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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 96

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 a.m.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION DEBT: Resumption of debate
(*from 10 March 2004 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That this Assembly:
 - (1) recognises the high level of vocational and higher education student debt in the A.C.T. and throughout Australia;
 - (2) acknowledges that many A.C.T. students are having difficulty meeting the costs of living;
 - (3) notes that many students are forced to work increasingly long hours to meet the costs of living;
 - (4) acknowledges that the Federal Government's Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy payments are not high enough to meet the costs of living; and
 - (5) calls on the Federal Government to:
 - (a) review the amount students are paid in Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy; and
 - (b) reassess the eligibility criteria of Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy, to make it easier for students to obtain these allowances.

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

Notices

- 1 MS MACDONALD: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) calls on the Federal Government to accept the recommendation of the National Health and Medical Research Council and provide pneumococcal vaccine free to all Australian children;
 - (2) expresses concern at the Federal Government's decision not to implement the Council's recommendation which will disadvantage many low-income families who will not be able to afford the \$600 vaccine, therefore placing their children at greater risk;
 - (3) recognises the severity of pneumococcal disease and notes the disease kills more Australians than meningococcal C, for which there is a Federal Government funded vaccination;
 - (4) notes the health and financial benefits gained by providing pneumococcal disease vaccine free to all Australia; and
 - (5) acknowledges a large number of organisations are in support of the National Health and Medical Research Council's recommendation, including the Australian Medical Association's Child and Youth Committee. (*Notice given 9 March 2004*).

Orders of the day – continued

- 2 COMMISSIONER FOR THE FAMILY BILL 2004: (*Mrs Burke*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Ms Gallagher*).

Notices – continued

- 2 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2004-2005 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003; amended 30 March 2004*).
- *3 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes with concern estimates that as many as one in four people aged 18-24 are not on the electoral roll;
 - (2) calls on the A.C.T. Electoral Commission to examine ways to encourage young people to enrol to vote such as sending out enrolment information with Year 12 school results, provisional drivers license applications and proof of age cards;

- (3) recognises that existing educational programs of civics education play an important role in including young people in processes of electoral education and participation; and
- (4) calls on the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services to refer current civics programs used in schools to the curriculum review team for investigation into the adequacy of these programs. (*Notice given 30 March 2004*).

Orders of the day – continued

- 3 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ASSISTED TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Burke*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).

Notices – continued

- *4 MRS CROSS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pharmacy Act 1931*. (*Notice given 30 March 2004 by Ms Dundas on behalf of Mrs Cross*).

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

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

Calls on the Government to:

- (4) not introduce the new system in the 2003-04 financial year;
- (5) undertake full assessment and modeling of the proposed new system;
- (6) report the findings of this assessment and modeling to the Assembly by the end of 2003. (*Notice given 1 April 2003*).

- 6 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately recommence the master planning process for the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).

- 7 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).

- 8 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 9 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 10 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 11 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 12 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to develop a loan scheme to encourage more ACT households to purchase rainwater tanks, for implementation in the 2004-2005 financial year. (*Notice given 26 August 2003*).
- 13 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) recognises the importance of addressing issues relating to the safety of children;
 - (2) acknowledges the duty of care towards children especially in and around schools;
 - (3) calls on the Government to conduct a safety audit of access to all ACT schools; and
 - (4) further calls on the Government to set up a priority program for improvement with special emphasis on primary schools. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).

14 MS DUNDAS: To move – That:

- (1) the A.C.T. Government develop in consultation with stakeholders, including students, a plan to address the shortage of affordable student accommodation, recognizing the statements in the Economic White paper that ‘... we must ensure that our universities have the capacity to maximize their impact on our economy and our future’ and the Building Canberra’s Economy Discussion Paper that ‘The availability of student accommodation is a major constraint on growth that could be addressed by the A.C.T. Government’; and
- (2) this plan be tabled in the Assembly by the second sitting week in March. (*Notice given 10 February 2004*).

Orders of the day – continued

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

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

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

- 22 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 2004 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 23 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: (*Mr Berry*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Ms Gallagher*).
- 24 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Mr Corbell*).
- 25 SALE OF WILLIAMSDALE QUARRY: Resumption of debate (*from 3 March 2004 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That this Assembly calls on the A.C.T. Government to provide, by close of business today, details of:
- (1) the process by which the sale of Williamsdale Quarry was achieved, including details of any public tenders that were sought and the responses to those tenders;
 - (2) the sale of the Williamsdale quarry business and assets, including the sale price;
 - (3) all parties who expressed interest in buying Totalcare's share of the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture;
 - (4) all parties who expressed interest in buying the Williamsdale Quarry joint venture business and assets;
 - (5) the reasons why various parties were unsuccessful in their offers to purchase the Williamsdale Quarry business; and
 - (6) any involvement and undertakings by Totalcare in the Williamsdale Quarry business after 30 June 2002.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 ARCHITECTS BILL 2004: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*).
- *2 HUMAN CLONING (PROHIBITION) BILL 2004: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).
- *3 HUMAN EMBRYO (RESEARCH) BILL 2004: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).

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

- 14 INVESTIGATION INTO ADVERSE PATIENT OUTCOMES OF NEUROSURGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL – FINAL REPORT – COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 STATEMENT OF PLANNING INTENT FOR THE A.C.T. – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 16 CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) (THRESHOLDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 17 LITTER BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 18 ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Cornwell*).
- 19 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 20 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TASKFORCE – REPORT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 21 CHILD PROTECTION IN THE A.C.T. – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2004 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 22 ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Mrs Dunne*).
- 23 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2004: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2004 – Mr Pratt*).
- 24 COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 25 GENE TECHNOLOGY (GM CROP MORATORIUM) BILL 2004: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).

- 26 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004:
(*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Mr Smyth*).

Notice

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – POSSIBLE AGED CARE FACILITIES IN HOLT – PROPOSED REFERENCE: Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2004 – Ms MacDonald*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the Legislative Assembly refer to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment for investigation and report by 1 July 2004, the proposal for aged care facilities on part of Section 99 Block 11 Holt, the disused holes 19 to 27 of the Belconnen Golf Course.

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

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

*2 PRIVILEGES 2004 – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT ON WHETHER THE ACTIONS OF THE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARD TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF A FLYER IN HER NAME AT THE BELCONNEN MARKETS DID CONSTITUTE A CONTEMPT OF THE ASSEMBLY – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2004 – Ms Dundas*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.

Notice

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

† 3 sitting days for resolution

Orders of the day – continued

- 3 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 5 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Wood on behalf of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 6 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 7 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That the report be noted.
- 8 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – ACCESS TO NEEDLES AND SYRINGES BY INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 9 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 10 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 11 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 7 OF 2002 – FINANCIAL AUDIT WITH YEARS ENDING TO 30 JUNE 2002 - MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 12 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REPORT ON RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2003 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 13 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 14 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE A.C.T. – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 16 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 10 – LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2004 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 4 – 2002-2003 ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE DISABILITY COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 18 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 26 – INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2002-2003 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN SERVICES AND RELATED AGENCIES – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mrs Dunne – That the report be noted.
- 19 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 27 – INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING OF A SUPERMARKET NEXT TO THE BELCONNEN MARKETS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2004 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- *20 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – “NO LONGER JUST A NUMBER” – YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE ADOLESCENT DAY UNIT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2004 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
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1 April 2004

- 21 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 12 February 2004.

4 May 2004

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

31 May 2004

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

Referred to Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 (No 3) on**11 March 2004**

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

Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on**23 October 2003**

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

Standing Committee on Public Accounts on**12 February 2004**

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Unanswered questions

1267, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1301-1304, 1310, 1318-1322, 1326-1336,
1338, 1343, 1348-1350, 1352-1361, 1363, 1364, 1366-1368,
1370-1375, 1377, 1378, 1382, 1385-1391, 1394, 1395, 1397-1424,
1426-1431

31 March 2004

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 29 April 2004)

- 1425 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –
- (1) What controls exist for the collection of donations in the A.C.T. by overseas charities, and to whom are these charities accountable;
 - (2) If there are no controls in the A.C.T. applicable to overseas charities, why not.

New Questions

(30 days expires 30 April 2004)

- *1432 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Are there guidelines in place for A.C.T. teachers when they issue reading material for English students in high school;
 - (2) If so, (a) what are these guidelines, (b) how often are these guidelines reviewed and (c) who reviews these guidelines;
 - (3) If not, why are there no guidelines in place;
 - (4) Is there a complaints mechanism in place for parents to express their concerns to the teacher, school or Department on reading materials for English students in high school;
 - (5) If so, what is that complaints mechanism; if not, why is there no complaints mechanism in place.
 - (6) How many complaints have been received on reading materials for English students in high school since January 2003 to date;

- *1433 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Have there been any reports of students in the A.C.T. selling Ritalin tablets to other students as discovered in N.S.W.;
 - (2) What are the consequences for any student found partaking in the sale of drugs at school;
 - (3) Has any sort of memo been sent out to A.C.T schools to (a) remind teachers and students what the penalties are for selling drugs at school and (b) ask teachers to keep a watchful eye on any sort of evidence that Ritalin or other drugs are being sold in the school yard;
 - (4) If so, when was this memo issued; if not, why not, and will you consider issuing such a memo;
 - (5) Is the A.C.T. Government giving any consideration to locking up Ritalin for those students who need it and administering when needed, as is being considered in N.S.W.
- *1434 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations –
- (1) What is the breakdown of industries identified in the Operation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* Quarterly Report December Quarter 2003 for which 55 Improvement Notices were issued;
 - (2) When are these workplaces scheduled to be checked again by A.C.T. Workcover to see if they have complied with the Improvement Notice;
 - (3) If these workplaces do not comply with the Improvement Notices they have been issued with, what are the next steps to be taken by A.C.T. Workcover.
- *1435 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services –
- (1) What is the title of the unit to look after communications and media at the Emergency Services Authority Bureau (ESAB);
 - (2) How many people are employed to work as (a) media advisors and (b) specialist communications strategists within the ESAB;
 - (3) If a communications strategist has been hired, what qualifications does that person have to fulfil that role;
 - (4) How many people in total make up the Communications/Media unit in the ESAB;
 - (5) What new devices have been installed within the Communications/Media Unit at the ESAB since the events of 18 January that assist in disseminating information more rapidly;
 - (6) What devices still need to be installed;
 - (7) What staff still need to be hired.

- *1436 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Is the Year 10 pilot program to assess students on Key Competencies still in operation; if not, why not;
 - (2) Are there any plans to expand this program.
- *1437 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How much of the \$400 000 allocated in 2003-04 to expanding community teams to deliver mental health services has been expended;
 - (2) How many additional staff have been hired to fulfil an increase in staffing and hours of operation for the residents of Tuggeranong and Woden;
 - (3) What is the case load of staff working in these community teams.
- *1438 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) In relation to the discharge planner at the Canberra Psychiatric Unit, when was a person hired in this role after the announcement of \$80 000 in the 2003-04 Budget to fund this role;
 - (2) Has only one person held this position since its inception; if not, how many persons have held this position;
 - (3) How has this role provided improved coordination between the inpatient, hospital services and case managers in the community;
 - (4) How has this role provided improved support and a continuum of care for mental health clients across the hospital and community settings.
- *1439 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How much of the \$400 000 allocated to Gungahlin Outreach in the 2003-04 Budget has been expended to date;
 - (2) How many additional clinical staff have been hired to deliver outreach services for mental health clients in Gungahlin;
 - (3) How many mental health clients are listed in the Gungahlin area;
 - (4) What is the case load of staff hired to provide Gungahlin Outreach;
 - (5) How many homes on average are visited by staff on a weekly basis.
- *1440 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) In relation to funding of \$80 000 which was provided in the 2003-04 Budget for a drug and alcohol mental health worker and as this position was designed to reduce the impact of substance abuse on people with a mental illness, has a reduced impact of substance abuse on people with a mental illness occurred;
 - (2) If so, what supporting figures or information can be provided to support that reduced impact; if not, why not.

- *1441 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) In each A.C.T. Government school, how many teachers have the qualifications to teach the specialised subjects of (a) physical education, (b) art and craft, (c) technical development for example woodwork and (d) music;
 - (2) How many of these specialist teachers are working as full time teachers in these positions.
- *1442 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) Has the 24 Hour Food Poisoning Hotline ever been inoperable in the calendar years (a) 2002, (b) 2003 and (c) 2004;
 - (2) If so, (a) on how many occasions and (b) for how long was the hotline inoperable in those years;
 - (3) What are the reasons for the hotline not being available 24 hours at all times;
 - (4) Have any glitches in the system been fixed;
 - (5) Is it the case that over the Christmas break a family, all suffering from what appeared to be food poisoning, tried to contact the hotline and found the line rang out numerous times;
 - (6) Is the hotline monitored to ensure it is always available to Canberrans;
 - (7) What should be the next port of call for residents who ring the hotline and no one answers.
- *1443 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health –
- (1) How many radiologists are currently employed to work in the A.C.T.;
 - (2) What is the average waiting time for radiology treatment in the A.C.T.
- *1444 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to correspondence the Minister wrote to me on 17 March informing me that the Government is considering the National Zoo and Aquarium Planning Investigation report prepared by consultants for the National Capital Authority and the A.C.T. Government, how long will it take the Government to consider this report and will a decision be made regarding this land before the Budget is announced.
- *1445 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services –
- (1) Is it a fact that there are inmates over 18 years of age in Quamby; if so, how many are there;
 - (2) Respecting the A.C.T. privacy laws, are they in for (a) serious and (b) non-serious crimes and what are the maximum penalties for each category;
 - (3) How long (a) have they been there and (b) will continue to be there;

- (4) Why are people over 18 years accommodated in Quamby and are they segregated from the other under age inmates;
- (5) Does the Government consider it desirable to accommodate over 18 year olds in Quamby; if not, what does it propose to do about those currently there;
- (6) If nothing will be done about moving the existing 18 year old inmates to an adult facility, why not;
- (7) Is it proposed to move any future 18 year olds at Quamby to an adult facility; if not, why not.

*1446 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services –

- (1) In relation to the veterinary examination room and the response to Question on notice No 1186 in which it was stated that the new completion date for this project has been delayed until March 2004, has this project now been completed;
- (2) If so, when was the project completed; if not, why has it not been completed and what is the estimated completion date.

*1447 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage –

- (1) In relation to Belconnen Arts Feasibility Study and further to the response to Question on notice No 1197 which states that this project would be completed in early April 2004, is this work still on track to be completed in the coming days; if not, why not, and when will this feasibility study be completed;
- (2) How long after the feasibility study is completed will Government make an announcement about whether it will support recommendations made in the feasibility study.

*1448 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming –

- (1) In relation to a request by my staff in February to a Departmental Officer in Sport and Recreation ACT for a copy of the sports facilities study completed by the Department which was highlighted in the December Sport and Recreation ACT newsletter, why is it now that after requesting this study twice my office has been informed that the study is not available until an official launch takes place;
- (2) How many copies of the study have been distributed in the Sport and Recreation Community;
- (3) When will I be able to obtain a copy of the original document;

- (4) Are any changes being made to that document;
- (5) When will the study be publicly released and can you assure me that the document that is publicly released will not be different to the one that I believe a number of organisations already have a copy of.

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

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

Pursuant to resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

Select

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

Dissolved

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

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

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

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

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

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

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