green belt Crossing - Upgraded footpath and kerb ramp area;
- Namatjira Drive underpass (south side) - Constructed new 1.5 m footpath along the desire line to give direct access up to Namatjira Drive;
- Namatjira Drive underpass (north side) – Removed footpath with steep grade and constructed new 1.5 m footpath to give direct access up to Namatjira Drive;
- Hilder Street opposite Lycett Street - Constructed new 1.5 m footpath along Desire line;
- Footpaths within open space west of Cooleman Court – Removed uneven and hazardous footpath and constructed new re-aligned 1.5 metre wide footpath; and
- Shared path near Weston Uniting Church - Constructed 1.5 m wide footpath connecting the car park to existing shared path.

Monash

- Path between Goodwin Village and Monash Shops along Cockcroft Avenue (replacement of the existing path with new 1.5 m path) – 90% complete;
- Path between Goodwin Village and Monash Shops along the green belt (replacement of the existing path with new 1.5 m path) – completed;
- Path between Cockcroft Ave and Cowdery Place (replacement of the existing path with new 1.5 m path) – completed; and
- Pram crossings and refuge islands associated with the above paths – 70% complete.

Kaleen

Construction works were completed in June 2017. Scope of work includes the following:

- Maribyrnong Avenue at Kaleen Plaza - Removed segmental paving and replaced with concrete path. Removed and replaced ramps and paths to improve steep grades;
- Georgina Crescent and Rubicon Street - Removed and replaced non-compliant ramps and replace broken section of path;
- Rubicon Street (Southern end Link to Shared Path) - Constructed new 1.5 m wide path through park to complete link from shared path. Replaced non-compliant pram ramps; and
- Georgina Crescent (West side of Kaleen Plaza) - Removed the narrow path and replaced with new 1.5 m wide path and constructed new pram ramps to link to plaza.

10. Generally the feedback received has been positive about the improvements.

11. The 2017-18 program will include Page and Hughes.

Canberra Seniors Centre

12. Any provision of funding for the refurbishment or relocation of the Canberra Seniors Centre would need to be considered in the context of the broader budgetary environment and community need across the Territory.
13. There has been a project undertaken to investigate an option to relocate the Seniors Centre at Turner to the Dickson precinct. No commitment or final decisions have been made at this time.

Elder Abuse

14. The ACT Government continues to keep statistics on the number of calls to its Older Persons Abuse Prevention and Referral Line (APRIL). It is noted that calls to this line have increased from 89 calls during 2015-2016 to 125 in 2016-2017. The area of elder abuse is one in which the ACT Government is working actively with the Australian Government to examine what needs to be done, to better understand the issues of elder abuse and the protections required. The Office for Veterans and Seniors recently met with the Attorney General's Department to begin to explore options to enhance data collection in the area of elder abuse, as well as other projects they are progressing in the area of elder abuse.

15. An ACT Government grant of \$20,000 in August 2016 funded a project, led by ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS) and the Council on the Ageing ACT (COTA ACT). The project includes the development of a training package to raise awareness of elder abuse and how to prevent and respond to elder abuse.

Carers ACT received funding of \$10,000 to raise awareness of elder abuse, and to develop strategies to identify abuse risk factors and reduce these risks.

The Bangladeshi Seniors Club Canberra received funding of \$3,250 to improve the lives of Bangladeshi seniors, reduce social isolation and raise awareness of elder abuse and domestic violence.

Legal Aid ACT received \$14,900 to develop *Older and Safer: A guide to improving safety outcomes for older women experiencing family violence in the ACT*. It will include a suite of resources to raise awareness of the experiences of older women subjected to family violence in the ACT and to offer practical information to women, support workers, family and friends.

16. Seniors are able to contact ACT Policing, the Community Service Directorate's Older Person's Abuse Prevention and Referral Line (APRIL) and a range of community organisations, including Legal Aid ACT and the ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS). These options are outlined for Seniors and first responders to elder abuse in the Respecting Our Elders Brochure available at:

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1085441/Respecting-our-elders-Protecting-the-ACTs.pdf

The Public Trustee and Guardian has also recently developed a fact sheet which provides information to raise awareness in relation to elder abuse and to outline how people can protect themselves. This Fact Sheet is available at:

<https://www.ptg.act.gov.au/images/pdf/ptg-fs-elderabuse.pdf>

17. A number of grants have been provided to raise awareness in relation to elder abuse. The APRIL line phone number was printed on awareness-raising promotional materials produced by ADACAS, through grant funding issued by the Community Service Directorate. Further information for Canberra's seniors is available through the CSD website at http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/wac/ageing/ACT_Seniors_Directory/legal_advocacy_and_safety

18. Abuse should be reported to ACT Policing.

19. The Elder Abuse Prevention Pathways provide guidance to officials responding to inquiries and reports relating to elder abuse and can be found at http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/317607/Elder-Abuse-Prevention-Pathways-May-2012.pdf

Requirements on reporting abuse or suspicion of abuse in residential aged care settings are legislated by the *Aged Care Act 1997*. Further information on reporting requirements can be found at <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ensuring-quality/aged-care-quality-and-compliance/guide-for-reporting-reportable-assaults>

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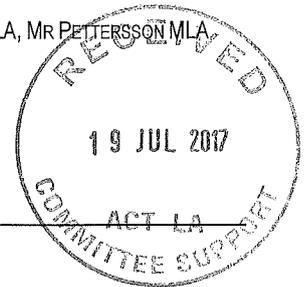
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Child and Youth Protection Services, Budget Statements G, pp. 13–14, 18–19, output class 3.1
ACT Human Rights Commission, *The ACT Youth Justice System 2011*. 2017 ROGS Report, figure 16.10.

In relation to: Youth Justice Case Plans

1. CYPS's success in completing youth justice case plans in the suggested six weeks has been reasonably high in the past (around 90–100%). This year, the estimated outcome is only 62% – a result that is blamed in the budget statements on the implementation of a 'CYPS integrated single case management', which 'includes increased quality standards of case plans'. The recommendation for single case management was, however, made by the ACT Human Rights Commission in its 2011 audit, giving the CSD five years to plan for this implementation. Considering the known risks that come with delays in preparing youth justice case plans, why were adequate resources not in place for the smooth implementation this year of single case management?
2. What specific safeguards has CYPS put in place to guarantee that this poor performance in youth justice case plan completions will not be repeated going forward?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Indicator b (Youth Justice Case Plans completed) is aligned with the national reporting measure in the Report on Government Services. The count for this measure is the proportion of case plans prepared or reviewed within six weeks of the start of a supervised sentenced order.

New case plan documents were introduced with the implementation of single case management in July 2015. These documents increased the quality and quantity of information gathered to inform the case plan document.

The estimated outcome lower than the target does not indicate an absence of case planning; rather, an indication that the case plan document is not completed on the client management system (CHYPS) within the six week counting period, according to the national counting rule.

2. Child and Youth Protection Services are addressing this downturn in results through targeted monitoring and training for frontline staff.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Elizabeth Kikkert: to ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Youth Engagement, Budget Statements G, pp. 12, 16, output class 2.3

In relation to: Youth Engagement

1. Reference was made during the hearing to 'a range of programs and projects' and 'a range of ongoing measures' that address youth unemployment in the territory. Can you please detail these programs or measures and briefly address how they assist young people to secure employment?

2. Research has linked unemployment with depression. When working with young people who have mental health issues, what measures does the government provide to address unemployment as one possible contributor?

Minister Stephen-Smith: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Government recognises the youth unemployment and underemployment has a range of causal factors, including education and training outcomes, a mismatch between training and job requirements, and the adequacy of the employment market in providing employment opportunities.

The ACT Government seeks to address many of these issues holistically through its stewardship of the ACT economy and its ongoing work to reform and improve ACT education and training.

A range of ACT Government subsidised programs are available to assist young people to secure employment by supporting transitions from school to work or further education and training; ensuring all young people have the opportunity to gain foundation and employability skills; and/or providing access to post-school qualifications and skills that meet the changing needs of the economy. Programs include:

- Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools;
- Australian Apprenticeships (including Australian School-based Apprenticeships);
- ACT Government-subsidised courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT);
- CIT Yurauna Centre;
- CIT Pathways College;

- Skilled Capital;
- ACT Adult Community Education (ACE) Grants; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Secondary and Tertiary Scholarships.

Funding for these programs also supports a range of government and/or community projects that assist young people to secure employment and/or access pathways to employment. For example:

- CIT pre-employment programs;
- Belconnen Community Service Youth Employment Pathways Hub;
- Kippax Connections; and
- SPARK pre-employment programs and CCCares.

The ACT Government recognises some young people face particular barriers engaging with education and employment. A range of measures is used to increase young people's participation in education, training and employment.

For example, the Skilled Capital program makes available:

- substantial subsidies towards the cost of participating in qualifications identified as a skills need in the ACT, or providing a pathway into one of these qualifications;
- an additional \$500 loading above the base subsidy amount for young people participating in a Skilled Capital course who report having a mental health issue;
- fee exemptions for young people experiencing long-term unemployment;
- additional funding to support youth-at-risk to engage in work experience opportunities while studying towards a nationally recognised VET qualification; and
- further funding of up to \$1,000 for additional learning support for young people with mental health issues to assist them to be successful in their studies.

Ongoing measures to support participation by young people in training and employment include:

- additional funded learning support for young people with a disability (including people with mental health issues), and young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans;
- additional funding for work experience support and fee concessions for young people who are long-term unemployed;
- funded training opportunities for young people on refugee or humanitarian visas;
- funded VET options for young people seeking an alternative to full-time schooling in a mainstream setting;
- additional support services for CIT students under 18;
- financial incentives to encourage employers in the building and construction industry to take on and retain young apprentices; and
- additional financial incentives to encourage employers in the building and construction industry to take on and retain apprentices in the following cohorts: young people with a disability; young women; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

The ACT Government also supports a range of services and programs designed to help youth access meaningful work experience and connect young people to entrepreneurial thinking and the ACT's innovation eco-system. Much of this work is achieved in partnership with the CBR Innovation

Network (CBRIN). CBRIN provides a number of services that assist new business ventures and start-ups such as the Entry29 co-working space for entrepreneurs and innovators, the Kiln Incubator and GRIFFIN Accelerator, as well as workshops and networking events.

2. The ACT Government recognises and acknowledges that employment is an issue that affects and is affected by mental illness, including depression.

In addition to the programs and initiatives listed at the response to Q1 above the ACT Government supports the following services:

- ACT Health provides funding for a vocational rehabilitation program for people with a mental illness to achieve a statement of attainment, as well as to complete a Certificate IV at the Canberra Institute of Technology. These funds have provided opportunity for people with a mental illness to gain employment.
- CAMHS Specialised Youth Mental Health Outreach program has a youth worker who is able to assist young people with regard to training, education and employment by linking clients with known service providers.
- The Adult Community Mental Health Service program has Recovery Support Officers who assist young people with mental illness with regard to training, education and employment by linking clients with known service providers.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Social Inclusion, Budget Statements G, pp. 12–13, 17, Output Class 2.5 Services Design Policy and Accountability

In relation to: Services Design Policy and Accountability

1. This new output subclass includes a new indicator: 'Proportion of funded services that were visited by a Relationship Manager during the financial year'. The 2017-18 target is expressed as a percentage (90%) whereas the previous indicator reported a raw number. The estimated outcome for 2016-17 is 40 visits. Assuming that this figure is reached, what proportion of funded services would that be?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Previously, this indicator measured the actual number of service visits conducted by Relationship Managers for services funded by the Community Services Directorate under the Community Development Program. This indicator did not adequately reflect the nature and extent of the Directorate's engagement with funded providers.

A total of 27 organisations are funded under the Community Development Program. Should the estimated outcome of 40 visits be reached for the 2016-17 period, this would mean that 100% of the target has been reached and that several organisations would have been visited more than once.

From 2017-18 forward, this indicator will measure the proportion of funded services visited by a Relationship Manager across the Community Development Program, the Child Youth and Family Services Program, and the Children's Services Program. The proportion of the total funded organisations visited is a more meaningful measure and will provide a better measure of service to funded organisations.

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Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Child and Youth Protection Services, Budget Statements G, pp. 13–14, 18–19, output class 3.1
ACT Human Rights Commission, *The ACT Youth Justice System 2011*. 2017 ROGS Report, figure 16.10.

In relation to: Child Protection System

1. The budget reports a funding increase of approximately \$2.5 million each year for four years for the child protection system. What exactly will this money be used for?
2. In light of the fact that funding for early intervention services continues to decrease, will any of these annual funding increases contribute towards measures that are designed to reduce the demand for out-of-home care places? If so, which services and at what cost?
3. The combined \$10,513,000 funding increases for out-of-home care and child protection systems in the 2017-18 budget come without a corresponding increase in the overall budget for Child and Youth Protection Services. How will these two increases be paid for within CYPS? What programs or services will be cut?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The funding will allow Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) to employ two additional CYPS case management teams to address the increase in demand for protection services.
2. Funding for early intervention services has not decreased and is not forecast to decrease. Under *A Step Up for Our Kids* (Output Class 3.1), funding for early intervention has increased. The funding of two new case management teams will allow CYPS to focus on pre-natal services and responding early to families at risk of entering the child protection system.

In addition, *A Step Up for Our Kids* includes dedicated early intervention funding through the Strengthening High Risk Families domain of the Strategy. Uniting's Children and Families ACT program delivers a comprehensive, intensive and early intervention support service to families at risk of entering the care and protection system. This domain also provides funding to Karinya House. The Mother and Baby unit at Karinya House provides services to support pregnant women, mothers and families whose children are at risk of entering care. The unit provides 24-hour supervised support for up to three months, reducing the likelihood of these children coming into care.

3. During 2016-17, the Directorate identified the requirement of an estimated \$10m in Treasurer's Advance to address the significant demand pressure. It is reflected in the \$10m increase from 2016-17 Original Budget of \$89.6 to the Estimated Outcome of \$99.5m.

In 2017-18 Budget Process, the Directorate received significant investments over four years from 2017-18 to 2020-21 at a similar level of \$10m as the 2016-17 Treasurer's Advance. The \$10m investment is shown when comparing 2016-17 Original Budget of \$89.6m to 2017-18 Budget of \$99.2m.

Further information on the budget for Child and Youth Protection Service is outlined in my response to QON 312.

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Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Social Inclusion, Budget Statements G, pp. 13, 17, Output Class 2.6 Quality and Human Services Regulation, Hansard, 1 Mar. 2017, pp. 3–5, 7–11.

In relation to: Quality and Human Services Regulation

1. In annual reports hearings on 1 March this year, Ms Sheehan from the CSD noted that implementation of the Community Services Implementation Plan had been delayed. Can you please provide an update on the development of this plan and its implementation? Have any further work plans been decided upon other than the first priority of workforce?
2. At the time of the annual reports hearing, we were told that \$600,000 remained from the Community Sector Reform Levy but that it had not yet been decided what that money would be used for. Can you please update us on what plans are in place for the investment of these funds?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Industry Strategy sets out a 10 year vision for the community services industry in the ACT. The governance group for the Industry Strategy, the Joint Community Government Reference Group (JCGRG), has decided to develop three 3-year implementation plans to achieve this vision, with the final year for evaluation and future planning.

A subcommittee of the JCGRG, the Industry Strategy Steering Group, which comprises representatives from community and government, will oversee the development and implementation of the first action plan, centred on workforce development in the community services industry. The second and third implementation plans will focus on research, planning, evaluation and infrastructure.

An Industry Strategy Implementation Plan Workshop was held on Friday 2 June 2017 to inform the first implementation plan. There was a strong response from the industry, with a total of 65 attendees and positive feedback received. The workshop endorsed a range of priority actions for workforce development for the first Action Plan. These actions will now be scoped and costed to determine how the available funds are invested. A report on the workshop and the Action Plan will be circulated to the industry at the August meeting of JCGRG.

2. Funds from the Community Sector Reform Levy will be used to support priorities identified under the Industry Strategy. The Industry Strategy Steering Group is responsible for developing, prioritising and sequencing the actions to which funds will be directed.

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Ref: Child and Youth Protection Services, Budget Statements G, pp. 13–14, 18–19, Output Class 3.1
Child and Youth Protection Services

In relation to: Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

1. Dr Collins referred to literacy and numeracy assessments in the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and educational programs targeted at improving capability. Can you please provide anonymised data for each learner from 2016-17 relating to these assessments and measured outcomes, including original assessments (for both literacy and numeracy), total length of time spent in Bimberi, and final/exit assessments (or progress assessments for those still resident) of both literacy and numeracy capability?
2. How much it cost to maintain the swimming pool at Bimberi in 2016-17?
3. How many days per week on average is the swimming pool used by residents?
4. Is the pool ever closed to residents as form of discipline or punishment? If so, how many times in 2016-17 was the pool closed for this reason?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Consistent with privacy principles, Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre cannot provide individual personal information about students. On commencement at the school, students are informed that assessment data is collected to inform the educational program of students and will not be provided outside of designated care teams, authorised persons and their care givers. The small number of students attending the school and the very small number of students who attend school long enough to complete a valid second assessment, combined with length of time spent in Bimberi and the time period of this request increases the potential for identifying students.

Within two weeks of students attending the Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre, an assessment of the young person's literacy and numeracy skills is conducted using standardised tests and other assessments. These assessments are used (as well as conversations with the young person) to inform the development of the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

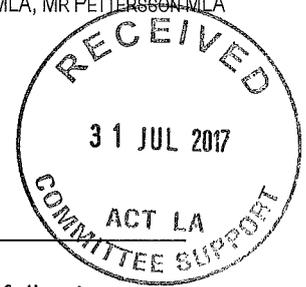


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert on 22 June 2017: Mr Ian Hubbard took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 22 June 2017 [PAGE 383-384]

In relation to: Out of home care

KIKKERT:

1. The 2017–18 budget reports an enormous injection into funding for out-of-home care both this year and across the forward estimates, with more than \$8 million earmarked for each year. The previous budget gave a one-off boost to out-of-home care of \$800,000 and foresaw no need for any funding increases across the forward estimates. What has happened in the territory to require this funding shift, and why was this increase in demand not foreseen?
2. The budget estimates that the total out-of-home care days that will be used in 2017–18 will increase by 13,800 days. What proportion of this increase is a consequence of additional children and young people entering the out-of-home care system, and what proportion is a consequence of children and young people spending longer in care?
3. How many children and young people were in out-of-home care on the first of each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017?
4. How many ATSI children and young people were in out-of-home care on the first of each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017?
5. How many children and young people were in residential care on the first of each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017?
6. The accountability indicators in the budget indicate an increase in the number of children and young people who require longer term care. Why is this happening, and what specifically is CYPs doing to address this issue?
7. What is the flat fee that the government pays to ACT Together for each out-of-home care day? If this figure is different to the \$133 per care day listed in the budget statements, please explain the discrepancy.
8. Which national body is the CSD working with to more deeply understand how to get better outcomes for ATSI young people and families?
9. Besides Mr De'Ath, who currently serves on the Child, Youth and Protection Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee?



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: to ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Multicultural Affairs, Budget Statements G, pp. 12, 16, output class 2.3
2017-18 Budget Paper no. 3, p. 88.

In relation to: Multicultural Affairs

1. The 2017-18 budget commits nearly \$1.4 million over four years to two new programs, one of them being an expansion of current English language programs for new migrants. How many new migrants are being served by the current programs? How many additional new migrants are expected to be served by this expansion of the current programs? Recognising that helping new migrants to enter the workforce is the goal of these programs, what is the current success rate?
2. The other new program is a job brokering service for refugees and asylum seekers. How many of these people is this program expected to assist each year? Currently how many refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT are seeking to enter the workforce?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. In relation to English language programs, please refer to E17-149. In relation to work experience and employment programs, currently OMA supports new migrants to enter the workforce through the Work Experience and Support Program (WESP). On completion of the last WESP in December 2016, 11 of the 20 participants gained short term contracts. After 6 months 65%, or 13 of the 20 participants, are employed on temporary or permanent contracts.

The Multicultural Employment Services, with funding from CSD and the Department of Social Services, also supports refugees and asylum seekers to find employment. In 2016-17, this service proposed 160 people to potential employers, with 116 people offered employment.

2. The four year \$1.2 million employment support package will match refugees and asylum seekers with employment opportunities. The new enhanced employment support program aims to both increase the number of people accessing employment assistance and the level and nature of support and engagement provided, to improve retention rates through expanded and more integrated programs. The package is yet to be designed and target numbers are yet to be identified.



The exact number of refugee and asylum seekers currently in the ACT seeking to enter the workforce is not known. Currently, there are 229 people on the MES register of job seekers.

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10. Reference was made to feedback that Uniting's work in early intervention 'is having a very real impact in keeping children and young people out of the out-of-home care system'. Can you please provide data in support of this feedback?
11. Last year's Glanfield Inquiry raised concerns that the office of the Public Advocate may lack the necessary funding to perform its oversight function, and it more conclusively noted that the 'area in CYPS that focuses on responding to the Public Advocate is under resourced to deal with [the Public Advocate's] requests in a timely manner'. This is important, according to the inquiry, because of 'limited review opportunities' for many CYPS decisions. I am happy, therefore, to note a four-year increase in funding for the Public Advocate of \$631,000. What portion of this funding increase is earmarked for strengthening the Public Advocate's oversight of CYPS decisions?
12. What specific measures have been taken to guarantee that the Operational Compliance and Support area in CYPS has been provided the resourcing necessary to respond to expanded oversight by the office of the Public Advocate?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The \$800,000 provided in the 2016-17 Budget was a one-off adjustment to the base funding of the Out of Home Care program. This was to reflect current cost pressures in response to a significant increase in the number of children recently entering out of home care, and the timing of the commencement of services under A Step Up for Our Kids, which will target the ongoing growth and high cost of Out of Home Care services. The investment in the 2017-18 Budget adjusted costs on the actual growth figures projected to the out years.
2. This number was calculated by the historical growth in Out of Home Care of approximately 5% (back to the introduction of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*) on top of the estimated outcome for 2016-17. It does not relate to entries and exits into care.
3. The number of children and young people who were in out-of-home care on the last Sunday each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017, were:

Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
753	763	769	777	773	782	772	779	777	788	793	808

4. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people who were in out of home care on the last Sunday of each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017, were:

Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
196	198	202	203	203	207	206	207	210	215	217	224

5. The number of children and young people who were in residential care on the last Sunday of each month from 1 July 2016 to 1 June 2017 were:

Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
43	45	44	46	40	39	37	37	38	40	42	42

6. An aim of *A Step Up for Our Kids* is to provide children with stable permanent care options when it is no longer safe for them to live with their birth family. This means that for those children whose care needs are identified as long term, they will most likely require permanent care. Permanent care may take the form of Enduring Parental Responsibility Orders or adoption. Under an Enduring Parental Responsibility Order, the child will be supported by the government financially until at least 18 years and therefore contribute to the 'care days used' figure.
7. As advised by Dr Mark Collis in the Budget hearings, the fee which the government pays to ACT Together for each out of home care day is commercial-in-confidence. Information on how the figure of \$133 was reached was provided in response to Question Taken on Notice No. E17-144.
8. The Community Services Directorate is working with the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC). SNAICC is a national non-government peak body which represents the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. SNAICC's wide membership base and long history of working with a variety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations provides them with extensive experience and knowledge in the field, making an ideal partnership to discover ways to seek better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and families.
9. The members on the Child, Youth and Protection Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee, aside from Mr Michael De'Ath, Director General, Community Services Directorate are:
- Ms Jo Wood, Coordinator-General Family Safety, Community Services Directorate;
 - Ms Kate Alexander, Executive Director, Department of Family and Community Services, NSW;
 - Mr Tony Kemp, Independent Representative, South Australia;
 - Ms Jane Murkin, Deputy Director General, Health Directorate;
 - Ms Sally Gibson, Human Services Registrar, Community Services Directorate; and
 - Dr Mark Collis, Executive Director, Child and Youth Protection Services.
10. Uniting's work in early intervention is having a very real impact in keeping children and young people out of the out-of-home-care system. In July 2016 – March 2017, 177 Families were referred to the program with 124 engaging. Of the 177 who were referred, 63 of these families identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Of the 124 who engaged in the program, 41 of these families identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

There were 80 annualised overall placements with 27 of these identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The Children and Youth Services Ministerial Advisory Council (MinCo) provides independent advice to the Minister on the implementation of *A Step Up for Our Kids*. The MinCo's assessment is that the support provided by Uniting has resulted in a significant proportion of these families remaining together in circumstances that would otherwise have seen children and young people entering out of home care.

11. Allocation of the Public Advocate budget is a matter for the Human Rights Commission. This question should be directed to the Human Rights Commission.

12. Monthly meetings occur with the Public Advocate to streamline requests for information. The team accesses resources from within the office of the Director and Operational staff to respond as necessary.

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The ILP is the guiding document for the teacher and the student to address areas of the student's learning that needs development. Learning goals are set on the ILP. A Pathways Plan is also completed which supports the student identifying their vocational, training and educational goals and the steps they need to take to achieve these goals.

The assessments used to assess literacy include the single word test and PM Benchmark. Assessments used to assess numeracy include the Wide Range Achievement Test III (WRAT 3) and Progressive Achievement Test: Maths (PAT Maths).

In 2016-17 literacy standard scores at METC on the single word test ranged from 131 through to 69.

In 2016-17 numeracy standard scores at METC on the WRAT 3 ranged from 115 through to 55.

Students who are significantly behind in their literacy and numeracy skills are engaged in intensive individual tutoring programs. The literacy tutoring uses the MultiLit program and the numeracy tutoring uses the MultiMaths program.

2. The swimming pool at Bimberi cost \$1,067.50 to maintain in 2016-17.
3. Unless closed for maintenance, the pool is offered regularly as part of the suite of programs available to the young people. The pool is offered to all young people during afternoon and weekend programs. During winter and over the past three months the pool has been used on average once per week. During the warmer weather, the pool is utilised approximately three to four times a week.
4. The pool is never closed as a form of discipline or punishment. All young people are risk assessed before participating in high risk programs and the pool is considered a high risk program. If a young person is removed from a program for high risk or problematic behaviours, there may be a short period of time where there will be restrictions on participation in high risk programs.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Early Intervention Services, Budget Statements G, pp. 11, 15, Output Class 2.1 Strategy, Participation and Early Intervention – Early Intervention Services

In relation to: Early Intervention Services

1. One of the main strategies in the government's out-of-home care plan, *A Step Up for Our Kids*, is to shift 'the pattern of investment to increase expenditure at the front end of the system, aiming both to minimise entries to care and also to identify children's behavioural concerns and special needs early and to provide flexible individualised funding to address those needs'. Expenditure on early intervention services, however, has declined from \$26,162,000 in 2015-16 to \$24,584,000 in 2016-17, and now to \$22,124,000 in 2017-18. At the same time, funding for the 'back end of the system', out-of-home care, has been given an investment boost of more than \$8 million each year for the next four years. Can you please explain these funding priorities in light of the strategy articulated in *A Step Up for Our Kids*? Can you please explain how these funding arrangements support with the government's goal to shift expenditure to the 'front end of the system'?
2. Considering the continued growth of children and young people requiring child protection services during the year and also the increase of children and young people in out-of-home care placements, what specific data can the government provide that its early intervention services are actually working as intended?
3. In the hearing, Ms Starick noted that some groups coordinated by the Child and Family Centres have waiting lists. How many groups at each centre have a waiting list? How many participants are in each group that does, and approximately how many names are on each waiting list? What is the maximum length of time that a potential participant has had to wait before being included in a group?
4. What specific prevention and early intervention services are currently offered to older children (those between 8 and 12 years)

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. To clarify the movement in the numbers for Output 2.1 Early Intervention, the decrease from 2015-16 (\$26.162 m) to 2016-17 (\$24.584 m) was attributed to the transfer of a property from output class 2.1, Melaleuca place (\$1.4 m) to Output Class 3. The reduction from 2016-17 (\$24.584 m) to 2017-18 (\$22.124 m) relates to the reallocation of corporate overheads into the three additional sub-outputs within Output class 2, Output 2.4 *Office for Disability*, Output 2.5 *Service Design, Policy and Accountability*, and Output 2.6 *Quality and Human Services Regulation*.

The Early Intervention system is supported by a number of funding sources. In addition to the Early Intervention funding referred to in Output 2.1, *A Step Up for Our Kids* includes dedicated early intervention funding through the Strengthening High Risk Families domain of the Strategy. Uniting's Children and Families ACT program delivers a comprehensive, intensive and early intervention support service to families at risk of entering the care and protection system.

This domain also provides funding to Karinya House. The Mother and Baby unit at Karinya House provides services to support pregnant women, mothers and families whose children are at risk of entering care. The unit provides 24-hour supervised support for up to three months, reducing the likelihood of these children coming into care.

In addition, the 2017-18 ACT Budget provides \$10,066,000 over four years for Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) to staff two new case management teams. This will allow CYPS to focus on pre-natal services and responding early to families at risk of entering the child protection system.

2. It is not possible to provide data on the number of children and young people who do not enter out of home care due to early intervention services, however, the ACT Government's suite of early intervention programs, delivered through the three Child and Family Centres (CFCs), provide strong examples of instances where children and young people are supported outside of CYPS.

An analysis of performance data from the CFCs provides evidence of the solid uptake in programs, and the steady increase in attendance at the Centres each year. For example, in the most recent quarterly data report from March 2017, the number of occasions of service rose by 8%.

Another example of increased attendance is the successful Growing Healthy Families Program which engages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. This program has reached a significant number of children and young people over the past two years. In 2015-16, Growing Healthy Families engaged 164 families and 248 children. In 2016-17, Growing Healthy Families has so far engaged 176 families and 265 children. The success of the Program was recently recognised in the 2017-18 ACT Budget with a commitment of \$502,000 to continue this successful work.

The increasing uptake of families and children at the CFCs indicate the programs are providing early interventions for a growing number of vulnerable clients.

3. As Ms Starick explained in the hearing:

"There are waiting lists in that the groups are generally scheduled for a particular period of time that coordinates with the school term. If somebody presents and there is a group that is running that is already full, they will be scheduled for the next group when it comes up....Often, in the interim, people connect with some of the community partners that operate out of the CFCs or elsewhere in Canberra or they have an individual session. So the waiting list is not so much about a capacity issue; it is more about when the group that they want to attend is scheduled."

If a parent tries to access a targeted program at a CFC, such as Circle of Security or Cool Little Kids, and the program is full or has already commenced for the term, the CFCs will register the parent's details and will notify them ahead of the next program's start date. In the meantime, the CFCs will seek to link the parent into another program at one of the Centres, or into a program run by one of their community partners.

Currently, the CFCs have the following current registrations for their programs:

- **Gungahlin:**
 - *Circle of Security* = 15
 - *Cool Kids* = 11
 - *Cool Little Kids* = 0
 - *Learn Giggle Grow* = 10
 - *Tuning into Kids* = no current registrations at this time – this is a new partnership with Belconnen Community Services.
- **Tuggeranong:**
 - *Circle of Security* = 14
 - *Cool Little Kids* = 16
 - *Multicultural Playgroup* = 10
- **West Belconnen:**
 - *Circle of Security* = 21
 - *Cool Little Kids* = 13
 - *Learn Giggle Grow* = 5
 - *Tuning into Kids* = 3

The number of participants who can participate in the Circle of Security and Cool Little Kids at any one time is 12.

The average maximum wait time for programs at the CFCs is one school term.

4. The West Belconnen and Gungahlin CFCs offer the Cool Kids program, a group for primary school children aged 8-12 years. The program focuses on strategies to better manage anxiety. Tuggeranong CFC offers Wellbeing Sessions, when demand is high, for children aged 8-12 years.

The Growing Healthy Families Program, which spans across the three CFCs, offers a number of courses targeted at older children, including:

- *Koori Kids* (8-12 years);
- *Young Girls Group* (5-12 years);
- *Deadly Mob* (5-12 years);
- *Ngunnawal Homework Club* (5-12 years).

West Belconnen CFC also offers the Koori Leadership Group, which caters for young people aged 13-16 years.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth

Ref: Social Inclusion, Budget Statements G, pp. 12, 16, output class 2.3
2017-18 Budget Paper no. 3, p. 88.

In relation to: Community Participation (Community Recovery)



1. The accountability indicator for community capacity building projects – which has always included grants to community organisations – has been changed for 2017–18 to ‘number of community building, participation grants and scholarship programs administered’. What is the nature of the scholarship programs that have been added to this indicator?
2. The budget statements indicate that 85% of those accepted into the Work Experience and Support (WESP) program for migrants successfully complete it. How many of these then go on enter the workforce within the next six months (or any other timeframe that the CSD measures)?
3. Does demand for the WESP program outstrip places? If so, what is the average waiting time to begin the program? Has consideration been given to expanding it?
4. Applicants to the WESP program must have the confidence to communicate proficiently in spoken and written English. Does any relationship exist between the WESP and the expanded English language programs that have been funded in the budget?

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The measure previously only reported on the number of grants allocated to community organisations from within a single grants program. The revised measure reports on grants and scholarships administered by the Community Services Directorate at the program level. These include:
 - Participation (Multicultural) Grants
 - Participation (Women’s) Grants
 - Participation (Veterans and Seniors) Grants
 - Participation (Digital Communities) Grants
 - Youth Interact Grants
 - Audrey Fagan Young Women’s Enrichment Grants
 - Return to Work Grants
 - Community Support and Infrastructure Grants
 - iDay Grants

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Grants
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Grants
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships Grants
- Community Interpreter Preparation Program (Scholarships)
- Youth Scholarships.

2. Upon completion of the last WESP program in December 2016, 11 of the 20 participants gained short term contract work in their area of placement. Since then, some participants have had contracts extended and some have found other jobs. After six months 65%, 13 of the 20 participants, were employed on temporary or permanent contracts.
3. Each year, there are two programs with 20 places offered. The average waiting period is six months. The new enhanced employment program aims to provide increased opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers to access targeted employment support.
4. Participants of the WESP undergo training in Certificate II in Business. They are required to have adequate spoken and written English ability to undertake their work placements. The expanded English language program funded in the 2017-18 Budget is a new initiative, and building the English language capacity of people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds is a key outcome for the expanded English language program.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: to ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Justice and Community Safety, Budget Statements D, pp. 10, 14, 59, output class 1.1 ACT LA Hansard, 8 Mar. 2017, pp. 215–18.

In relation to: Safer Families

1. Both the budget itself and the Government's 2017 Safer Families Statement overwhelmingly refer to measures to 'respond to' family and personal violence. The only mention of prevention or early intervention comes from the Legal Aid Commission's strategic objective, which is to 'promote the identification and early resolution of legal problems' for vulnerable people 'such as victims of family violence'. Can you please detail the most important prevention and early intervention measures funded by the government in this budget? How much funding are they each receiving? How are those served by these measures identified and then engaged?
2. In annual reports hearings in March, we heard from Ms Wood (the Coordinator-General for the Family Safety) that the hub will support 'better, earlier intervention and better, earlier identification of people who might be at risk'. Can you please explain specifically what measures it will engage in to accomplish these purposes beyond simply raising awareness of the issue?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The ACT Government committed to \$23.5 million over four years from 2017-18 and a prevention or early intervention focus is embedded in a number of existing and new measures.

There are also existing commitments or activities that are being implemented outside the Safer Families funded measures that have a prevention or early intervention focus. Some of these include the work that the ACT Government is doing around the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, and the ACT Government commitment to have all Directorates accredited with White Ribbon.

Some examples of measures that address prevention or early intervention in the Safer Families package include:

- \$2.2 million over four years to pilot a Family Safety Hub. Priorities emerging for the Hub include improving early identification of people at risk and creating opportunities for early intervention.
- \$770,000 over three years to improve awareness, understanding and capability of the Government front-line workforce to respond to violence.

- \$2 million over four years from 2016-17 to fund the alcohol and other drugs sector to build capacity to deliver programs that integrate best practice in family violence prevention and early intervention.
- \$850,000 for the Justice Reinvestment Trial, which was launched in partnership with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services to deliver a family focused approach to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the justice system.
- \$964,000 over four years to establish Room4Change which is an innovative program supporting women and children to stay safely in the home whilst providing therapeutic interventions for perpetrators or people at risk of using violence.

Beyond the activities detailed in the Safer Families statement and the Budget, the ACT Government has a history of partnering with the community to develop strategies for primary prevention of violence activity—this activity has been funded through the ACT Women’s Grants Program since 2015-16. Some examples of gender-equity promotion and primary prevention of violence activities funded through this grants program are below.

- Production of pamphlets and workshops in the Chinese language in the area of the prevention of violence against women and children.
- Lunch time educational sessions within the construction, building and automotive industries in the Canberra region with the aim of the prevention of domestic and family violence.
- A project targeted towards children and young people to develop skills in communication, problem solving and relationship building with the aim of the prevention of domestic and family violence.
- Support for the participation of year nine and ten students in the YWCA leadership program ‘She Leads High Conference’ to empower young women to take on leadership and decision making roles.
- The development of two videos featuring women, children and men from a diverse range of backgrounds and sectors of the Canberra community that explain why it matters how we speak about intimate partner and family violence.
- A prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence in LGBTIQ communities project utilising a bystander approach to prevention.
- A project to provide online training for workers in the disability sector to understand the nature and effect of violence on women with disabilities, how to identify if women may be victims of violence, as well as how to assist them to improve the safety of women with disabilities in group accommodation settings and the wider community.

The Government and the community are working together to consider different ways that we can address the issue of domestic and family violence holistically. There is no one answer, and there is still much work to be done to see cultural and behavioural change.

2. The outcome of the co-design of the Family Safety Hub will determine the ultimate shape of the Hub. Priorities emerging for the Hub include improving early identification of people at risk and creating opportunities for early intervention. However, until the co-design process is finalised, the specific roles and priorities of the Hub must remain open. To specify the measures the Hub will engage in to accomplish purposes before the co-design is completed pre-empts the process and the value from gathering insights from people with the best experience.

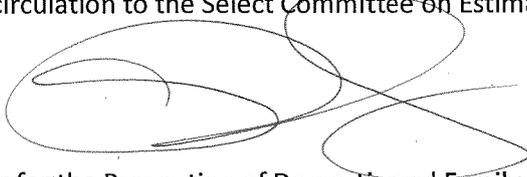
The co-design process for the Family Safety Hub is well advanced and paced to ensure stakeholders have the capacity to contribute.

The priority groups for the “user insights” phase of the co-design work were: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and families; Culturally and Linguistically Diverse women, women with disability, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTIQ) community and young men with lived experience of violence.

The co-design process has gathered information on pathways, barriers and opportunities from a broad cross-section of participants in the government and community sectors. The co-design team has interviewed 50 people about their experiences of the system and run four workshops to scope and set priorities for the co-design process and validate the insights from the user research.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Elizabeth Kikkert: to ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Justice and Community Safety, Budget Statements D, pp. 10, 14, 59, output class 1.1
Glanfield, 'Report of the Inquiry' (2016), 77.

In relation to: Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner

1. Last year's Glanfield Inquiry raised concerns that the office of the Public Advocate may lack the necessary funding to perform its oversight function, and it more conclusively noted that the 'area in CYPS that focuses on responding to the Public Advocate is under resourced to deal with [the Public Advocate's] requests in a timely manner'. This is important, according to the inquiry, because of 'limited review opportunities' for many CYPS decisions. I am happy, therefore, to note a four-year increase in funding for the Public Advocate of \$631,000. In the hearing, however, Ms Playford noted that the increased funding would be used to respond to 'anticipated changes to both the legislative and the service system which includes increased family violence awareness, the implementation of the reportable conduct scheme, review of the working with vulnerable people checks and recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Response on Child Sexual Abuse'. What portion of this funding increase will actually contribute to strengthening the Public Advocate's oversight of CYPS decisions?

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

It is difficult to quantify the proportion of the new position (that the increase in funding provides for) that will be dedicated to oversight. An important inter-relationship exists between the Public Advocate's statutory responsibilities to advocate for the rights of children and young people; investigate concerns from children and young people about the provision of services for their protection; and monitor the provision of services for the protection of children and young people.

Each component of the Public Advocate's functions serves to promote the quality and responsiveness of appropriate supports and the adequacy of service arrangements for children and young people, particularly those in the care and protection system. Further, they each contribute to the Public Advocate's oversight of decision-making and other operational processes.

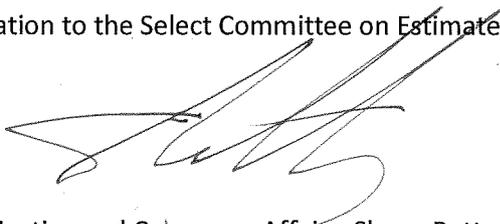
The Public Advocate's statutory responsibilities extend more broadly than just care and protection and, while oversight of the care and protection system is an important part of the Public Advocate's work, working proactively to address and/or mitigate against situations that place children and

young people at risk ensures a holistic approach to protecting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people. To this end, the Public Advocate will seek to ensure an appropriate balance of resources in fulfilling the statutory requirements of the office.

It should also be noted that Government has committed to undertaking a review of the Public Advocate's oversight resources, commencing in late 2017, as per the recommendation in the Glanfield Report.

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By the Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs, Shane Rattenbury MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

In relation to: Gambling Harm Minimisation

1. What work has the Government done to develop Mandatory pre-commitment system as per the parliamentary agreement section 9.2?
 - a. Should the Casino operate Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) will they also be subject to the same pre-commitment policies?
 - b. Should the Casino operate EGMs will they also be subject to the same bet limit policies?
 - c. What is involved in implementing a pre-commitment regime?
 - d. How much will it cost to implement?
 - e. Who will bear this cost?
2. Has the Gambling Assistance Fund levy been increased in this budget?
 - a. If so where is this increase discussed and shown in the budget papers?
 - b. If not, when is the Government planning on increasing this levy?
3. What work has the Government done to review the current community contribution scheme?
 - a. Will the operation of this scheme have any significant changes in the next 12 months?
 - i. If so, what are the nature of these changes?
 - b. Will these changes still leave community clubs with the ability to distribute their own community contributions?
 - i. If so, what consultations or evidence was provided to Government that lead to this change?
 - c. Who has the Government consulted in regard to reviewing the Scheme?

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

1. The ACT Government is engaging with Aquis Entertainment regarding its proposal for the redevelopment of Casino Canberra, consistent with the ACT Government's Investment Proposal Guidelines. Several specialist areas in the ACT Government are involved in the assessment. Any further actions by the Government are dependent on the outcome of the engagement.
2. Legislation to increase the Problem Gambling Assistance Levy to 0.75% commenced on 1 July 2017. The Legislative Assembly voted to pass this Legislation on 11 May 2017. The

Problem Gambling Assistance Levy change was not part of the budget process and was therefore not included in the budget papers.

3. The Government has a significant harm minimisation policy agenda and is considering the most effective ways to introduce further harm minimisation measures to address gambling harm in the community. This ongoing work includes a review of the community contributions scheme. I will consult with key stakeholders later this year on the terms of the review.

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By the Attorney General, Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Attorney-General

In relation to: Greyhound Industry Transition

1. On the 28th of June the Government advertised for a position as the 'Senior Manager, Greyhound Industry Transition';
 - a. What is the total cost of this position including salary, employee overheads, other administrative expenses and cost of shared services including office facilities and IT support;
 - b. What cash budget has been set aside for these costs in 2017/18 and 2018/19;
 - c. Are these costs funded by the provision previously allocated to the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club;
 - d. If not what is the funding source and how was that source established?
2. The selection documents state that this position has no designated workstation, where will this position be based?
 - a. What does it mean to have no designated workstation?
3. How many other positions will be created within the taskforce;
 - a. Will all positions within the taskforce be temporary;
 - b. What is the total cost of all positions within the taskforce including salary, employee overheads, other administrative expenses and cost of shared services including office facilities and IT support;
 - c. What cash budget has been set aside for these costs in 2017/18 and 2018/19;
 - d. Are these costs funded by the provision previously allocated to the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club.

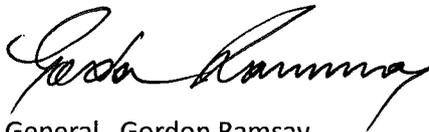
Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1a. Total cost of a Senior Manager position (salary and on costs) is \$194,614.
- 1b. \$1.033m was allocated in the 2017-18 ACT Budget for Greyhound Industry Transition, no funding was allocated for 2018-19.
- 1c. The Government announced in the 2016-17 Budget Review (released February 2017) that it would cease grant funding for the greyhound racing industry in the ACT, effective from the expiry of the current Memorandum of Understanding on 30 June 2017, as such there was no provision allocated.
- 1d. The source of funding is the 2017-18 ACT Budget.
2. The position will be based at the Canberra Nara Centre, 1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra City.

- 2a. The Position Description states "The Division is an activity based office environment where staff do not have allocated desks." Activity Based Working (ABW) is a workplace strategy which can deliver productivity and efficiency benefits by enabling new ways of working. ABW provides staff with a choice of different environments in which to work; both within and outside of the office. Staff can choose the most appropriate location to work throughout the course of the day depending on the nature of work they are doing. They can choose from quiet focus spaces, spaces for phone calls and private discussions, semi-collaborative workstation areas and a range of spaces suited to meetings and team collaboration activities. Staff are provided with an array of technology to enable this flexibility, including the ability to work from locations other than the office.
3. The Senior Manager position will function as the secretariat to the Greyhound Industry Transition Taskforce. There is no current intention to create further positions in the secretariat.
- 3a. The Senior Manager position is initially for a 12 month period, with the possibility of extension.
- 3b. See the answer to 1a.
- 3c. See the answer to 1b.
- 3d. See the answer to 1c.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Attorney-General

In relation to: Canberra Casino

1. Will the Casino be subject to the same ATM withdrawal limits as the clubs should it operate Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs)?
 - a. If not what limits or concessions are you considering for the Casino?
2. Should the Casino begin operating EGMs will they also be subject to the Governments reduction policy?
 - a. If not, why not?

Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Limits on access to cash are an important part of the Government's harm minimisation policy on electronic gaming machines (EGMs). Strong and effective harm minimisation rules including ATM restrictions will be considered as part of any change to permit EGMs at the Casino.
2. Any acquisition of authorisations by the Casino through the trading scheme would be subject to forfeiture requirements.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

In relation to : Canberra Casino

1. Has a Social Impact Assessment been completed regarding the movement of 200 Electronic Gaming Machines to the Casino?
 - a. If not when will one be required to be completed by?
 - b. Who will be consulted in preparing this assessment?

2. Has an economic impact assessment been undertaken to evaluate the effect on clubs in close proximity to the Casino?
 - a. If so;
 - i. What effects does the assessment report on employment at nearby clubs?
 - ii. What effects does the assessment report on the viability of nearby clubs?
 - b. If not;
 - i. When will an economic impact assessment be undertaken?

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Government is engaging with Aquis Entertainment regarding its proposal for the redevelopment of Casino Canberra, consistent with the ACT Government's Investment Proposal Guidelines. Several specialist areas in the ACT Government are involved in the assessment. Any further actions by the Government are dependent on the outcome of the engagement.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Attorney-General

In relation to: Greyhound Racing

1. Given that the current site on which the Canberra Greyhound Club operates still has 10 years to run on the current lease what compensation arrangement will the Minister enter into with the club?

Can the Minister also provide:

- a. What will be the nature of the compensation?
 - b. How will this be calculated or formulated?
 - c. Has this been considered as part of budget preparations?
 - d. Where is this amount contained in the budget papers?
 - e. If no compensation has been provided for in the budget why not?
 - f. Will compensation be paid in a lump sum or another arrangement?
 - g. Will there be conditions attached to any compensation paid and what are these conditions
2. If very few, or no individuals, accept any of the proposed transition packages on offer where will the funds from the package be redirected to?
 3. To list the nature of transition packages on offer to individuals currently engaged in the industry?

Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Government notes that there are 10 years left on the lease and it will be up to the Club to consider its future options.
2. I will make an announcement about the content of the Transition Support Packages by the end of July 2017. It is too early to speculate on how those packages will be received by the ACT greyhound racing community.
3. See answer to Question 2.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Attorney-General

In relation to: Greyhound Racing

1. If an individual or a group conducts a Greyhound Race after June 30 2018 what penalties will they face?
 - a. Will this be a criminal offence;
 - b. Who will be responsible for policing potentially illegal races;
 - c. In this context what will constitute a "Greyhound Race"?
2. How is it possible for the Minister to announce the future ban on Greyhound Races in the ACT without a full inquiry by the Gambling and Racing Commission?
3. To provide a complete list of animal welfare breaches, as defined by ACT Legislation, at the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club since 1979?

Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Any proposed penalties which may apply to greyhound racing or trialling in the ACT will be outlined in a future Bill to be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly.
2. The ACT Government is confident that it has the power to legislate to ban greyhound racing.
3. A search of both the RSPCA ACT and Domestic Animal Services databases has identified no animal welfare breaches at the Canberra Racing Greyhound Club.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Gambling Taxes, Budget Paper 3, page 224, Table 6.2.1

In relation to: Gambling Taxes

1. The table projects that the revenue from the Gaming Tax will increase some \$3m in 2018-19:
 - a. What is the cause of this rise in revenue;
 - b. Does this encompass future rises in gaming taxes;
 - c. Does this increase include tax revenue from machines operating at the Casino?
2. What gaming tax rate will the Casino be subject to?
3. What consultations have been held with the clubs industry regarding a potential rise in gaming taxes?

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

1.
 - a. Gaming tax revenue is projected to increase by \$2.7 million to \$36.2 million in 2018-19 from the forecast of \$33.5 million in 2017-18. This is as a result of expected growth in gaming tax revenue, noting that revenue can vary from year to year.
 - b. The projected increase in revenue from gaming taxes in 2018-19 does not encompass future rises in gaming tax rates.
 - c. The projected increase in revenue from gaming taxes in 2018-19 does not include tax revenue from machines operating at the Casino.
2. The gaming tax rate applied to the Casino will be a decision for Cabinet.
3. No consultations have yet been held with the clubs industry regarding a potential rise in gaming taxes.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Mark Parton MLA : To ask the Attorney-General

In relation to: TABCORP

1. Given that the sale price of ACTTAB and subsequent licence fee for TABCORP was negotiated in the knowledge of Greyhound Racing being conducted in the ACT, what compensation may the Government be liable to pay TABCORP?
 - a. What consultation has been held with TABCORP regarding the ban on Greyhound Racing?
2. Will there be a re-negotiation of the licence fee payable by TABCORP?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The Territory has no reason to believe that as a result of any decision to ban greyhound racing in the Territory it would be liable to pay any compensation to TABCORP in terms of any agreement pertaining to the ACTTAB Sale.
 - 1a. No consultation occurred or was necessary.
2. The Territory has no reason to believe that as a result of any on ban greyhound racing in the Territory the licence fee will need to be re-negotiated.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

14 JUL 2017

Mr Alistair Coe MLA : To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Budget Statement D, pp 12, 14, Output Class 1.1:
Policy Advice, Safer Families and Justice Programs

In relation to: Safer Families Levy

1. Has there been or will there be an independent review commissioned on the impact of the Safer Families Levy to evaluate its effectiveness?
 - a. If so, please provide:
 - i. When the review will commence;
 - ii. The expected duration;
 - iii. Who will conduct the review;
 - iv. The cost of conducting the review;
 - v. Whether the results will be publicly available; and
 - vi. Where the results will be published.

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

Effectiveness of the levy-funded initiatives occurs through detailed and robust reporting against the Safer Families Levy in the Budget Papers and an annual statement to the Assembly by the Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

The effectiveness of domestic and family violence initiatives should be viewed as a long-term strategy. For that reason, any review on the effectiveness of measures that are funded wholly or partially through the safer families levy would need to occur after a significant period of time has passed, following full implementation of each of the funded measures.

A full reconciliation of each funded measure, with a summary of progress is included at Appendix J of Budget Paper 3.

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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output
Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: Access Canberra Satisfaction Survey

1. Please provide the total cost of the Access Canberra Satisfaction Survey 2017.
2. Provide the total number of unique users or people that interacted with Access Canberra during the 2016-17.
 - a. Provide an outline on how the number of people surveyed compares to the total number of users, and the scope of the survey.
3. Provide an outline of what actions or changes Access Canberra is implementing after the feedback received from the survey, and include:
 - a. The cost of the measures; and
 - b. The criteria used to determine the effectiveness of the changes.
4. Provide an outline of activities to be undertaken in 2017-18 and a breakdown of the cost to increase awareness of Access Canberra, and include:
 - a. Advertising costs, including:
 - i. Print media; radio advertising; television advertising; online advertising; and social media.
 - b. Promotional materials, include:
 - i. The quantities of posters, flyers, letter box drops, banners, and other categories of promotional material that will be used
 - c. Community engagement activities.

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The total cost of the Access Canberra Satisfaction Survey 2017 was \$35,850.
2. Access Canberra is unable to provide the total number of unique users. Additionally a large number of users (unique or otherwise) will be from locations outside the ACT. The survey is based upon residents of the ACT.
 - a. The sample size of 603 residents is a statistically valid sample size based on the population of the ACT and provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.0% at 95% confidence. This means that if the survey was replicated with a new universe of N=603 residents, 19 times out of 20 we would expect to see the same results, i.e. +/- 4.0%. This means, for example, that an answer such as 'yes' (50%) to a question could vary from 46% to 54%.

The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the 2011 ABS census data. The scope of the tracking survey is to address the following research objectives pertaining to Access Canberra:

- establishing awareness of Access Canberra;
 - usage of Access Canberra's channels, i.e. Service Centre, Contact Centre, Website;
 - overall satisfaction, ease of use and suggested changes for those Centres used – and drivers of overall satisfaction; and
 - identifying the community's preferences for undertaking transactions or interactions with ACT Government/Access Canberra.
3. The results of customer feedback inform Access Canberra's operational and strategic planning. Guiding principles when making business changes are:
- a. Changes are undertaken at the lowest cost possible with a view to creating savings in the long term.
 - b. The effectiveness of business changes is largely determined through our customer's responses as measured by our regular surveys.
4. Access Canberra raises awareness of the services it provides in a number of ways including at a targeted industry as well as broader community levels.

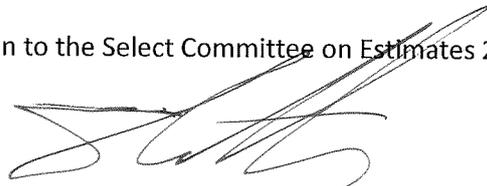
Many activities have no associated additional cost, such as through social media or initiatives such as improving the interactivity of its website.

Access Canberra rarely undertakes targeted advertising campaigns unless they are around a specific service change, regulatory requirement or determined to be value for money.

- a. Only one campaign is planned so far in 2017 -18 with associated advertising or marketing material costs which is expected to be about \$20,000. Other materials produced (such as awareness posters etc) for individual initiatives are funded by the specific business areas.
- b. As above.
- c. No specific costed engagement activities, with cost associated, are forecast at this time.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

CMTEDD, Budget Statement B, pp 270 – 291 (discontinued agency)

In relation to: Land Development Agency (LDA)

1. Provide the final costs for the construction of the North Weston Pond Project for the Molonglo Valley development, which included the construction of two smaller capacity ponds instead of the single larger pond as originally envisaged.
2. Advise the commencement date and completion dates for this project.

Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. \$55.019m.
2. Construction start date was December 2010 and completion date was 30 June 2013.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA

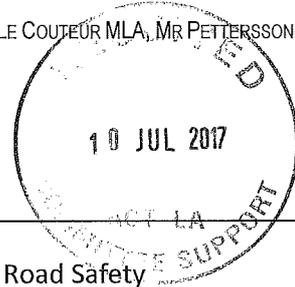


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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA : To ask the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety

Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Budget Statement D

In relation to: speed cameras infringements

1. Provide the total number of speed cameras operating in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;
 - i. 2015-16;
 - j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.

2. Provide the total number of speed camera units used in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;
 - i. 2015-16;
 - j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.

3. Provide the total number of speed camera infringements issued in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;
 - i. 2015-16;

- j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.
4. Provide the total value of speed camera infringements issued in:
- a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2016-17;
 - f. Budgeted for in 2017-18.
5. Provide the top twenty sites or locations that had the most speed camera infringements issued in:
- a. 2014-15;
 - b. 2015-16; and
 - c. 2016-17.

MR RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1.
- a. 29
 - b. 34
 - c. 34
 - d. 34
 - e. 34
 - f. 35
 - g. 36
 - h. 36
 - i. 39
 - j. 43
 - k. 42
- 2.
- a. 29
 - b. 34
 - c. 34
 - d. 34
 - e. 34
 - f. 35
 - g. 36
 - h. 36
 - i. 39
 - j. 43
 - k. 42
- 3.
- a. 84,484
 - b. 116,114
 - c. 71,372
 - d. 62,151

- e. 57,601
- f. 60,736
- g. 53,351
- h. 52,471
- i. 58,807
- j. 61,493
- k. 65,182

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- a. \$16,600,956
- b. \$22,065,857
- c. \$12,946,283.98
- d. \$12,005,034
- e. \$19,793,083.93
- f. \$23,371,571

5.

- a. See attached
- b. See attached
- c. See attached

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5. Provide the top twenty sites or locations that had the most speed camera infringements issued in:

2014-15

NORTHBOURNE AVENUE/ANTILL STREET/MOUAT STREET	6602
BARTON HIGHWAY BETWEEN CURRAN DRIVE AND GOLD CREEK ROAD	5897
NORTHBOURNE AVENUE/LONDON CIRCUIT	3787
HINDMARSH DRIVE/BALL STREET	3604
BARTON HIGHWAY BETWEEN GUNGAHLIN DRIVE AND ELLENBOROUGH STREET	3505
MONARO HIGHWAY BETWEEN LANYON DRIVE AND SHEPPARD STREET	3263
MONARO HIGHWAY BETWEEN MUGGA LANE AND ISABELLA DRIVE	3231
FEDERAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN ZELLING STREET AND ANTILL STREET	2138
HINDMARSH DRIVE EASTBOUND BETWEEN PALMER STREET AND DALRYMPLE STREET	1458
DRAKEFORD DRIVE/BODDINGTON CRESCENT/MARCONI CRESCENT	1372
GINNINDERRA DRIVE/AIKMAN DRIVE	1371
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MONARO HIGHWAY BETWEEN MUGGA LANE AND ISABELLA DRIVE	4098
HINDMARSH DRIVE/BALL STREET	3502
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NORTHBOURNE AVENUE/LONDON CIRCUIT	2440
FEDERAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN ZELLING STREET AND ANTILL STREET	2233
HINDMARSH DRIVE EASTBOUND BETWEEN PALMER STREET AND DALRYMPLE STREET	1564
GINNINDERRA DRIVE/AIKMAN DRIVE	1484
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MONARO HIGHWAY BETWEEN MUGGA LANE AND ISABELLA DRIVE	4077
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BARTON HIGHWAY BETWEEN CURRAN DRIVE AND GOLD CREEK ROAD	3906
MONARO HIGHWAY BETWEEN LANYON DRIVE AND SHEPPARD STREET	3788
HINDMARSH DRIVE/BALL STREET	3633
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NORTHBOURNE AVENUE/LONDON CIRCUIT	1825
DRAKEFORD DRIVE/BODDINGTON CRESCENT/MARCONI CRESCENT	1794
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety
Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Budget Statement D

In relation to: speed cameras

1. Provide a breakdown of the total cost of installing a fixed speed camera, and include:
 - a. The cost of the speed camera unit;
 - b. The installation costs;
 - c. The cost of any assessments done on the placement or effectiveness;
 - d. The annual maintenance cost; and
 - e. The expected lifespan of the speed camera unit.
2. Provide an outline of what speed camera or associated equipment is due to be replaced in 2017-18; and include:
 - a. The cost of replacement;
 - b. The lifespan of the equipment;
 - c. The age of the equipment when it was replaced.
3. Provide the rationale for installing the speed cameras on Athllon Drive that were removed this year.
4. Provide an outline of the approval process for the installation of the Athllon Drive speed cameras, and include:
 - a. An outline of each stage of the process;
 - b. What is assessed at each stage;
 - c. What cost-benefit analysis was done, and the results; and
 - d. Who gave final approval for the installation.
5. Provide an outline on what monitoring and the frequency of the monitoring on speed cameras and their effectiveness; and include:
 - a. When the Athllon Drive speed cameras were last assessed; and
 - b. The results of that assessment.
6. Provide an outline of the process for the disposal of speed cameras, and include:
 - a. Whether the Athllon Drive speed cameras will be used as spare parts, and where;
 - b. The cost of disposal; and
 - c. The savings in reusing parts.
7. Provide an outline of the investments in speed camera technology in 2017-18 and across the forward estimates, and include:
 - a. The nature of the technology;
 - b. The cost of purchasing or developing the technology;
 - c. The cost of installing, upgrading, or implementing the technology; and
 - d. How it will affect any outcomes, including the number of infringements issued.

Mr Shane Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1.

a. b. and d.

The cost of a speed camera unit, installation costs and maintenance costs for cameras are commercial in confidence. However, the ACT Government contracts register (<http://www.procurement.act.gov.au/contracts>) includes the contracts for the supply, installation and maintenance of road safety cameras that contain the total contract amounts.

c. The ACT Government contracts register includes the contracts for reviews and studies undertaken about the placement or effectiveness of road safety cameras. The contract costs for the 2014 ACT Road Safety Camera Program Evaluation by the University of New South Wales was \$149,022.39 (excl. GST), the Review of Siting Criteria for Fixed Road Safety Cameras by Martin Small Consulting was \$47,773.00 (excl. GST), and the Feasibility Study into the Relocation of a Point-to-Point Camera System by ARRB Group Ltd was \$26,850.00 (excl. GST).

e. The expected life span of a speed camera is 7 years.

2. There is no budget appropriation allocated to replace cameras in 2017-18.

3. Athllon Drive was selected based on a Forward Design Study and subsequent analysis and ranking of a range of potential sites. This work was undertaken by an independent engineering consultant, which considered the suitability of a range of sites and locations, based on a 50:50 weighting of safety and traffic considerations.

Safety factors included crash rates and the condition of the road environment. Traffic factors included the extent of speeding, traffic volumes and length of the enforcement corridor.

While Athllon Drive ranked third based on the 50:50 weighting of safety and traffic factors, the second ranked site – Parkes Way – was scheduled for major road works in 2012 and a decision was made to proceed with Athllon Drive as the ACT's second point to point camera location.

Athllon Drive met the relevant criteria at the time and on the safety factors it ranked second only to the Hindmarsh Drive site. This assessment took into account 2004 to 2008 crash data during which time there were 456 crashes on Athllon Drive, including two fatal crashes.

4. The table below provides the chronology for the Athllon Drive point to point cameras. On your question about cost-benefit analysis, this was completed as part of the Forward Design Study.

Date	Action
July 2010	Forward Design Study
May 2011	Changed Administrative Arrangements. Road Safety Policy transfers from the then, Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) Directorate to the Justice and Community Safety (JACS) Directorate. TAMS retained the budget and management of capital works for the first and second point to point camera sites.
September 2011	Data Analysis and Ranking completed (Athllon Drive ranked third on 50:50 weighting of safety and traffic factors).
October 2011	TAMS Minister agreed to use a 50:50 weighting of safety and traffic factors as the basis for ranking locations. The other option presented was traffic factors only.
December 2011	TAMS confirm Parkes Way not suitable as second point to point site due to road works in 2012. Athllon Drive was then identified as the site to be progressed, as the third ranked site.
December 2011	JACS brief Attorney-General providing advice about Athllon Drive as the second point to point site.
June 2012	Athllon Drive announced as the location for the ACT's second point to point camera site.

5. The ACT Road Safety Camera Strategy includes a requirement for the Justice and Community Safety Directorate to undertake a formal evaluation of the whole road safety camera program every three years. When the first evaluation was undertaken by the University of New South Wales in 2014, a statistical analysis of crash impacts for point to point cameras could not be undertaken as the point to point cameras were recent installations and insufficient data was available for a meaningful analysis.
6. Where an existing speed camera is being replaced and cameras of the same type remain in the network, the equipment will be retained and used for replacement parts where possible. Where there are no longer any of the same type of cameras remaining in the network the tender calling for replacement will require the successful tenderer to remove and dispose of those units.
- a. The Athllon Drive speed cameras will be used for parts at the Hindmarsh Drive site.
 - b. There is no disposal cost related to the Athllon Drive camera system as all equipment is in storage and will be used as spare parts to service and repair the Hindmarsh Drive camera system and other fixed cameras.
 - c. Using the Athllon Drive cameras as spare parts has the potential to save over \$100,000 in servicing and repair costs for the Hindmarsh Drive camera system and other fixed cameras.

7. There is no specific budget appropriation for investment at this time.

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Date: 12/7/17

By the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety, Shane Rattenbury MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: social media driving fines

1. Provide an update on how the new fines for using social media, texting or accessing the internet while driving have been operating since their commencement.
 - a. Has there been any review of the effectiveness of the regulation?
 - i. If so, please provide a summary of the findings and recommendations.
2. Provide the total number of people (i) fined; and (ii) warned for using the social media, texting or accessing the internet while driving since regulations came in to force; and (iii) the total value of the fines, and (iv) the total number of demerit points deducted.
3. Provide the total number of people (i) fined; and (ii) warned for talking on mobile phones in the same period as question 2; and (iii) the total value of the fines and (iv) the total number of demerit points deducted.
4. Provide a brief explanation on how the figures in questions 2 and 3 compare; and whether there has been any evaluation of increasing or decreasing the fine amounts.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. On 1 September 2016, the ACT Government introduced higher fines and demerit points for texting, social networking, using mobile applications or accessing the internet while driving. The higher penalties for the existing offence of using a mobile phone while driving reflect the higher level of risk associated with these actions.

The introduction of the new penalties was supported by an education campaign broadcast on social media to raise awareness of the new higher penalties. The 30 second animated video broadcast on the ACT Government Facebook page reached 117,271 people during the campaign period, was viewed 49,536 times, and shared by users 551 times.

- a. There has been no formal review undertaken of the effectiveness of the regulation. The ACT Government will continue to monitor the new penalties, in conjunction with key stakeholders such as ACT Policing and the Director of Public Prosecutions. Amendments to improve the effectiveness of the road transport legislation are implemented on an ongoing basis as issues are identified by Government.

2. As at 7 July 2017:
 - i. 181 infringements issued
 - ii. 59 cautions issued
 - iii. \$92,491
 - iv. 724 demerit points.

3. As at 7 July 2017:
 - i. 941 infringements issued
 - ii. 432 cautions issued
 - iii. \$390,624
 - iv. 2,823 demerit points.

4. More people have been caught using their mobile phones. This reflects the elements which make up the offences, as it is easier to establish that someone is talking on a mobile phone than that someone has been using social media, texting or accessing the internet.
Refer to response 1.(a.) in relation to evaluation.

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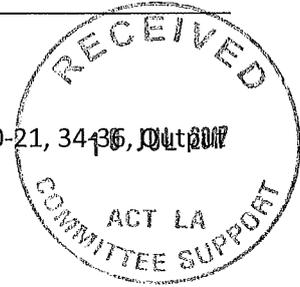
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Alistair Coe MLA : To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-35, 104-107
Class 2: Access Canberra



In relation to: mobile speed cameras

1. Provide the total number of mobile camera operators in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;
 - i. 2015-16;
 - j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.

2. Provide the total number of mobile camera units used in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;
 - i. 2015-16;
 - j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.

3. Provide the total number of mobile camera infringements issued in:
 - a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2011-12;
 - f. 2012-13;
 - g. 2013-14;
 - h. 2014-15;

- i. 2015-16;
 - j. 2016-17;
 - k. Budgeted for in 2017-18.
4. Provide the total value of mobile camera infringements issued in:
- a. 2007-08;
 - b. 2008-09;
 - c. 2009-10;
 - d. 2010-11;
 - e. 2016-17;
 - f. Budgeted for in 2017-18.
5. Provide the top twenty sites or locations that had the most mobile camera infringements issued in:
- a. 2014-15;
 - b. 2015-16; and
 - c. 2016-17.
6. Provide an outline of what mobile camera or associated equipment is due to be replaced in 2017-18; and include:
- a. The cost of replacement;
 - b. The lifespan of the equipment;
 - c. The age of the equipment when it was replaced.
7. Provide an outline of the investments in mobile camera technology in 2017-18 and across the forward estimates, and include:
- a. The nature of the technology;
 - b. The cost of purchasing or developing the technology;
 - c. The cost of installing, upgrading, or implementing the technology; and
 - d. How it will affect any outcomes, including the number of infringements issued.

MR RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1, 2, 3 and 4.

	1. No. mobile camera operator	2. No. mobile camera units	3. Total mobile camera infringements issued	4. Total value of mobile camera infringements issued
2007-08	8	7	9038	\$1,446,093
2008-09	8	7	8315	\$1,417,846
2009-10	8	7	8419	\$1,479,764
2010-11	8	7	9208	\$1,681,464
2011-12	8	7	8242	Not requested
2012-13	8	7	9108	Not requested
2013-14	8	7	7473	Not requested
2014-15	8	7	7561	Not requested
2015-16	11	7	15303	Not requested
2016-17	15	9	20697	\$6,331,850
2017-18	15	9	22,000	\$7,070,217

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5.

- a. See attached
- b. See attached
- c. See attached

6. There is no mobile camera or associated equipment due to be replaced in 2017-18.

7. There is no new investment in mobile technology in 2017-18.

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By the Minister for Regulatory Services, and Acting Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety, Gordon Ramsay MLA



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output
Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: Road Safety Camera Evaluation

1. Provide an update on the road safety evaluation commencing in 2017-18, and:
 - a. When it will commence;
 - b. When it will be completed;
 - c. Who will be performing the evaluation;
 - d. What will be assessed;
 - e. What criteria or metrics will be used;
 - f. The cost of the evaluation; and
 - g. Whether the results will be publicly available, and if so where will it be published.
2. Provide a list of the previous reviews undertaken on road safety cameras in the ACT, and include:
 - a. When they were undertaken;
 - b. Who undertook the review;
 - c. A summary of the findings;
 - d. A list of the recommendations; and
 - e. Whether the recommendations have been implemented.
3. Provide an explanation on how speeds at locations, compliance data, and crash data are used in the speed camera evaluation; and how they are weighted.

Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1.
 - a. The next evaluation of the ACT Road Safety Camera Program is expected to commence in August 2017, subject to the outcome of a current procurement process.
 - b. The request for quote includes a requirement for the evaluation to be completed within six months of its commencement (commencement which is expected to begin in August 2017).
 - c. A request for quote has been issued to three suppliers. A tender evaluation panel will review each quote and recommend the supplier which best meets the statement of requirements.

- d. The primary focus of the next evaluation will be the mobile camera program and the point to point camera system on Hindmarsh Drive. The evaluation will also evaluate any changes in community attitudes towards speed and road safety cameras.

The focus on mobile cameras will allow for evaluation of enhancements to that program which have been implemented over the past three years, such as the regulation changes to support the use of the cameras on any ACT road and the expansion of the program to include additional camera vans and camera operators. Evaluation of the point to point camera on Hindmarsh Drive will address an outstanding item of the previous evaluation.

The fixed mid-block cameras and red-light cameras are out of scope for the 2017 evaluation. The makeup of the fixed mid-block cameras has not changed since a 2015 review by Martin Small Consulting in which all of the mid-block cameras were confirmed as being appropriately placed on the network.

The makeup of the red-light cameras has also remained unchanged since the review which confirmed these cameras are also well placed with eight of the 12 existing sites appearing on the list of top 20 high priority locations for red-light cameras. Martin Small Consulting warned against moving the red-light cameras from the four locations that did not rank in the top 20 as the reason for the lower crash numbers at those locations may be the presence of the cameras.

- e. The ACT Road Safety Camera Strategy (pages 19-20) identifies high-level criteria to guide future evaluations of road safety cameras in the ACT. The camera strategy is at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/3010/~/act-road-safety-camera-program#!tabs-4.
 - f. The project budget is not being disclosed while the procurement process is underway. The contract and contract price will be published on the ACT Government contracts register.
 - g. The evaluation report will be published on an ACT Government website.
2. Reports on the evaluation by the University of New South Wales and the review by Martin Small Consulting are available from the ACT Road Safety Camera Program website at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/3010/~/act-road-safety-camera-program. Both reports include an executive summary of the respective findings.

The annual ACT road safety report card includes an update on all of the Government's road safety commitments, including implementation of the ACT Road Safety Camera Strategy and recommendations of the 2014 performance audit by the ACT Auditor-General. The 2017 report card is at http://cdn.justice.act.gov.au/resources/uploads/JACS/PDF/170008_2017_Road_Safety_Report_WEB.pdf

3. Section 2.3 of the report on the 2014 evaluation of the ACT road safety camera program by the University of New South Wales explains how speeds at locations, compliance data, and crash data was used to assess the effectiveness of the program. The report is at http://cdn.justice.act.gov.au/resources/uploads/JACS/Road_Safety/PDFs/UNSW_Camera_Evaluation_Report.pdf.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output
Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: Traffic Camera Adjudication System Upgrade

1. Provide an outline of Access Canberra's responsibilities for 'Traffic Camera Adjudication System Upgrade'
 - a. Why was this function transferred from JACSD to CMTEDD?
2. Provide the additional or associated revenue that was captured due to the upgrades during the 2016-17.
3. Provide the expected additional or associated revenue with the upgrades for 2017-18.
4. Please identify where the revenue associated with this measure been reported in detail.
 - a. Was the revenue associated with this measure in the 2016-17 Budget overstated?
5. Please outline the offences that are currently unable to be assessed due to the deficiencies; and why they are unable to be assessed.
6. Are there additional offences that are now able to be detected through the upgrades, or do the upgrades increase the number of already detectable offences?
7. Provide the (i) total number of offences detected by the system; (ii) the number of each type of offences detected by the system; and (iii) the revenue generated through the system, for:
 - a. 2012-13;
 - b. 2013-14;
 - c. 2014-15;
 - d. 2015-16;
 - e. 2016-17; and
 - f. Budgeted/estimated 2017-18 outcome.

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

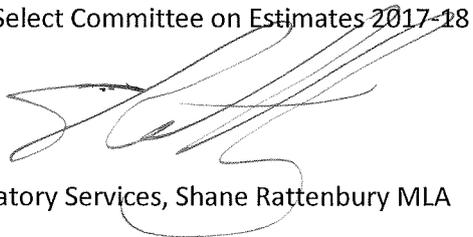
1. Access Canberra is responsible for managing the upgrade to the Traffic Camera Adjudication System.
 - a. The Traffic Camera Office, which was part of the Office of Regulatory Services within the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, was included in the administrative arrangements to establish Access Canberra in CMTEDD. The

infringement adjudication team in Access Canberra is now responsible for the adjudication function.

2. The upgrade was not operational in 2016-17. Procurement and implementation was not able to be completed in this timeframe due to a longer than anticipated procurement process and lengthy delivery timeframes on behalf of the supplier. Therefore, no additional revenue was received.
3. \$2.124 million revenue associated with the upgrades is budgeted for 2017-18.
4. The revenue projections outlined in the 2016-17 Budget were based on the conservative assumption that an additional 9,000 infringements per year could be adjudicated with the upgraded system. As outlined in question 2 there was nil revenue associated with this measure in 2016-17.
5. Images for speeding and red light offences are sometimes unable to be adjudicated due to weather conditions, such as sun reflecting on number plates.
6. The upgrade will not result in the detection of additional offences. It will increase the quality of images for existing detectable offences, enhancing the ability of the government to adjudicate on reviews.
7. (i) and (ii) The system does not detect offences - it provides the capacity to review photographic evidence of an offence. (iii) The system does not generate revenue. Detection of offences and generation of revenue occurs through different systems.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: Handling of Reports of Failed Street Lights

1. Outline the process undertaken by Access Canberra to assess and batch the reports it receives regarding failed street lights before those reports are provided to the street light maintenance contractor.
2. How long does it take for Access Canberra to assess and batch reports regarding failed street lights?
3. How frequently are batched reports provided to the street light maintenance contractor?
4. How many reports of failed street lights are included in a batched report provided to the street light maintenance contractor?
5. Outline the process, including the criteria, for assessing if a report of a failed street light should be prioritised and treated as urgent.
6. Is the standard timeframe for the repair of a failed street light lamp 10 consecutive days or 10 working days?

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Streetlight requests made via fix my street are forwarded in real time to the streetlights team in Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS). TCCS assess each streetlight request and identify the jobs to be batched to the streetlights contractor. Safety related requests reported over the phone to Access Canberra are transferred immediately to the electrical contractor to make safe.
2. TCCS staff issue details of streetlight outages to the contractor on a daily basis.
3. Details of streetlight outages are issued to the streetlight contractor on a daily basis.
4. This varies each day depending on the number of street light requests identified for batching.
5. Where a customer calls the Access Canberra contact centre, the following issues are examples of urgent streetlight requests: Streetlight column is knocked down by a vehicle; Bulb is hanging down by the wires; door open and wires exposes at bottom of streetlight column; column with a bad lean; Overhead street light wires down on the ground; and bulb cover hanging down. The details of the call are taken and call is transferred to electrical contractor.

6. Generally, simple, non-safety outages that require a lamp change are repaired within 10 consecutive days. Complex repairs take longer to repair, often involving excavation to access and repair underground cables or overhead cable repair.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Paper 3, page 77, Output Class 2:
Access Canberra

In relation to: Better services for your community - Tough on road safety

1. Provide an explanation on how the Pinforce Licence Plate Recognition cameras purchased under this initiative provide safer roads.
 - a. Please include specific example of how the devices improved road safety in 2016-17.
2. Provide the total number of Pinforce Licence Plate Recognition cameras used by the ACT, and include:
 - a. When they were purchased;
 - b. The price of each unit;
 - c. The expected lifespan of the equipment; and
 - d. Annual ongoing maintenance costs.
3. Provide the total number of infringements issued by using Pinforce Licence Plate recognition cameras for each year since their deployment, and include:
 - a. The nature or category of the offence; and
 - b. The total value of the infringements issued per category of offence.
4. When will the two additional Pinforce Licence Plate Recognition cameras be delivered, and when will they begin being used?
5. Will the additional revenue associated with this initiative be used to implement road safety measures?
 - a. If so, please identify the measures, the outcomes, and the cost.
 - b. If no, has the money been earmarked for any other purpose?
6. Provide the top twenty sites that had the most parking fines issued and the total value of the infringements in:
 - a. 2011 -12
 - b. 2012 -13
 - c. 2013 -14
 - d. 2014- 15
 - e. 2015 -16;and
 - f. 2016-17

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) camera technology is principally for the enforcement of the Australian Road Rules relating to parking. LPR cameras are designed to promote equal amenity for all road users and support road safety objectives.

LPR cameras enable more equitable enforcement of parking restrictions particularly in and around the town and group centres. LPR cameras increase the effectiveness of the infringement system and in doing so they change the economic incentives around commuters' choice on their mode of transport.

- a. One particular parking safety concern that traditional parking inspector 'foot patrols' cannot effectively monitor are school crossings and areas where children are dropped off or picked up. Using LPR technology will allow for the 'sweeping' of a number of schools each day thereby increasing the opportunity for illegal behaviour to be detected and deterred.

The risk of being caught parking dangerously or illegally increases significantly with the introduction of LPR cameras. The introduction of LPR technology will assist to change motorist behaviour as the current parking enforcement capability is limited in its capacity to mitigate illegal practices.

The use of LPR has been subject to a trial where the purpose was to raise community awareness of the new technology. During the trial period, warnings were sent to parking offenders, advising that they would have received a parking infringement. The trial is now complete and infringements will be issued.

2.

a) The two LPR cameras were ordered in July 2016 and delivered in December 2016 and in January of 2017

b) The cameras cost \$88,000 each.

c) The operational life of the cameras is expected to be a minimum of five years.

d) The costs of maintaining the cameras and software is expected to be approximately \$30,000.

3. To date, the LPR cameras have only been subject to trial use, as a result no infringements have been issued.

4. Further LPR devices will be ordered in late July, supply time for an order is six to ten weeks from the time it is placed.

5. The Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety previously informed the Legislative Assembly of the Government's position on the matter of hypothecation of speed camera revenue for road safety initiatives back in May 2015. Hypothecation of road safety camera revenue is a practice which has been adopted in some jurisdictions, including

New South Wales, as a means of addressing concerns about cameras being used for revenue raising.

Directing camera revenue to road safety is laudable, but for the ACT it would be inconsequential compared with the amount the ACT Government spends each year on road safety through road safety infrastructure improvements, vehicle inspections, driver training and testing, road safety awareness and education programs, legislation and policy reforms and policing. The cost of these functions goes well beyond the amount collected in penalties from road safety cameras.

6. The following tables outline the top twenty sites that had the most parking fines issued and the total value of the infringements per the identified years.

YEAR	OFFENCE LOCATION	SUM	COUNT
2011/12	CITY	\$2,539,205.00	28039
2011/12	PHILLIP	\$810,808.00	9530
2011/12	BELCONNEN	\$565,810.00	6690
2011/12	GREENWAY	\$445,756.00	5330
2011/12	BARTON	\$416,372.00	4521
2011/12	GARRAN	\$412,059.00	4432
2011/12	BRADDON	\$326,692.00	3896
2011/12	PARKES	\$303,845.00	3594
2011/12	GRIFFITH	\$294,295.00	3167
2011/12	DICKSON	\$213,835.00	2428
2011/12	BRUCE	\$192,847.00	2009
2011/12	TURNER	\$160,612.00	1962
2011/12	MAJURA DISTRICT	\$158,225.00	1896
2011/12	RUSSELL	\$148,845.00	1731
2011/12	KINGSTON	\$133,567.00	1401
2011/12	REID	\$115,748.00	1382
2011/12	GUNGAHLIN	\$100,583.00	885
2011/12	FORREST	\$80,391.00	800
2011/12	ACTON	\$55,952.00	677
2011/12	CAPITAL HILL	\$41,031.00	501

FIN_YR	OFFENCE_LOCATION	SUM(PENALTY_AMT)	COUNT(*)
2012/13	CITY	\$2,646,482.00	28624
2012/13	PHILLIP	\$826,019.00	9427
2012/13	BELCONNEN	\$705,604.00	8190
2012/13	GARRAN	\$557,575.00	5799
2012/13	GREENWAY	\$486,700.00	5649
2012/13	BRADDON	\$394,248.00	4483
2012/13	PARKES	\$378,805.00	4445
2012/13	BARTON	\$343,749.00	3599

2012/13	GRIFFITH	\$300,732.00	3154
2012/13	DICKSON	\$200,691.00	2232
2012/13	BRUCE	\$216,603.00	2209
2012/13	TURNER	\$147,263.00	1767
2012/13	KINGSTON	\$161,342.00	1670
2012/13	FORREST	\$143,222.00	1478
2012/13	ACTON	\$122,238.00	1429
2012/13	REID	\$102,947.00	1210
2012/13	MAJURA DISTRICT	\$99,433.00	1168
2012/13	RUSSELL	\$97,944.00	1076
2012/13	GUNGAHLIN	\$111,542.00	958
2012/13	CAPITAL HILL	\$48,006.00	569

YEAR	OFFENCE LOCATION	SUM	COUNT
2013/14	CITY	\$2,824,686.98	27147
2013/14	PHILLIP	\$836,335.00	8575
2013/14	BELCONNEN	\$669,573.00	7099
2013/14	GARRAN	\$582,577.00	5657
2013/14	BRADDON	\$466,205.00	4860
2013/14	GREENWAY	\$360,137.00	3753
2013/14	PARKES	\$281,562.00	3019
2013/14	BARTON	\$305,385.00	2959
2013/14	BRUCE	\$237,271.00	2099
2013/14	GRIFFITH	\$212,712.00	1985
2013/14	KINGSTON	\$195,992.00	1831
2013/14	TURNER	\$157,272.00	1721
2013/14	REID	\$127,249.00	1376
2013/14	DICKSON	\$124,986.00	1251
2013/14	MAJURA DISTRICT	\$102,772.00	1113
2013/14	FORREST	\$110,763.00	1062
2013/14	ACTON	\$81,860.00	890
2013/14	GUNGAHLIN	\$114,896.00	881
2013/14	RUSSELL	\$68,629.00	712
2013/14	MACQUARIE	\$61,236.00	553

YEAR	OFFENCE LOCATION	SUM	COUNT
2014/15	CITY	\$2,968,555.00	27378
2014/15	PHILLIP	\$1,069,512.00	10381
2014/15	BELCONNEN	\$898,726.00	8970
2014/15	BRUCE	\$722,810.00	6454
2014/15	GARRAN	\$631,277.00	5817
2014/15	BRADDON	\$537,123.00	5164
2014/15	GREENWAY	\$466,899.00	4685
2014/15	KINGSTON	\$416,671.00	3840

2014/15	BARTON	\$385,456.00	3577
2014/15	GRIFFITH	\$345,603.00	3124
2014/15	TURNER	\$228,193.00	2354
2014/15	DICKSON	\$182,981.00	1812
2014/15	FORREST	\$170,041.00	1507
2014/15	CANBERRA AIRPORT	\$122,916.00	1258
2014/15	GUNGAHLIN	\$152,534.00	1194
2014/15	REID	\$116,588.00	1170
2014/15	PARKES	\$93,948.00	873
2014/15	DEAKIN	\$91,274.00	805
2014/15	MACQUARIE	\$87,331.00	772
2014/15	ACTON	\$73,548.00	746

YEAR	OFFENCE LOCATION	SUM	COUNT
2015/16	CITY	\$3,323,069.00	29193
2015/16	PHILLIP	\$1,163,266.00	10680
2015/16	BELCONNEN	\$832,456.00	7786
2015/16	BRUCE	\$657,626.00	5663
2015/16	GREENWAY	\$548,192.00	5198
2015/16	GARRAN	\$593,786.00	4824
2015/16	BRADDON	\$451,624.00	3991
2015/16	KINGSTON	\$412,030.00	3579
2015/16	BARTON	\$303,502.00	2764
2015/16	GRIFFITH	\$314,338.00	2662
2015/16	FORREST	\$235,493.00	2031
2015/16	DICKSON	\$203,346.00	1932
2015/16	TURNER	\$190,796.00	1835
2015/16	CANBERRA AIRPORT	\$168,440.00	1615
2015/16	REID	\$162,615.00	1546
2015/16	DEAKIN	\$133,105.00	1062
2015/16	GUNGAHLIN	\$151,095.00	1061
2015/16	ACTON	\$71,803.00	698
2015/16	MACQUARIE	\$71,961.00	599
2015/16	LYNEHAM	\$63,349.00	540

YEAR	OFFENCE LOCATION	SUM	COUNT
2016/17	CITY	\$3,580,568.00	29572
2016/17	PHILLIP	\$1,048,472.00	9007
2016/17	BELCONNEN	\$657,960.00	5806
2016/17	GARRAN	\$633,907.00	5007
2016/17	BRUCE	\$560,753.00	4471
2016/17	GREENWAY	\$446,180.00	3962
2016/17	BRADDON	\$454,506.00	3537
2016/17	KINGSTON	\$388,593.00	3117

2016/17	BARTON	\$298,949.00	2549
2016/17	GRIFFITH	\$300,883.00	2379
2016/17	FORREST	\$279,884.00	2274
2016/17	DICKSON	\$200,104.00	1766
2016/17	TURNER	\$183,190.00	1675
2016/17	CANBERRA AIRPORT	\$152,416.00	1396
2016/17	REID	\$144,456.00	1283
2016/17	DEAKIN	\$213,424.00	1194
2016/17	CAMPBELL	\$89,767.00	812
2016/17	GUNGAHLIN	\$90,366.00	608
2016/17	MACQUARIE	\$61,018.00	494
2016/17	ACTON	\$50,477.00	452

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Access Canberra, Budget Statement B, page 2, Output Class 2

In relation to: illegal vehicle parking

1. How many complaints has Access Canberra received about vehicles being parked illegally on verges in 2014-15; 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date?
2. How many complaints has Access Canberra received about vehicles being parked illegally in the inner north and inner south suburbs in 2014-15; 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date?
3. How frequently are the inner north and inner south suburbs patrolled for illegal parking?
4. How many parking infringement notices were issued in 2014-15; 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date?
5. How many parking infringement notices were issued for vehicles parked illegally in the inner north and the inner south suburbs in 2014-15; 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date?

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Complaints received by Parking Operations are recorded in an Access Database and are captured in the following categories:
 - Residential;
 - Truck;
 - School;
 - Commercial.

Complaints about vehicles being illegally parked on a verge (nature strip) are not a separate complaint category, at this time this conduct is captured within one of the above categories.

Access Canberra is currently finalising the transition of recording parking complaints into a new database that will capture a wider range of complaint types.

2. Parking Operations is unable to provide figures on the basis of inner north and inner south complaints, as the database is segmented into 'North', 'Central' and 'South' areas of the ACT.

The number of complaints received for the 'central' area during:

2014-15 - 717

2015-16 - 390

2016-17 - Not yet available. Parking Operations commenced using a new reporting database for complaints during 2016-17. There have been some data capture issues, resulting in an incomplete dataset at this time. It would be misleading to report on this matter until these issues are rectified.

The total number of complaints received by Access Canberra Parking Operations for all of Canberra during 2014-15 was 2,180; of these 1,246 related to residential areas.

The total number of complaints received by Access Canberra Parking Operations for all of Canberra during 2015-16 was 1,230; of these 854 complaints related to residential areas.

The total number of complaints received by Access Canberra Parking Operations for all of Canberra during 2016-17 was 2,851; of these 1,347 complaints related to residential areas.

3. Parking Operations is unable to provide an exact number of patrols for the inner north and inner south suburbs areas.

Parking inspections are organised in patrols that are either pro-active or re-active.

Complaints concerning safety are treated as a priority and staff are immediately deployed to address these matters.

Patrols are considered as planned inspection activities and all major areas of the inner north and inner south suburbs are patrolled on average 3-4 times a week.

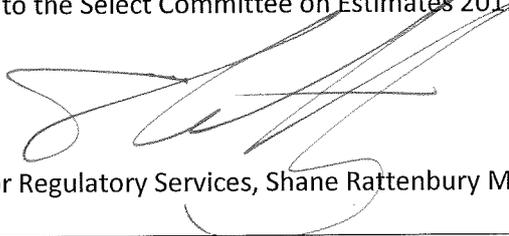
4. and 5. The number of infringements issued in inner north and inner south, and Canberra in total are as follows:

	4. Canberra Total	5. Inner North	5. Inner South
2014-2015	104,296	19,278	12,951
2015 -2016	101,209	27,214	9,924
2016-2017	90,551	28,488	10,181

The types of infringements issued range from parking on Nature Strips, No Stopping zones, overstaying time restriction and not paying for parking.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Ref: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36 JUL 2017
Output Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: cost of Woden fit out



1. Please provide a breakdown of the total cost of the Woden fit out, and include:
 - a. The cost of purchasing the Cosmopolitan building;
 - i. Including legal fees; agent fees; stamp duty; and other relevant categories.
 - b. Design costs;
 - c. Contractor or builder costs;
 - d. Total amount spent on construction and materials.

2. Please provide the total amount spent on finishings or fitting in the Woden fit out, including:
 - a. Wallpaper;
 - b. Wood panelling;
 - c. Other decorative wall finishings or fittings;
 - d. Carpets;
 - e. Other types of flooring;
 - f. Light fittings;
 - g. Cabinets;
 - h. Kitchen bench tops;
 - i. Bathroom facilities;
 - j. Other relevant categories of finishings or fittings.

3. Please provide the quantity of each item and the total cost of the items for the Woden fit out, including,
 - a. Desk chairs;
 - b. Tiered seating;
 - c. Couches or armchairs;
 - d. Other chairs or seating;
 - e. Sit-stand desks;
 - f. Tables;
 - g. Storage;
 - h. Shelving;
 - i. Bookcases;
 - j. Printers;
 - k. Laptops;
 - l. Desk computers;
 - m. Electronic tablets;
 - n. Phones;
 - o. Projectors;

- p. Televisions;
 - q. Telephones;
 - r. Artwork;
 - s. EFTPOS machines;
 - t. Ticketing machines;
 - u. Kitchen utensils, including plates, bowls, cutlery, glasses, and mugs;
 - v. Kitchen appliances; and
 - w. Any other relevant categories of items used in the office area or shopfront.
4. Please provide the number of times other ACT government organisations, entities, or agencies have used the tiered seating space referred to as 'the stadium', and include:
- a. The name of the ACT government organisation, entity, or agency;
 - b. The date and length of time 'the stadium' was used;
 - c. Whether the ACT government organisation, entity, or agency compensated Access Canberra for use of the space;
 - i. If so, the total value of the payment.
 - d. Details of any other accommodations made or preparations undertaken for the ACT government organisation, entity, or agency using the space.
5. Provide an outline of the mobile technology used by Access Canberra, and include:
- a. The total cost of rolling out the mobile technology;
 - b. The training that was provided to staff;
 - c. Any Access Canberra specific technology or applications;
 - i. The cost of developing or purchasing the Access Canberra specific technology;
 - d. The number and type of mobile devices used by Access Canberra.
6. Provide an outline on how the new technology being built into the building improves energy efficiency and tracks staff movement through spaces, and include:
- a. The cost of purchasing the technology;
 - b. The cost of the fit out;
 - i. Including the additional equipment or material that needs to be purchased;
 - c. The timeframe of the fit out; and
 - d. Review process after the implementation of the technology.

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1.
- a) The Cosmopolitan building was leased, not purchased.
 - b, c, d) The total cost of the Woden fitout was \$6,558,184. The fitout costs were paid for by the Lessor. This consisted of;
 - i. Windows & Glazing \$151,628
 - ii. Partitions & Ceilings \$446,642
 - iii. Floor Finishes \$290,076
 - iv. Painting \$149,499
 - v. Special wall finishes \$23,550
 - vi. Joinery \$655,050
 - vii. Hydraulic \$120,523
 - viii. Washroom Fittings \$56,964
 - ix. Electrical \$541,782
 - x. Mechanical \$324,929

- xi. Fire Services \$32,179
- xii. AV & Communications \$577,568
- xiii. Signage \$57,621
- xiv. Curtains & Blinds \$19,984
- xv. Furniture \$1,825,003
- xvi. Building works in connection \$62,346
- xvii. Design Allowance \$85,514
- xviii. Trades & Consultants \$1,060,714
- xix. Building approval charges \$44,932
- xx. Design Work \$31,680

The total cost of the Woden fitout for Access Canberra (Lessee) was \$4,939,184.

This consisted of;

- i. The total fitout cost minus \$2,300,000 (Lessor incentive);
- ii. \$681,000 (GST inclusive) for building connectivity with the ACT Government ICT network

2. Finishings and fittings costs were covered in the total fitout package at a cost of \$6,558,184.

3. See table below:

ITEM	QUANTITY	COST
Desk Chairs	367	Included in Furniture Package
Tiered seating	2	Included in Joinery Package
Couches or armchairs	9	Included in Furniture Package
Other chairs or seating	193	Included in Furniture Package
Sit-stand desks	313	Included in Furniture Package
Tables	57	Included in Furniture Package
Storage	42	Included in Furniture Package
Shelving	2	Included in Joinery Package
Book cases	Nil	
Projectors	Nil	
Televisions/ Audio Visual	9	Included in AV and Communications Package
Artwork	10	Included in Special Wall Finishes Package
Kitchen utensils, including plates, bowls, cutlery, glasses & mugs	2,015 pieces	\$2,042.38
Kitchen appliances	27	Included in Electrical Package

Items such as printers, laptops, desk computers, phones, electronic tablets, EFTPOS machines and ticketing machines were all existing assets of Access Canberra and relocated with staff into the Cosmopolitan building.

4. The following ACT government organisations, entities or agencies have used The Stadium;
 - Transport Canberra and City Services on 10 April 2017 1:30-2:30pm & 4 July 2017 9:00-11:00am.

Access Canberra welcome other ACT Government Directorates use of the collaboration spaces available within the Access Canberra tenancy in the Cosmopolitan Building, promoting the one government shared use of space. Use of these facilities by other ACT Government agencies or staff is anticipated to be provided at no charge.

5. The roll out of mobile technology is aligned with ACT Government policy and not associated with the fit out of Access Canberra offices in Woden.
6. The Ecospectral BRIM System comprises of sensors strategically placed throughout the fitout. The intelligent wireless networked sensors will integrate with existing sensors and DALI control. The system measures kinetic energy in a space and tracks how and when people are using a space. The energy consumed by hardware such as lights, HVAC, AV and fans are then only used to the extent required by the people using the space.

Planning has commenced with the intent being to have the system installed by the end of August 2017 at a cost of \$38,500.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: Fix My Street

1. Provide the total number of items logged on Fix My Street through all service channels that did not request a response in:
 - a. 2015-16;
 - b. 2016-17.
2. Are all items logged on Fix My Street which do not ask for a response still referred to the responsible business unit for consideration and action?
 - a. If not, why not?
3. Provide an outline on the what follow-up procedures are in place to ensure the items logged on Fix My Street is actioned and resolved, regardless of whether a response is requested or not.
4. Provide an outline of the current data collection capabilities and deficiencies.
5. What actions are being undertaken or strategies implemented to improve data collection to provide a better service to the Canberra community?

MR RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. a. 19,734
b. 20,165
2. Yes.
3. The relevant business unit is responsible for actioning fix my street requests. Some business units use a Client Relationship Management system (CRM) to manage and follow up on requests and some business units use an Integrated Asset Management system. Each system has built in functionality to follow up on requests.
4. The current data collection capabilities include category type, description, location, contact details and preferences. There have been some deficiencies in collecting the exact location of incidents.

5. Access Canberra and Transport Canberra and City Services are working on a range of strategies to improve data collection. An example of this has been the ability for customers to provide more detailed requests for trees and shrubs. The customer can advise TCCS precisely what work needs to be done, which will speed up response times and assist in forming regular maintenance schedules. TCCS is looking at where it can apply improvements like this to more of its services.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

10 JUL 2017

Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output
Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: redundancies

1. Provide the total number of expressions of interest Access Canberra received in relation to voluntary redundancies during (i) 2015-16, and (ii) 2016-17, and include:
 - a. The number of awarded voluntary redundancies; and
 - b. The total value of the payments.
2. Are there any plans for further voluntary redundancies in 2017-18, or long term plans across the forward estimates?

MR RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1 a) and b)

Year	Expressions of Interests	Voluntary Redundancies	Value
2015 -16	63	59	\$2,724,486
2016 -17	2	5 ¹	\$285,859

Note 1: Three of these voluntary redundancies were from EOIs accepted in 2015-2016 and two accepted in 2016-17.

2. No

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Ref: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36,
Output Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: shopfronts

1. Are there any plans to close, relocate, or vary the opening hours of any of the Access Canberra shopfronts?
 - a. If so, please provide an outline of the plan; the timeframe; and the projected cost.

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There are plans to close the Dickson Motor Registry Shopfront as part of the ACT Governments asset recycling program late 2017. Details of the closure will be communicated to the community and relevant stakeholders as part of a comprehensive communications strategy once a closure date has been confirmed. There are no costs associated with the closure for Access Canberra.

No changes to opening hours are currently being considered for any of the other Service Centres and shopfronts.

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Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Regulatory Services

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development, Budget Statement B, pp. 20-21, 34-36, Output
Class 2: Access Canberra

In relation to: third-party call centre partnership agreement

1. Please outline the nature of the call centre partnership agreement entered into by Access Canberra, and include:
 - a. The contract number;
 - b. The contract title;
 - c. The supplier;
 - d. The total value of the contract;
 - e. The total value of the contract;
 - f. The period of the contract;
 - g. A list of the services provided under the contract.
2. Provide the total number of calls taken by Access Canberra for the period the contract has been in force.
3. Provide the total number of calls taken through the partnership agreement for the period the contract has been in force.

MR RAMSAY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1.
 - a. Proc – 053.
 - b. Provision for After Hours Contact Centre Services.
 - c. OneContact .
 - d. \$131,203.10 since beginning of contract start date – pricing: \$1.90 per minute.
 - e. As per d) above.
 - f. Initially 06/05/16 - 08/05/17 – extended 6 months until 8 November 2017
 - g. Afterhours services for reporting:

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate:

ACT Property Group – damage or potential damage to ACT Government owned or leased buildings which require immediate/urgent attention

Access Canberra:

Environment Protection Authority – noise/air/water complaints



Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate:

Domestic Animal Services – dog attacks and aggressive dogs
City Rangers – 24/7 Sharps reporting
Roads ACT – urgent safety issues (dangerous potholes, obstructions etc) and street sweeping after motor vehicle accidents
Streetlights – faults and emergencies
Stormwater – faults and emergencies
Traffic Lights – faults and emergencies
ACT NoWaste – emergency contacts for the Resource Management Centres
ACTION – urgent issues – critical issue with a bus or bus driver; bus or bus related object that is posing a threat to life or property; significant damage to bus related infrastructure
CCTV – ACT Police requesting urgent access to CCTV footage on ACT Government property including ACTION buses
City Services – reports that pose a threat to public safety on public land e.g. trees down across footpaths; damage to playground equipment etc; gate access – people locked behind gates

Community Services Directorate:

Housing ACT – issues with a tenant or property calls are from ACT Police or ACT Fire and Rescue
Disability ACT – On Call Manager Disability ACT Accommodation Support for clients and guardians for urgent issues

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Wildlife Rangers – injured/deceased wildlife
Asbestos Response Taskforce – urgent issues in relation to the effected properties

2. 695,407 (up until 30 June 2017)
3. 19,702

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability

Ref: Environment Planning Sustainable Development Directorate Budget Statement E, page numbers 13 and 20, Output Class 2.2 Energy Policy and energy efficiency programs

In relation to: Electricity produced by each large feed-in tariff supported generator

1. For each large feed-in tariff supported generator, please advise if there is a minimum, maximum and usual amount of electricity that each generator is required to produce.
2. Please advise if the electricity produced by each large feed-in tariff generator can be on-sold to other clients.
3. Advise the period of time that the feed-in tariff price is set for?
4. Is there a mechanism in place which allows for the feed-in tariff price to be varied?
5. If the answer to question 4 above is yes, please outline that mechanism.
6. Is there a mechanism in place to apply penalties if any of the large feed-in tariff supported generators do not produce the required amount of electricity?
7. If the answer to question 6. Above is yes, outline that mechanism and advise what, if any, penalties have been applied previously.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Question 1.

The minimum annual quantity of eligible generation for each large feed-in tariff (FIT) supported generator is commercial-in-confidence information which cannot be released. The maximum and expected/usual quantities of eligible generation for each generator are given in columns C and D in the table below.

<i>Feed-in Tariff supported generator</i>	<i>A-Feed-in Tariff entitlement commencement date</i>	<i>B-Feed-in tariff price - \$/MWh</i>	<i>C-Maximum generation - MWh/yr</i>	<i>D-Expected/usual generation - MWh/yr</i>
Royalla solar farm	31 March 2014	\$186.00	42,293	37,609
Mugga Lane solar farm	1 October 2014	\$178.00	24,596	22,360
Williamsdale solar farm	28 April 2015	\$186.00	14,855	14,855
Coonooer Bridge wind farm	29 February 2016	\$81.50	104,901	81,856
Ararat wind farm	14 April 2017	\$87.00	364,800	271,700
Hornsedale 1 wind farm	16 February 2017	\$92.00	550,607	414,300
Sapphire 1 wind farm	1 May 2018	\$89.10	397,704	349,703
Hornsedale 2 wind farm	1 December 2018	\$77.00	520,237	404,066
Crookwell 2 wind farm	17 September 2018	\$90.40	364,773	304,099
Hornsedale 3 wind farm	1 October 2019	\$78.00	533,285	414,200

Question 2.

With respect to the sale of the output from each large FiT supported generator into the wholesale electricity market, each can sell into the National Electricity Market or can make alternative wholesale sales arrangements. However, ownership of the renewable electricity output of each generator is determined by the holding of the Large Generation Certificates (LGCs) it creates for its FiT supported generation (one LGC is created for each megawatt-hour of renewable electricity generation). Under the deeds of FiT entitlement signed with each generator, the LGCs created by each generator must be transferred to the ACT Government, regardless of wholesale sales arrangements. This means the ownership of the renewable electricity output remains with the ACT Government.

Question 3.

The period of the FiT entitlement for each generator is 20 years commencing on the date given in column A in the table provided with the answer to Question 1.

Question 4.

There is no mechanism in place that allows for the variation of the feed-in tariff price granted to each generator (given in column B in the table provided with the answer to Question 1).

Question 5.

Not applicable.

Question 6.

The mechanism applied to enforcement of minimum levels of generation by each large FiT supported generator is commercial-in-confidence information.

Question 7.

The mechanism and penalties applied to enforcement of minimum levels of generation by each large FiT supported generator is commercial-in-confidence information.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE



Mr Alistair Coe MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport Canberra and City Services

Transport Canberra and City Services, Budget Statement H

In relation to: ACT Budget Output Classes: Funding over the Forward Estimates and Staffing Levels

1. For the Directorate and each Output Class and sub-Output class set out in Budget Statement H for the 2017-18 ACT Budget. please provide:
 - a. The Total Cost and Controlled Recurrent Payments for each year of the forward estimates (that is, 2018-19 to 2020-21); and
 - b. the estimated staffing level (FTE) for each year of the estimated outcome, budget and forward estimates (that is, 2016-17 to 2020-21).

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

a.

OUTPUT	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	CRP	Total Cost	CRP	Total Cost	CRP	Total Cost
TCCS Directorate	\$360.302m	\$571.934m	\$370.908m	\$591.775m	\$400.042m	\$616.523m
Output Class 1	\$170.152m	\$187.431m	\$179.681m	\$200.238m	\$191.481m	\$212.874m
Transport Canberra:						
Output 1.1 Transport Canberra	\$170.152m	\$187.431m	\$179.681m	\$200.238m	\$191.481m	\$212.874m
Output Class 2 City Services:	\$190.150m	\$384.503m	\$191.227m	\$391.537m	\$208.561m	\$403.649m
Output 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure	\$78.306m	\$203.035m	\$77.715m	\$202.091m	\$86.461m	\$208.986m
Output 2.2 Library Services	\$14.422m	\$18.875m	\$14.431m	\$18.945m	\$15.522m	\$20.044m
Output 2.3 Waste and Recycling	\$30.877m	\$46.869m	\$32.505m	\$53.675m	\$36.232m	\$54.348m
Output 2.4 City Maintenance and Services	\$66.545m	\$98.580m	\$66.576m	\$98.793m	\$70.346m	\$102.238m
Output 2.5 Capital Linen Service	\$-	\$17.144m	\$-	\$18.033m	\$-	\$18.033m

Note: The differences between Total Cost and CRP relate to non cash expenses like depreciation and expenses that are funded by own source revenue.

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b.

OUTPUT	2016-17 Estimated Outcome	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Estimate	2019-20 Estimate	2020-21 Estimate
TCCS Directorate	1,694	1,770	1,759	1,745	1,751
Output Class 1 Transport Canberra:	978	1,037	1,036	1,029	1,035
Output 1.1 Transport Canberra	978	1,037	1,036	1,029	1,035
Output Class 2 City Services:	715	733	724	716	716
Output 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure	147	145	145	145	145
Output 2.2 Library Services	104	110	110	110	110
Output 2.3 Waste and Recycling	23	38	31	29	29
Output 2.4 City Maintenance and Services	383	384	381	376	376
Output 2.5 Capital Linen Service	58	56	56	56	56

The increase in FTE from the 2016-17 estimated outcome to the 2017-18 budget is primarily due to additional resources required for new initiatives and the transfer of functions from other Directorates.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA

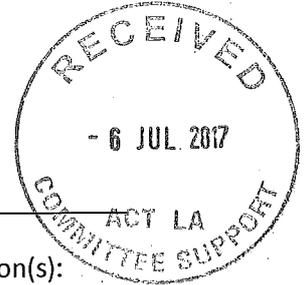


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by ANDREW WALL on 28 June 2017: Mr Phillips took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 16

In relation to: DA processing times for remediated Fluffy blocks

THE CHAIR: While we are talking about DAs, just wanted to get an indication, has there been—are you able to give the committee any indication of what the processing time has been for DAs on the remediated fluffy blocks, separate to the statistics that are in the budget statements? I had a number of concerns raised that the processing time on the DAs on those sites has been considerably longer than is normal.

Mr Phillips: Thanks for the question, Mr Wall. I can give you some advice that the number of public representations that we are getting from notification for fluffy blocks in RZ1 zones has increased, so we get more public responses on notification than we are in other areas, so that then will increase the length of time we take, because we will need to consider the public notification, but as to the average time for fluffy blocks, I would take that on notice.

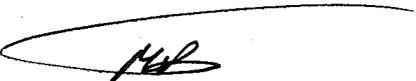
THE CHAIR: Take that on notice?

Mr Phillips: Yes.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The average days to process a development application on a remediated 'Mr Fluffy' block is 53 working days. This is on par with average processing times for all other development applications. As with all development applications, delays may be experienced when a proposal is particularly complex or when further information is requested from the applicant to enable an assessment to continue to be undertaken.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Mr Gary Rake took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 758

In relation to: Common Ground 2

MS LEE: There has been talk about perhaps common ground too going in there? Where is that up to in discussions?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Government is providing \$100,000 to undertake a feasibility study for developing Common Ground 2. This will include an evaluation of the existing Common Ground Canberra to inform the development of possible planning, location and design options for Common Ground 2.

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By the Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA





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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Alistair Coe on 28 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 26

In relation to: CFMEU/Tradies Site

MR COE: So what are the plans for the CFMEU site or the tradies site?

Mr Ponton: Again as Mr Rake said, Mr Coe, we are in very early discussions to frame up what this essentially community panel might look at in terms of what the sites may result in.

MR COE: Well, did the Planning Directorate have a view on what do with this site prior to the government acquiring the site?

Mr Ponton: As I said, Mr—

MR COE: Because a funny time to buy a site and now to be going through a planning process.

Mr Ponton: As I said, it is early days in terms of the new way of undertaking engagement with the community and we are quite excited about the opportunity to frame this up with the Dickson community, yes.

MR COE: I understand that is the process you are going through but what are the plans for this area at the time of acquisition?

Mr Ponton: I think it would be disingenuous, given that we have just made it very clear that we are wanting to move into this process, this new way of engaging with the community, with a preconceived view on what the site—

MR COE: But you must have a preconceived view otherwise the government would not have bought the site.

Mr Ponton: From a planning perspective we are wanting to work very closely with the community and the minister has made that abundantly clear to us that we need to rethink the way that we engage.

MR COE: So if there is no preconceived view why was the site acquired?

Mr Ponton: That would be a matter for our colleagues in Economic Development.

Mr Gentleman: We will take that question on notice and I will get the response from our colleagues in the—

MR COE: Great, thanks. Thanks, minister.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The former Land Development Agency purchased Block 6, Section 72 Dickson, along with Block 25, Section 72 Dickson, from the Canberra Tradesmen's Union Club in 2012 as the result of an open tender process for the Territory's sale of Block 30, Section 34 Dickson - the car park adjacent to the Dickson Tradies.

The purchase of these two blocks of land, combined with other government controlled land in Section 72 Dickson, and the possibility of securing another block from the Salvation Army in the future would give the Government a large urban renewal opportunity close to the Dickson Group Centre.

Already the Government has announced that one of these purchases, the former Downer Club site (Block 25, Section 72 Dickson) will be used for a Common Ground development, similar to an existing development in Gungahlin.

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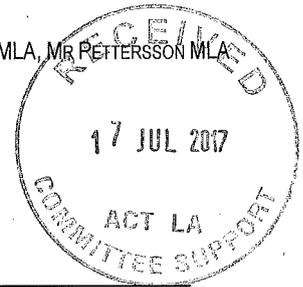
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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mrs Vicki Dunne on 28 June 2017: Minister Gentleman took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017, Page 771

In relation to:

MRS DUNNE: So in relation to Kuringa Drive which is already under pressure because it has been extended with Clarrie Hermes Drive which puts pressure on Kingsford Smith Drive. Is there, irrespective of what is going on, on the CSIRO land, is there thinking about any upgrade or alignment of Kuringa Drive?

Mr Rake: That would be a question for Transport Canberra and City Services. You do not see any road capacity and our road planning in the absence of other projects.

MRS DUNNE: Thank you, okay.

Mr Gentleman: I am happy to take that question on notice in this hearing and go to our colleagues in transport.

Ms Meegan Fitzharris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Yes, Kuringa Drive has been identified for upgrade and is included on the five to ten year forward Capital Works program.

A feasibility study has been undertaken to identify improvements at the Kuringa/Owen Dixon Drive intersection. The recommendation is signalisation, which will be considered in a future Capital Works intersection improvement program.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Nicole Lawder on 28 June 2017: Mr Rake took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 39

In relation to: Outstanding Master Plans

MS LAWDER: Thanks. I just have a couple of questions relating to table 16 on page 17 of budget paper E. First we heard about the completion and application of master plans. We spoke a little about master plans earlier but you have completed two of the three targets and discontinued so how will we ever know the status of the one that is not yet completed? When will that be reported on?

Mr Gentleman: Ms Lawder, I think the only outstanding one in regard to that is Tharwa Village. It is almost ready to go I should say so probably in the next month or so I imagine we will be able to release that master plan.

MS LAWDER: So the Curtin one, is that included in there?

Mr Rake: It is not included in that because we had released a final draft master plan. We will have to come back and report on the progress.

MS LAWDER: So it is not completed and published as the indicator says?

Mr Rake: No. I think that—

Mr Gentleman: Can we take that on notice, Ms Lawder? I think we need to get some—

Mr Rake: Get a reconciliation on it.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The master plans that are being finalised include the Curtin and Kippax Group Centre master plans, and the Tharwa Village Plan. These master plans will be completed using the remaining 2016/17 financial year funding. The accountability indicator was removed as there is no new funding in the 2017/18 financial year. An update on the master plan program can be provided in next year's budget papers, including those completed in the 2017/18 financial year.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Alistair Coe on 28 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 51

In relation to: Cost of Basement Parking

MS LE COUTEUR: Yes. Do you have any idea what the average cost of basement parking is for a developer, just in terms—because as you mentioned, affordability is—

Mr Ponton: It does depend on how deep the basement is. So we can get some figures for you in terms of some fairly—

MS LE COUTEUR: Yes, that would be interesting.

Mr Ponton: —general figures, depending on whether it is one, two or three levels of basement. But it does depend on the particular circumstances.

MR COE: You could also take on notice—are you, this one?

Mr Ponton: Of course

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The current construction costs of basement carparks in Canberra are generally in the vicinity of \$30,000 to \$35,000 per car space. The variables depend on the number of ramps required, amount of mechanical ventilation required and fire sprinkler systems.

This figure generally aligns with the ACT Government's *'Building (General) (Cost of Building Work) Determination 2015'*, which provides an amount of \$1350 per square metre for basement carpark construction.

The construction of Podium carparking is considerably cheaper, at approximately \$22,000 per car space, due to savings with natural ventilation and sprinkler requirements.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Nicole Lawder on 28 June 2017: Mr Rake took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 54

In relation to: Impact the UC Public Hospital might have on parking in the area

MS LAWDER: Thank you.

We spoke a little about parking earlier. Ms Cody asked about parking. Do you play any role in parking at the universities?

Mr Rake: No. The universities set their own parking policies as part of their land management. Is that the—are you looking at parking provision rates or time limiting or—

MS LAWDER: Provision of parking and, for example, what impact the University of Canberra Public Hospital might have on parking in the area? Is that a matter for the University of Canberra?

Mr Rake: I have not had direct development in that, but I take the question on notice and come back to you with a very clear explanation of how all of those arrangements will work.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The University of Canberra Public Hospital has been assessed to require approximately 700 parking spaces to meet its needs. The hospital was approved in October 2015 with 250 basement car parking spaces and 60 surface parking spaces. The remainder of the spaces required for the facility, approximately 400 car parking spaces, are being provided on the adjoining site in a structured car park. A development application for the structured car park was approved on 27 June 2017.

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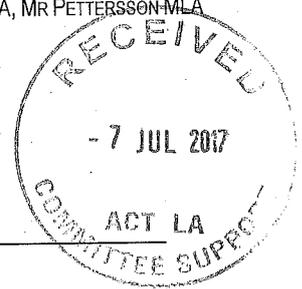


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Asked by Alistair Coe on 28 June 2017: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 59

In relation to: Cost of average houses

THE CHAIR: Okay. On page 395 of budget paper 3 there is an average direct cost to government of \$275,000 per block for the first 150 completed sales. Given that there is almost double that number now that have completed, is there an updated average cost that you are able to provide?

Mr Gentleman: Look, this figure was done at the time we were obviously preparing the budget papers, which was some time ago. We can take the figure as of today on notice, but it has not moved materially from that range.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The average direct cost to government of the first 313 completed sales is \$237,000 per block.

This net cost includes actual assistance grants plus acquisition costs, holding costs and demolition costs less actual sale revenue. This cost includes an estimate for final disposal and selling costs. These figures exclude Asbestos Response Taskforce costs and regulatory costs. They also do not include interest costs on the \$1 billion Commonwealth loan.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Andrew Wall on 28 June 2017: Mr Iglesias took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 75

In relation to: Permits issued

THE CHAIR: And how many permits, if any, does the government issue to rural leaseholders around the ACT?

Mr Iglesias: Okay, it is—I could not tell you the exact number of permits. We will take that on notice.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

For the 2017 mixed-sex culling season (1 March to 31 July 2017), 72 rural leaseholders have been issued licences to cull eastern grey kangaroos.

Licences for the male-only culling season (1 August to 31 October 2017) may only be issued to rural leaseholders to cull a percentage of the kangaroos they culled during the mixed-sex season. The number of leaseholders issued these licences, the total number of kangaroos licensed to be culled, and the actual number culled, will only be known after 31 October 2017.

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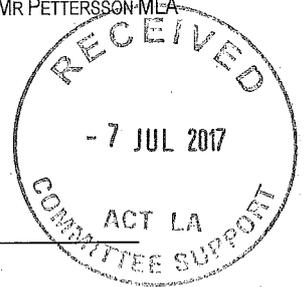


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Asked by Nicole Lawder on 28 June 2017: Mr Iglesias took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 84/85

In relation to: Reduction of Rangers due to Googong gate

Mr Iglesias: Yes, but what happens is that it can close quite late at night.

MS LAWDER: I think it is 6 pm in winter and 8 pm in summer or something?

Mr Iglesias: Yes, that is right. So what that means is we have to stagger the shift times so by being creative in the way that we open and close, we can free an FTE up to be much more productive.

MS LAWDER: But the ranger will remain there?

Mr Iglesias: The FTE count at Googong will reduce by one, but that will basically, if you look at the whole park service, that avails opportunities elsewhere.

MS LAWDER: Right. So it is not a reduction in the number of rangers?

Mr Iglesias: Overall—I have not looked at the number of rangers for this financial year. I would have to take that on notice.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Staff employed in the Park Ranger classification at Googong Foreshores will be reduced by 1 full time equivalent (FTE) in 2017/18.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Mr Kendall took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 86/87

In relation to: H2OK Applications

MS LEE: And just, minister, you mentioned the H2OK program, and I suppose perhaps a little premature to sort of get an insight into how well that is working, but maybe if you can give us an insight into how many grant applications have been made for that program?

Mr Gentleman: Yes, sure. I have not got the detail here. The program, well, we have the ACT healthy waterways program, a total of \$93.5 million. That is the joint initiative between the ACT and the commonwealth.

MS LEE: Yes.

Mr Gentleman: In regard to those—

Mr Kendall: In terms of the demonstration grants program, it is only recently closed and we are going through a process at the moment of evaluating the grants. I do not have the exact figure here with me, but we certainly have been oversubscribed, which is a positive thing to generate some competition and some good quality applications.

MS LEE: And when will the successful applicants be announced?

Mr Kendall: Again, I could take that on notice, along with the numbers of applications that we have received.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The demonstration grants program closed on 29 May 2017.

61 Grant applications were received. 14 applications were from rural residential areas and a further 47 from urban areas. Applications totalled \$198,000 and the available budget will allow 16 projects to be funded.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of the program by end July 2017.

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Asked by Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Mr Kendall took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 91/92

In relation to: Landcare projects

MS LEE: And how many Landcare projects are in the ACT at the moment?

Mr Gentleman: How many projects?

MS LEE: How many projects do you—

Mr Iglesias: I would have to get back to you on that one to give you an accurate number.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The National Landcare Programme is an Australian Government initiative. The ACT received \$5,978,280 from the Australian Government over 5 years (2013-18) for Regional Delivery under the National Landcare Program. Projects funded are:

- Communities and Connections for Conservation (Greening Australia) - \$1,260,448
- Restoring Ecological Resilience in the Southern ACT (Southern ACT Catchment group) - \$719,042
- Healthy and Resilient Landscapes in the Molonglo (Molonglo Catchment group) - \$719,042
- Improving Ecological Resilience in the Ginninderra Catchment (Ginninderra Catchment Group) - \$809,397
- ACT Rural Grants Program (ACT Government, EPSDD administered) – \$447,739
- Regional Landcare Facilitator (ACT Government, EPSDD) - \$792,082
- Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Facilitator (ACT Government, EPSDD) - \$686,871
- Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Improvement Officer (ACT Government, EPSDD) - \$543,478

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Asked by MR PETERSSON on Wednesday, 28 June 2017: Mr Sibley took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript, Wednesday, 28 June 2017 – pages 112–114]

In relation to:

MR PETERSSON: Yes. I wanted to go back to Alistair's questioning around the Gungahlin blackouts. You mentioned that ACT was roughly 100 minutes of downtime, and New South Wales was what?

Mr Rake: 200. Sorry, the other—the national comparison is 200. I do not have a New South Wales specific figure handy.

MR PETERSSON: Okay. So in legislation, are there set out targets and goals for service levels?

Mr Gentleman: There is a national—

Mr Sibley: Yes, there are. So the Utilities Act, which is administered by the Utilities Technical Regulator, which reports through to Minister Rattenbury, sets out reliability targets for the network operator. So they are set at the jurisdictional level, and there are also quality of supply standards that are set, and then really the network's job is to meet those standards at the lowest cost under national pricing regulation for it.

MR PETERSSON: So I will be impressed if you can tell me off the top of your head, but do you know what those supply levels are?

Mr Sibley: I would have to take that on notice.

MR PETERSSON: So do you know—I am actually unsure of this myself. Is there a mechanism in place if they beat those targets or they fall short of them?

Mr Sibley: I do not believe there is an incentive for exceeding it, but they have traditionally always exceeded it in the ACT, so ActewAGL distribution, this is one of the most reliable networks in the country. There have never been—in recent years, as long as I have been around anyway—any issues with not meeting those targets.

Mr Rake: We will include that in the answer for you, though, with the information about the penalties and compliance arrangements.

MR RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In the ACT, minimum supply reliability targets are specified in technical codes established under the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014* (the Act). The technical codes also require the electricity distribution network operator to report annually on its performance against these targets, and these results have been published in the Utilities Technical Regulation (UTR) Annual Report.

As reported in the UTR 2015/16 Annual Report, ActewAGL Distribution, the electricity distribution network operator in the ACT, failed to meet one of the three supply reliability targets. However, this target is considered to be a secondary reliability indicator and only a minor non-conformance.

The Act allows the Technical Regulator to impose a penalty for a breach of a code requirement, which includes failure to meet minimum supply reliability targets. In addition, the Consumer Protection Code includes penalties for outages of extended duration (greater than 12 hours). At a national level, the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has a Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme for electricity distributors which relates to unplanned outage performance.

In the ACT technical codes, there are three reliability targets:

- CAIDI (Customer Average Interruption Duration Index) which is measured in minutes and indicates an average duration an affected customer is without power. The target level is 74.6 minutes.
- SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index) which indicates the number of interruptions an average customer experiences. The target level is 1.2 interruptions per year.
- SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) which is measured in minutes and indicates the average duration a customer is without power. The target level is 91.0 minutes.

Note these include planned and unplanned interruptions.

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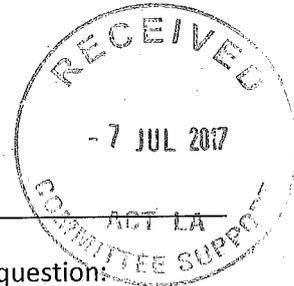


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Asked by Andrew Wall on 28 June 2017: Ms Malouf took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 116/117

In relation to: Business Energy and Water Program

THE CHAIR: Minister, if I could just ask a few questions relating to the Business Energy and Water Program, please? What is the current status of the program, is it continuing and how exactly is it funded? Is it through a government appropriation or is it through the energy retailer?

Ms Malouf: The Business Energy and Water Program is funded through the Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme. Tier 2 retailers pay into a fund, so non-ACTEW energy retailers pay into a fund, which the program is funded by. So that is funded—the current funding period finishes June 2018.

THE CHAIR: Okay and what proportion of the funds that have been raised through that levy have been used in administering the program?

Ms Malouf: We would have to take that one on notice, yes.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The percentage of the funds raised through the levy used to administer the Actsmart Business Energy and Water Program is 7.6%.

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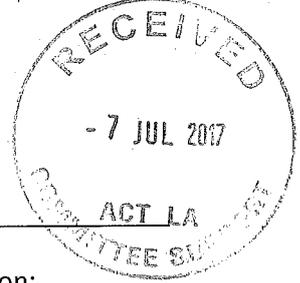


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Asked by Elizabeth Lee on 28 June 2017: Mr Sibley took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2017 Page 121

In relation to: the ANU master course in wind development

MS LEE: And just staying with the theme of education and training, the ANU master course in wind development, have you got any information about that?

Mr Sibley: Thank you, yes. The ANU is offering a masters course in wind energy. It is the only such course of its kind in Australia. It has been developed in collaboration with Canberra company WindLab and it is a commitment that WindLab made in their Coonooer Bridge wind farm proposal which was successful through the auction process. So I believe that course has been run at least once. I will have to check, but it has actually been very popular.

MS LEE: Have you got the numbers of students that were enrolled?

Mr Sibley: We would happily come back with numbers for you.

MICK GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

ANU's wind energy course has been offered to 58 students over its first two years, as follows: 25 in 2016 and 33 in 2017.

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