



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

[Ref: Budget Paper 4, Page number 104, Output 1.4, Land Management]

In relation to: Loss of horse paddocks

Between 2004-09 the ACT reduced the area of Horse Holding Paddocks (HHP) by approximately 44.5 hectares. Blocks 1676 & 1677 now face a reduction in HHP of 50-60ha for the development of a cemetery and crematorium, and of an unknown additional area associated with the development of a solar farm.

1. What is the Government's best estimate of total hectare loss to HHP on blocks 1676 & 1677 due to the development of the crematorium, cemetery and solar power plant?
2. Does the Government expect HHP use to remain viable on blocks 1676 & 1677 after the construction of these three items?
3. What vacant areas has the Government identified for HHP that would be a suitable replacement for this shortfall?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Due to probity issues relating to the Solar Auction, the outcome of which is yet to be decided, I am not able to disclose any information regarding proponent proposals. The portion of land required for solar installations will be dependent on the proposed size of the solar generators and the technology used.

The master plan for the crematorium and cemetery is not yet complete. Until the master plan is completed, I am unable to provide an estimate on the number of hectares required.

2. Viability of the continued use of horse holding paddocks 1676 and 1677 cannot be determined until the Government knows the outcomes of the abovementioned processes.
3. TAMS will work with the HHP contractor to determine the availability of suitable options, should the crematorium, cemetery and solar farm proceed.

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By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher MLA.



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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 3, page 171, Waste

In relation to: Waste – New Gungahlin Drop-off centre

Regarding expected placement of a recycling Drop-off centre in O'Brien Place Gungahlin

- 1) Has a final decision been made whether it will be located on this street?
- 2) What was the community consultation process for this decision, including with immediate neighbouring businesses, and what was the feedback?
- 3) What criteria is used in the decision to locate a centre?
- 4) Did or do any zoning changes need to be made?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) No. A block in O'Brien Place has been identified suitable and allocated for this facility however a Development Application is yet to be submitted
- 2) Community consultation will be carried out during the Public Notification period of the Development Application process.
- 3) The location of a Recycling Drop Off Centre takes into consideration the availability of suitably zoned, easily accessible land that is conveniently located, preferably in close proximity to a Town Centre, to service the recycling needs of residents and small businesses.
- 4) No.

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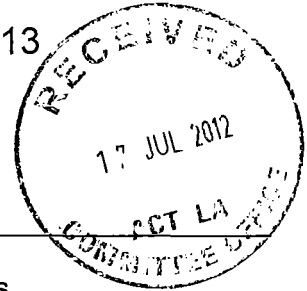
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## QUESTION ON NOTICE



**Ms Le Couteur:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 3, page 158-9 - Output 1.2 - Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: funds for capital works design

1. There is \$4.3m total for new road infrastructure design projects in the next financial year, spread over 6 projects. Has the construction of these 6 projects yet been financed?
2. If not, why is there money for design but not to build them?
3. Can you provide any information about what you expect these 6 projects to cost?
4. When do you expect to build them?
5. Please outline any reasons why these works would need to be built as a matter of urgency.

**Mr Barr:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. No.
2. The purpose of the forward design is to confirm the scope of the project, a suitable staging of works and confirm the construction cost estimate. These design projects will be considered for inclusion in future capital work construction programs.
3. Final costings for these projects will not be available until the design stages are completed.
4. These projects will be considered for inclusion in future Capital Work Programs.
5. These projects have been identified as necessary to support the growth in traffic as a result of the continued development of Gungahlin and to address safety and operational considerations associated with the existing traffic arrangements.
- 6.

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By the A/g Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Mr Andrew Barr MLA.



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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 4, page 107, Regulatory Services

In relation to: Dog processing by DAS

The number of dogs estimated to be processed by DAS in this financial year is much lower than the original target figure. This is attributed to 'better compliance as a result of increased enforcement practices' on p 107 – can you tell us what this has meant in practice?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Increased enforcement practices have included:

- the strict imposition of poundage charges on dogs that are impounded at the Domestic Animals Services facility;
- fence inspections of properties where dogs have roamed on more than one occasion (to ensure that dogs are safely secured);
- the placement of conditions on dogs which are recidivist roamers; and
- increased enforcement activities in relation to the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, including de-sexing and micro-chipping.

These practices have resulted in a reduction in the total number of impoundments.

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Output 1.2 - Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: design of walking works and urban spaces

1. What best practice principles and procedures does TAMS use in its assessment and decision making to promote walking as a form of transport?
2. Is there an expert advisory group for pedestrian issues, similar to the cycling advisory group?
3. How is TAMS building internal expertise in this area of incorporating walking into its transport planning?
4. How will TAMS benefit from and engage with initiatives around active transport funded through other directorates?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The current principles used by TAMS in developing its Walking and Cycling program are contained in the Infrastructure Design Standard 13 – Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities. The design standard is located on the TAMS website :  
[http://www.tams.act.g.v.au/data/assets/pdf/003/240483/DS13 Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities.pdf](http://www.tams.act.g.v.au/data/assets/pdf/003/240483/DS13%20Pedestrian%20and%20Cycling%20Facilities.pdf).
2. No.
3. Locally through discussions and consultation with groups such as the Heart Foundation, the Pedestrian Forum, regionally and nationally through involvement in relevant committees such as Austroads.
4. By learning and sharing experiences and developing more effective programs as a consequence.

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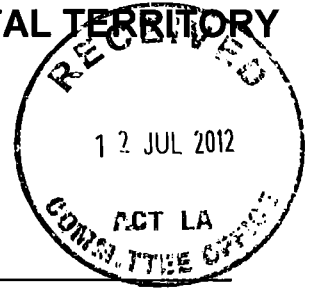
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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Ms Le Couteur : To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

Ref: Output 1.2 - Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: Cycle Map

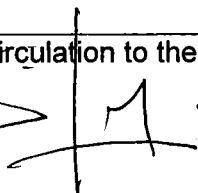
1. What is the most recent cycling map for the ACT? Where is it available?
2. Are there plans for a new map? What is the status of the project?
3. If so, do these plans include any online path finding?
4. Will you promote the map?
5. When can we expect it?

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

1. The most recent cycling map for the ACT is dated 2005. It is available as a static online map. Limited hard copies are also available at ACT Government shopfronts and some bicycle shops and cycling clubs.
2. Yes there are plans for a new map. Consultants have been engaged to prepare a new map which will be made available online and in hard copy.
3. The new online static map will also be complemented by an online journey planner for cycling and walking provided by a third party.
4. Yes, the new maps will be promoted.
5. The new maps will be available early in the second half of this year.

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By the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell, MLA.



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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget paper 3, page number 173, Budget paper 4, page number 113-4, 116, Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: Walking and Cycling Infrastructure

Regarding the new \$5.5m "Walking and Cycling infrastructure" capital program

1. Has any of this funding already been allocated to specific projects? What projects?
2. If yes, can you provide a breakdown of how much of this item will go to each, and on what timeline?
3. If not, when will the government commit to specific projects?
4. There have been a number of reports on the cycling network, including the Cardno Consultant's report (Cycling & Pedestrian Network – Priority Infrastructure for Capital Works February 2011), and new pedestrian and cyclist counts started March this year – is this information enough to at least get started, or will the funds first contribute to another feasibility or prioritisation study? Or does TAMS first need to draw up a new list of priority projects?
5. How frequently and through what process will TAMS prioritise and decide on walking and cycling projects funded through this item?
6. Does the funding include funds for consultation as part of the prioritisation?
7. The spending is weighted towards later years – only \$0.75m in the first financial year, but \$1.75m in the last two years of estimates. Why is this not allocated more evenly, or weighted forward?
8. Will this budget item also fund promotion? If not, will promotion and education be funded through other means?
9. Will the government continue to consult with the Cycling Advisory group? In what role?

Regarding "Kingston - Wentworth Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation" on Budget Paper 4 page 114

10. Why did you choose this project for direct funding?
11. Can you confirm this is new funding?

- 12. Do you expect money for directly funded walking and cycling capital programs in later budgets, well as funding specific projects separately?
- 13. Why is there not a single process for identifying and prioritising projects from a single pool of funds?

Regarding "Changes to Appropriation - Cycling Signage Footpaths" on Budget Paper 4 page 113

- 14. There is 492,000 for this year taken out from 'Cycling Signage Footpaths'. Why? Was this reallocated in the budget for this year

Regarding "Revised Funding Profile - Transport for Canberra - Walking and Cycling Infrastructure" on Budget Paper 4 Page 116

- 15. Why was \$3.3m for Walking and Cycling infrastructure allocated for 2011-12 year was spent, and rolled over into 2012-13?
- 16. How will it be spent?


**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1. The response to QTON No. E12-147 covers this question.
- 2. In addition to the advice provided in response to QON E12-147, I provide the following funding breakdown for projects included in 2012-13.
  - Shared path improvement in Bowen Park, Barton \$125,000
  - Footpath improvements in Erindale Centre \$200,000
  - Footpath improvements on Mortimer Lewis Drive in East Greenway \$125,000
  - Provision of on road cycle lane on Glenora Drive, Pialligo \$300,000
- 3. Refer to response for Question 2 above.
- 4. The Cardno Report forms the basis for future Walking and Cycling Infrastructure programs, however, the locations will be reviewed annually as programs for a specific year are finalised.
- 5. Annually, in consultation with members of the Bicycle Advisory Group.
- 6. Yes.
- 7. The lower funding in this particular program in 2012-13 recognises there is additional funding in the Urban Improvement and Works in Progress programs for Walking and Cycling Infrastructure.
- 8. No, promotion and education associated with walking and cycling facilities are included in programs managed by Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Education and Training Directorate.
- 9. Yes, through the six regular Bicycle Advisory Group meetings per annum convened by Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.
- 10. Wentworth Avenue was identified as a priority location for road rehabilitation improvements and required capital funds to progress this work in 2012-13.



11. Yes, Budget Paper 4 page 118 confirms this as new funding.
12. Walking and Cycling projects are generally funded as part of a program rather than individual projects. This approach is likely to continue in future budgets.
13. There is a single process for identifying Walking and Cycling Infrastructure projects. A number of different funding programs have emerged over time. For example, \$9.2 million was allocated for walking and cycling as part of the 2009-10 budget over four years, consistent with the ACT Labour and ACT Greens Parliamentary Agreement. As part of the 2012-13 budget, \$5.5 million has been identified for Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Stage 3 works associated with the Transport for Canberra Program.
14. Funds were transferred from 2011-12 to the 2012-13 budget as a result of delays in finalising the designs for the City Cycle Loop project and a slower than anticipated roll out of signs around Lake Burley Griffin.
15. The design of a number of projects such as the City Cycle Loop took longer to complete and construction funds required to be rolled over to 2012-13.
16. These funds are to progress the City Cycle Loop, Kings Avenue and Yamba Drive cycle infrastructure projects. Designs were completed in 2011-12 and construction will be progressed in 2012-13 and forward years.

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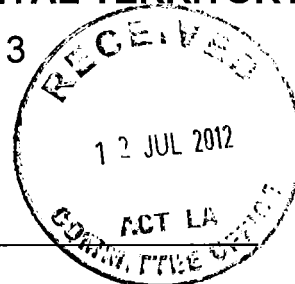
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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget paper 4, page number 103, Output 1.2 Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

1. Please provide the total amount budgeted and spent on walking and cycling works and maintenance in each financial year from 06-07 to 11-12, inclusive, and budgeted for 12-13 and over estimates, broken down by:
  - a) type of upgrade or maintenance
  - b) year(s) budgeted and year spent, -
  - c) and by funding source (budget item or otherwise).

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1.
  - a) Planned maintenance works covers path replacement and resurfacing across the network while routine maintenance works cover localised damage and repairs to paths, lines and signs across the network.
  - b) The attached table provides information on budget and expenditure by year.
  - c) The funding source is the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate recurrent budget for the specific year.

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**ROADS COMMUNITY PATH RECURRENT MAINTENANCE**

Type of Activity	06-07		07-08		08-09		09-10		10-11		11-12		12-13
	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000
Cost of Community Path Maintenance	3,253	3,715	3,245	3,132	3,100	2,824	4,700	4,381	4,700	4,660	5,000	4,701	4,800
Planned	3,000	3,644	3,116	3,051	3,000	2,728	4,600	4,378	4,600	4,533	4,900	4,616	4,700
Routine	253	71	129	81	100	96	100	4	100	126	100	86	100

**Notes**

Financial years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013 includes the \$1.6m Cycling, Signage, and Footpaths - Maintenance Component Budget Initiative announced in the 2009-2010 Budget

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 4, page 109, Waste and Recycling

In relation to: Kerbside waste collection contract

1. \$500 K is allocated to a new kerbside waste collection contract – what does this entail and why is it necessary?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The current domestic waste and recycling collection contract is due to expire on Sunday 28 April 2013. The allocation is for expected cost increases under the next contract for the remainder of the 2012-13 financial year.

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget paper 4, page number 118-119, New Capital Works

In relation to: Procurement processes

The ACT Contracts Register shows that during this financial year to date, TAMS has entered into \$15.4M of contracts with suppliers using a single select or select tender method, where the total value of procurement was over \$200,000 (i.e. the level where the Government Procurement Act requires that a public tender method be used, unless exempted by the Director-General).

1. What procurement processes will TAMS use for engaging contractors to deliver the new capital works projects, and how this will ensure value for money for the Territory?
2. What processes do you have in place for assessing the quality and performance of contractors used in previous capital works projects?
3. How will you build these prior experiences of contractors into tender evaluation process, should these contractors again tender for government work?
4. For example, if a contractor had a poor history of compliance with OHS and Workers' Compensation Law, what impact would that have on their tender submission?
5. What evaluation methodology is used to evaluate tender responses for capital works projects? What percentage weightings are typically given to:
  - a) expertise of the provider;
  - b) ability to meet the specifications of the capital works project as specified by TAMS;
  - c) price;
  - d) referee reports from previous projects;
  - e) any other factors?
6. Noting from the list of 2011 TAMS contracts from the ACT Contracts Register that contracts were varied on over 20 occasions, how does TAMS plan for and minimise costs, delays and risks associated with potential variations to contracts?

7. Pages 115-117 of Budget Paper 4 identifies significant re-profiling of capital works projects between financial years. Why has this occurred? Given this re-profiling seems to occur in most financial years (based on our review of prior Budget papers), what assurances can you provide that capital works projects announced in this year's Budget will proceed and be delivered as planned?

**Ms Gallagher :** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. TAMS will work with Shared Services Procurement to determine the best methodology to be applied to each project which will include consideration of which contact to be used. In most cases this will be through the tender process, however in some cases where a contract is already in place that is performing to a high standard, delivering the same outputs as required by the new capital works it may be a value for money option to add the scope to the existing contract. These decisions are jointly made between TAMS and Shared Services Procurement.
2. Shared Services Procurement is responsible, in consultation with TAMS, for assessing the quality and performance of contractors used in previous capital works projects when tenders are sought. Shared Services Procurement regularly consults contractor's performance reports as part of the tender evaluation process.

Shared Services Procurement has a process of evaluating the contractor or consultant using a standard form. These forms can be used by the Tender Evaluation team as required.

3. Shared Services Procurement keeps performance reports on its contractors and refers to these in the evaluation of tenders. Tenders are evaluated against specific requirements, including work health and safety and discussed with relevant directorates before a tender is awarded.

Also, a list of tenderers for each procurement is notified on a public noticeboard at Shared Services Procurement in Dame Pattie Menzies House in Dickson and on the Shared Services Procurement website. The list is also provided to UnionsACT, the Environment Protection Authority and Leave ACT. These organisations will advise Shared Services Procurement if they consider a particular tenderer has a poor employment, safety and/or environmental record.

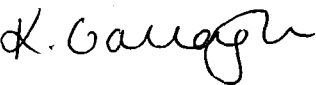
4. As above.
5. The evaluation methodology for tenders will vary depending on the specific requirements of the project. Evaluations of tenders will assess the level of risks associated with the project, including safety and employment practices.

TAMS is not able to break down a percentage value of the weighting given to the criteria. In relation to 'weighing' safety and employment practises against cost, evaluation criteria and methodology are tailored to individual projects based on project type and risks.

6. TAMS takes into consideration the necessary actions to define and prepare a project plan for each project. This includes a Risk Management Plan, however, TAMS cannot plan for all risks which could possibly lead to potential variations to contracts.

7. TAMS undertakes the process for the review and re-profiling of projects as part of the treasury process and as a function of good project management every year. There are many factors that contribute to the requirement for projects to be re-profiled each year. TAMS collects this data and analyses the findings to ensure these are captured in process improvement or included in project management training. In some cases the key drivers are external activities such as the inability for the contractor meet agreed schedules or unexpected 1 in 50/100 wet weather events.

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget paper 3, page number 114, Output 1.1 Information Services

In relation to: Service Demands on Canberra Connect

1. What will this funding contribute to? Is it to meet service demands scaling up existing processes, or is it for specific projects over the next four years?
2. Can you outline any specific projects?
3. Is this recurrent funding, intended to continue beyond estimates?
4. Are there plans to increase the proportion of services offered through the contact centre and online, given these are cheaper?

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The funding is to meet increasing service demands in the Contact Centre.
2. There are no specific projects.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.

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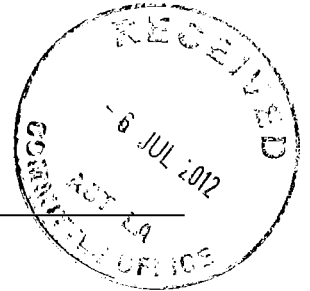
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**Ms Le Couteur : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services**

Ref: Budget Paper 4, page 110, Waste and Recycling

In relation to: Bulky Waste Trial, trash pack collection

1. The Budget includes a rollover of \$630,000 for the Bulky Waste Collection. Has the Bulky Goods Trial been reviewed? What were the results?
2. If the trial is to be continued, what steps will be taken to better publicise the service?
3. Given that the Landfill Audit Report found substantial amounts of contamination of trash pack collections, what efforts have there been to encourage householders to put only green waste into trash packs?\*

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[http://www.tams.act.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/204850/Landfill\\_Audit\\_Report\\_2010.pdf](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/204850/Landfill_Audit_Report_2010.pdf)

**Ms Gallagher: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-**

1. The Bulky Waste Collection trial has been extended due to a lower than expected uptake in the first 12 months of the trial. The trial has been extended until 30 June 2013, utilising the remainder of the previous year's funding. A formal review of the collection arrangements will be undertaken closer to the extension end date.
2. The trial will continue to be publicised by the contractor. This will be undertaken through the TAMS website, new updated pamphlets, radio and television advertising.
3. Householders who use the services of trash pack collection services are encouraged by the individual operators to correctly use their trash packs. This is re-enforced with the assistance of the two green waste providers in Canberra. Both Corkhills & Canberra Sand & Gravel have made arrangements with the trash pack industry to be able to drop green waste at their facilities and an area has been set aside where the trash pack operators can sort through their packs, removing any green waste before disposing of the residual waste to landfill.

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 4, page 106, Output 1.2 - Roads and Sustainable Transport

In relation to: Accountability indicator – 1.2e

The TAMS document "Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure" states "All bridges are to be designed to SM 1600 Design Live Load as described in Austroads Project "Economics of Higher Bridge Design Loadings" – February 1999, Part 2 Design Loads MS1600 Live Load." (\*1) However the target for 2012-13 is > 73% on the B-Double network, compared to >71% for 2011-12.

- (1) What is the impact upon trucking of some bridges on the B-double network not meeting this standard?
- (2) Are there longer-term plans in place for all bridges on the B-double network to meet this standard?

(\*1) Page 7-2

[http://www.tams.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/12576/ds07\\_bridges.pdf](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/12576/ds07_bridges.pdf)

**Ms Gallagher** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1) Nil. The load carrying capacity of all bridges on the B-double network have been checked by bridge structural engineers and are adequate for B-double vehicles.
- (2) Yes, it is intended over time to upgrade all bridges on the B-double network to SM 1600 standard. As stated in BP4, page 106, SM 1600 is a theoretical loading which should ensure that bridges can carry future vehicle loadings.

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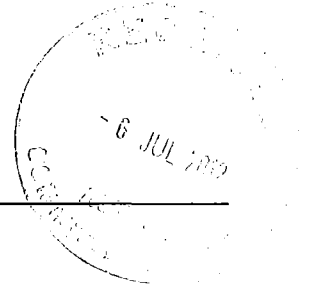
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**Le Couteur : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services**

Ref: Budget paper 4, page number 122, 135, 136

In relation to: Asset Revaluation/Impairment of Assets

Paragraph 31 of Australian Accounting Standard *AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment* states that, "After recognition as an asset, an item of property, plant and equipment whose fair value can be measured reliably shall be carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations shall be made with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the end of the reporting period." (1)

1. Why are there increases in the asset revaluation reserve in the main TAMS Operating Statement in 2012-13 and the forward estimate years, but which are not reflected in either the Municipal Services or Enterprise Services Operating Statements?
2. Could you please advise the policies and processes that you have in place for measuring asset revaluation or impairment charges in accordance with the requirements of AASB 116?
3. Given the significant value of property, plant and equipment in the TAMS Directorate, why are asset revaluations/decrements so low across the Budget and forward estimate years?

(1) page 19, [http://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content105/c9/AASB116\\_07-04\\_COMPjun09\\_07-09.pdf](http://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content105/c9/AASB116_07-04_COMPjun09_07-09.pdf)

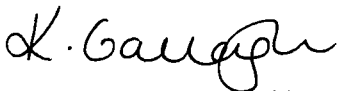
**Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:—**

1. Movements in asset revaluation reserves are calculated using balance sheet accounts. Balance sheet information is not split by output class in the budget papers.
2. In accordance with AASB 116 and ACT Accounting Policy, all property, plant and equipment assets in the TAMS Directorate is valued on a 3 year rolling basis. These valuations are performed by a combination of professionally qualified external valuers and officers internal to the Directorate using industry standards.

An assessment of all assets for impairment is conducted by relevant asset managers on an annual basis. Asset impairments are reflected in the 30 June financial statements.

3. As a general rule the Directorate does not budget for the impact of asset revaluations. Changes in budgeted asset values are the result of depreciation, the capital works program and other budgeted asset movements.

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Signature: 

Date: 6.7.12

By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher.



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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Ms Le Couteur** : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 4, page 117

In relation to: Funding for the Official Opening of the Arboretum.

- 1) The budget reprofiles \$6.5 million for the official opening of the National Arboretum. Is this funded entirely by the Commonwealth Contribution to Canberra's Centenary? i.e. is there a net cost to the ACT budget?
- 2) What are the major components of this expenditure?

**Mr Barr**: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) The \$6.5m is all ACT funding. There is no net cost to the ACT Budget as this is a movement of funds from one financial year to the next.
- 2) Although re-profiling was initially projected, by the end of the financial year the funds had been fully utilised as per the original timelines.

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Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 17.7.2012

By the A/g Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Mr Andrew Barr MLA



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### QUESTION ON NOTICE



**Ms Le Couteur :** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

Ref: Budget Paper 4, Output 2.1 Government Services, Pg 104

In relation to: Public Liability Insurance

- 1) What involvement will the ACT Insurance Authority have in the public liability insurance scheme attached to Albert Hall and the Yarralumla Woolshed?
- 2) Will the scheme be run at a net cost to the Government?
- 3) Why is the scheme limited to two venues?
  - 3a) How were these two venues chosen for the trial?
  - 3b) What other venues were rejected for the trial?
- 4) How was \$150 determined to be a suitable price for the scheme?
- 5) How will the Government evaluate the trial?

**Mr Barr :** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1) The ACT Insurance Authority brokered the public liability insurance scheme on behalf of the Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) Directorate.
- 2) It is not anticipated that it will run at a net cost. The \$150 fee was determined by the cost of the policy divided by 40 which the estimated number of users ACT Property Group determined could have used the scheme in the previous year.
- 3) The scheme is a trial based on the only two event based venues managed by the ACT Property Group within TAMS.
  - a. The trial is based on the only two event based venues managed by the ACT Property Group within TAMS.
  - b. No other event based venues are managed by the ACT Property Group within TAMS.

- 4) See 2) above.
- 5) The evaluation will include the take up rate by hirers of these facilities, cost if any to ACT Government and any claims.

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By the A/g Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Mr Andrew Barr MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
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Asked by Mr Smyth on 28 June 2012 : Dr Bourke took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 [Page 1165]]

In relation to: Submissions received in response to the exposure draft *Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2010*

How many submissions were received in relation to the *Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2010* ?

Dr Bourke : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Fifteen written submissions were received in response to release of the exposure draft *Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2010*. Copies of the submissions are available via the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate webpage at the following address:  
<http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/governance/private/wcbill>

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By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Dr Bourke MLA





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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
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Asked by Mr Smyth on 28 June 2012 : Dr Bourke took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 [Page 1166]]

In relation to: Out-year projections for workers' compensation insurance premiums

What work has been done on projection of the cost of premiums? What is likely to happen in the future?

Dr Bourke : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The ACT private sector workers' compensation scheme is privately underwritten, with seven Approved Insurers licensed to provide compulsory workers' compensation insurance to employers in the Territory.

Annually, the Approved Insurers determine the premium rates that employers are required to pay in order to obtain this coverage. Premium rates are determined on a commercial basis by each Insurer having regard to a variety of factors including the risk environment that applies to the policy and the individual employer's claim history and experience.

Due to the commercial nature of the premium calculations and the extent to which they are based on the individual experience of employers, the Government is not able to project premium rates across future years and does not hold this information.

Actuarial analysis obtained by Government provides an estimate of reasonable premium rates for each forthcoming policy year. The suggested reasonable premium rates for the 2012-13 policy year are publically available via [www.worksafety.act.gov.au](http://www.worksafety.act.gov.au) and [www.cmcd.act.gov.au](http://www.cmcd.act.gov.au) web pages.

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By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Dr Bourke MLA



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Asked by Ms Dunne on 28 June 2012 : Dr Bourke took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 [PAGE 1168]]

In relation to : Reduction of workers' compensation claims.

How have injury rates moved in particular occupations? Have rates in some occupations reduced more than in others??

Dr Bourke : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Issues associated with the ACT Government's work safety and workers' compensation performance are outside of my portfolio responsibilities and are a matter for the Chief Minister. However, I will answer the question on the Chief Ministers' behalf.

At 1 July 2012, there were 26% fewer accepted workers' compensation claims for the 2011-12 financial year than the number of accepted claims in the 2010-11 financial year. This indicates improvement over the previous period however the full results will not be known for a further 12-months as the 2010-11 data is 12 months more mature than the 2011-12 data and further compensation claims may be lodged and accepted for injuries sustained in either of these financial years.

A breakdown of the number of accepted workers' compensation claims across the Territory for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years (as at 1 July 2012) are as follows.

<b>Directorate/agency</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Calvary Health Care	31	20	51
Canberra Institute of Technology	9	7	16
Community Services Directorate	37	39	76
Education and Training Directorate	150	109	259
Health Directorate	99	69	168
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	86	46	129
Territory and Municipal Services Directorate	90	83	173
Other ACT Public Service Entities	20	15	35
Other ACT Government Entities	43	28	71
<b>Whole of ACT Government</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>981</b>

'Other Government Entities' includes ACTEW and University of Canberra.

'Other ACT Public Service Entities' includes the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate, Economic Development Directorate, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate, Treasury Directorate, Cultural Facilities Corporation, ACT Legislative Assembly and Legal Aid.

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By the Minister for Industrial Relations, Dr Bourke MLA



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Asked by Mr Smith on 28 June 2012 : Mr Bourke took on notice the following question(s):

In relation to : p10 Long Service Leave Authority Consolidated Financials

What is the reason for the \$3 million difference between the \$9.335 million 2011-2012 budget and the \$12.037 million estimated outcome for the contributions received on p. 10 of the Statement of Intent?

Dr BOURKE: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The difference of \$2.7 million is comprised of the following increases in receipts:

- Construction Scheme: \$1.5 million
- Cleaning Scheme: \$0.1 million
- Community Sector Scheme: \$1.1 million

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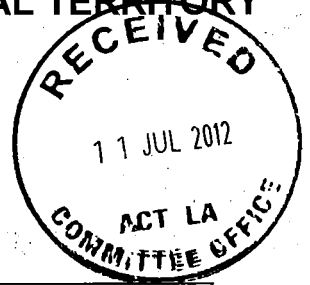
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Asked by Mr Smyth on 29 June 2012: Mr Collett took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1262-1264]

In relation to :BP4, page 382 Indicator (g).

In regard to Indicator (g), what is the breakdown of the additional costs by class and category.

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The increase in the average cost per dwelling from the original target of \$9,954 to \$11,401 estimated for 30 June 2012 is due to two main factors: lower property numbers as at 30 June – 11,862 compared to the expected 12,050, which contributes about \$160 of the cost increase per dwelling. The balance of the cost increase per dwelling is due to the higher costs incurred during the year. The table attached shows the category of cost increases and explanations for the variation in costs.

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**Total Costs**

Employee Costs	22,580,000	23,514,000	934,000	Above target staff numbers due to the backfilling of positions for a larger than expected number of staff on paid leave, such as maternity leave, the timing of the staff reductions required to achieve savings as well as the revised rate for calculating the employee entitlements.
Supplies and Services	74,072,000	79,633,000	5,561,000	Higher rates, particularly water rates and consumption costs, higher repairs and maintenance - approved increase in expenditure due to the significantly higher number of properties returned as part of the re-housing of older tenants and consultancies for undertaking the major redevelopments such as the Allawah, Currong and Bega complexes, the Northbourne Housing precinct and the Northbourne flats.
Depreciation and Amortisation	15,137,000	16,752,000	1,615,000	Higher depreciation charges for the public housing portfolio due to the higher than predicted increase in property values as a result of the 2011 revaluation of the portfolio.
Borrowing Costs	4,152,000	4,203,000	51,000	The implicit interest component of the make good provisions for the sublease of Nature Conservation House, not originally included in the budget for 2011-12.
Other Expenses	4,003,000	11,137,000	7,134,000	The transfer of 22 dwellings to the Affordable Rental Office - \$6.534m and increased costs of demolishing and writing off properties identified for redevelopments.
	<b>119,944,000</b>	<b>135,239,000</b>	<b>15,295,000</b>	



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Asked by Ms Hunter on 29 June 2012: Ms Burch took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 P1272]

In relation to the Youth crisis accommodation network

Are we able to get a copy of the risk management plan for the committee as there are issues regarding duty of care, supervision and safety of workers.

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

The risk management plan for the Youth Emergency Accommodation Network was prepared by the Salvation Army. The plan is consistent with the ACT Government Service Funding Agreement requirements and with the ACT Government's Risk Management Framework.

Although this document has been provided to the Government for contractual purposes it remains property of the Salvation Army and is a living document that will be revised regularly in line with the organisational risk management processes.

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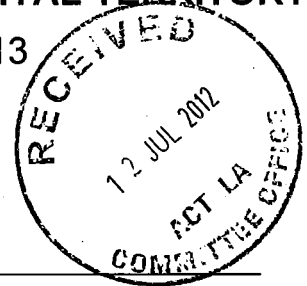
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Asked by Mrs Dunne on 29 June 2012: Minister Burch took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1274-1276]

In relation to: Maintenance issues re: waiting times for public housing maintenance

1. Does the Directorate conduct audits on outstanding maintenance issues that have been unaddressed for long periods of time?
2. How often are audits conducted?
3. Do the audits provide information on systemic flaws and/or failings?

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

1. Of the 5000 (approximate) maintenance work orders each month, there are very few maintenance issues not addressed for long periods of time. The Directorate has systems in place which measure the timeliness of completion of work orders against agreed timeframes. These are assessed as Key Performance Indicators on a monthly basis.

Directorate staff audit completed work orders, and if it is found the work has not been completed the Total Facilities Management (TFM) is directed to take immediate corrective and preventive action.

2. The TFM conducts audits of at least 5% of work orders each month. This is a Key Performance Indicator.

Targeted audits are undertaken by the TFM and the Directorate on a regular basis. This would target specific trades such as plumbing, electrical, fencing etc.

3. Yes. The Directorate and the TFM are committed to a robust Quality Management System that continuously examines and evaluates performance in order to identify, correct, prevent and minimise systemic flaws or failings.

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Asked by Ms Bresnan on 29 June 2012: Ms Sheehan took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1279]

In relation to : Charging statute barred debt.

Please confirm if Housing ACT is charging statute barred debt.

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

Housing ACT does not seek repayment of statute barred debt in any negotiations for debt repayments when dealing with former tenants.

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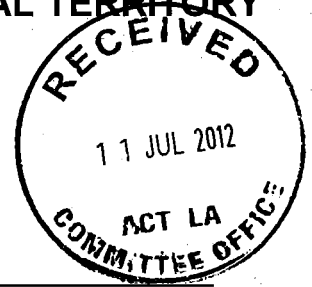
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Asked by Ms Hunter on 29 June 2012: Minister Burch took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1282]

In relation to: 2012-13 BP4 Accountability Indicator (b) on page 382

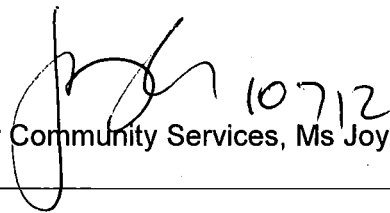
Indicator (b), refers to the number of properties being managed by Housing ACT, can you provide the committee with the actual number of properties?

Minister for Community Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The number of dwelling units managed by Housing ACT as at 30 June 2012 is 11,848.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 29 June 2012 : Ms Overton-Clarke took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1293]

In relation to : Ms Porter's Retirement Villages Bill.

Has the Office of Ageing been consulted on both of the Bills? What advice was provided on the first Bill?

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

The Community Services Directorate, whilst not involved in the preparation of the Retirement Villages Bill, was consulted through a Cabinet process on the Bill. This information is Cabinet-in-Confidence and will not be provided in the public domain.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 29 June 2012 : Mr Manikis took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1297-1299]

In relation to : The number of stall holders for the 2012 Multicultural Festival.

Of the 1005 stalls over the three days of the Multicultural Festival held this year, can you provide a breakdown of how many stalls were occupied on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

The number of the stalls that were occupied by community groups during the three days of the National Multicultural Festival is as follows:

Friday	124
Saturday	340
Sunday	219

The additional 5 stalls occupied on Saturday include the first aid stall and the sound stalls for the performance stages.

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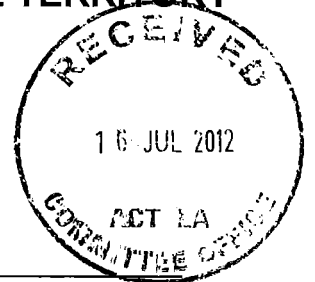


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Asked by Ms Hunter on 29 June 2012 : Ms Wensing took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1305]

In relation to : Funding for the YWCA Respect to Community Choose

Which schools will be taking part in the program and how long will the program run for?

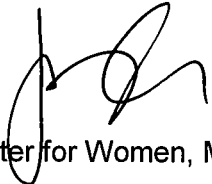
Minister Burch : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Ngunnawal Primary School, Mount Rogers Primary School and Kingsford Smith School.

The program runs for eight weeks, with a one week follow up the following term. The program will commence in term 3, 2012.

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By the Minister for Women, Ms Joy Burch MLA



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Asked by Mr Smyth on 29 June 2012 : Minister Burch took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 P1308]

In relation to : BP4, page 345 – Output 3.2

Can you provide the committee with a breakdown of the budget allocations for the Office for Women including the Women's Information and Referral Centre ageing, multicultural and Aboriginal Torres Strait affairs for 2011-12 and what they will be in the 2012-13 years?

Minister Burch : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The breakdown of the budget allocations for Output 3.2 for 2011–12 and 2012–13 is shown in the table below:

	<b>2011–12 (BP4 Page 356) \$m</b>	<b>2012–13 (BP4 Page 345) \$m</b>
Office for Women	1.37	1.40
Office for Ageing	1.07	1.09
Office for Multicultural Affairs	3.62	3.7
Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	0.85	0.87
Overheads	0.12	0.12

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 29 June 2012 : Ms Wensing took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 29 June 2012 PAGE 1309]

In relation to :Public access to computers located in at the Women's Information and Referral Centre

When did the computer assistance come into operation and what are the number of contacts?

Minister Burch : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The computer assistance offered at the Women's Information and Referral Centre came into effect on 13 May 2010, when it became a host agency for the Broadband for Seniors Computer Literacy Kiosk. There is not a specific breakdown of the usage of Broadband for Seniors as part of the overall number of contacts.

The number of contacts related to internet technology and postal services for previous years is as follows:

- 2008- 09 – 2134 – 19% of the total number of contacts of 11,251
- 2009- 10 – 5607 – 31% of the total number of contacts of 17,839
- 2010 -11 – 7371 – 38% of the total number of contacts of 19,216
- 2011-12 – 3355 – 26.5% of the total number of contacts of 12,652 \*

\* Note the counting methodology for 2011-12 onwards changed from "every contact by an individual" to "an occasion of service". The target for 2011-12 was amended to reflect the change in counting methodology.

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By the Minister for Women, Ms Joy Burch MLA

## Select Committee on Estimates 2012-2013

### Response to Questions taken on Notice

#### Appearance of the Association of Independent Schools of the ACT Friday 15 June 2012

**Question: Mr Smyth: Have you worked out the equivalent level of funding that a child in a government school gets? Is there a number that it would cost? (p. 59)**

The above question related to the funding for students with a disability in independent schools.

The best way to answer that question is to identify the following points:

- Total ACT Government Students with Disabilities Grant to AISACT (for the financial year 2011-12) = \$653,238
- Total number of students in independent schools funded after the SCAN process = 165
- Therefore, average funding available per SWD = \$3,959
- 2012-13 Budget Paper No. 4, p 404 Accountability indicators cont., identifies the Average cost(\$) per student per annum in public: (f) Mainstream schools' student with a disability (2011-12 Est. Outcome) = \$27,361

Using the above figure for mainstream students with a disability in Government schools, the cost to support SWD in independent schools to the same level would be a bit over **\$4,500,000**. This is a **difference of \$3,850,000**.

**Question: Mr Smyth: And the last question: to raise the 17.5 per cent to 25 per cent, what would that be worth? (p.60)**

**Mr Hargreaves: But it would also be worthwhile, on that number, if I may, to project it over, say, a couple of years.**

**Mr Holmesby: If you wish, we could also give you what raising to the average would be as well.**

To best answer these questions, the context is:

- Funding to non-government schools in 2012-13 Budget = \$53,195,000 (2012-13 Budget Paper No. 4, p 402)
- Raising recurrent funding from 17.5 per cent to 25 per cent was suggested by AISACT to occur over the life of the next Assembly - four years.
- For the purpose of answering this question, it has to be assumed that funding to government schools remains static

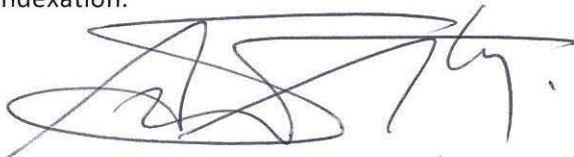


- To increase from 17.5 per cent to 25 per cent is a 42.9 percent increase. Over four years, that is a 9.3% per cent increase per year.
- So – for year one, an increase of 9.3 per cent would bring total funding to \$58,156,231 – an increase of \$4,961,231
- Year two, increase of \$5,423,941 (total \$63,580,173)
- Year three, increase of \$5,929,805 (total \$69,509,977)
- Year four, increase of \$6,482,848 (total \$75,992,825)

Total increase in funding **over the four years** (assuming static funding levels for government schools) = **\$22,798,000**

The national average of funding to non-government schools as a percentage of the funding of students in government schools, as presented in the Gonski report, is 22.5 per cent. To increase funding to the national average over four years would cost \$15,199,000.

NOTE: these calculations are in current dollars and would need to be adjusted for indexation.



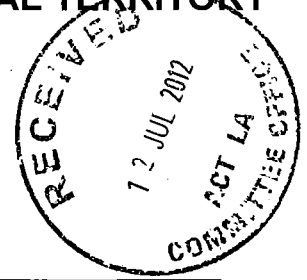
Andrew Wrigley  
 Executive Director  
 Association of Independent Schools of the ACT

*28 June 2012*



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Asked by Mrs Dunne on 28 June 2012: Mr Collett took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 P1222-1223]

In relation to: Early Childhood Facilities, Capital Rollovers and New Capital Works.

The Directorate had an underspend slightly less than \$3 million in this financial year?  
Can the Directorate provide the committee with a list of the works for this financial year? and have all of those works are commenced?

Can the Directorate also provide a rundown of the full program over both the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 financial years?

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

Please refer to the attached Table.

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12.7.12

Date:

By the Minister for Community Services, Ms Joy Burch MLA

E12-432

2011-12 Expenditure against Early Childhood Facilities Projects

Project	2011-12 Budget \$'000	Rollover \$'000	2011-12 Funding \$'000	2011-12 Expenditure <sup>1</sup> \$'000	Unspent \$'000	Explanation
Upgrade of Early Childhood Centres <sup>2</sup>	4,500	- 2,830	1670	994	676	Extensive consultation with childcare centre operators and the Children's Policy and Regulation Unit in the Office of Children, Youth and Family Support and adjacent lessees meant a later start for works than originally expected.
<b>Works</b>						
Black Mountain Childcare Centre						Works commenced and well progressed
Cooinda Cottage						Works commenced and well progressed
Campbell Cottage						Works halted due to objection by adjacent lessees. Case is before the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal with decision expected by late July
Forrest Early Childhood Centre						Documentation and design well progressed with construction works expected early in 2012-13
Fyshwick Early Childhood Centre						Documentation and design well progressed with construction works expected early in 2012-13
Greenway Early Childhood Centre						Documentation and design well progressed with construction works expected early in 2012-13
Holder Early Childhood Centre	5,000	- 4,750	250	154	96	The project has been delayed whilst negotiations to secure access to the site with the planning authority and the adjacent lessee took place. This also meant that some re-work of the design and design and siting (footprint layout) had to be undertaken to enable the Development Application to proceed. The project is still expected to be completed before 30 June 2013 as per the original schedule.
Holt Early Childhood Centre	500	- 400	100	100	0	Design for the Holt Early Learning Centre has been completed. The balance of the funds were rolled over during the budget process whilst the future of the project is being investigated given the substantial cost increase for the project above original estimates.
<b>Total Childcare Budget</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>- 7,980</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>772</b>	

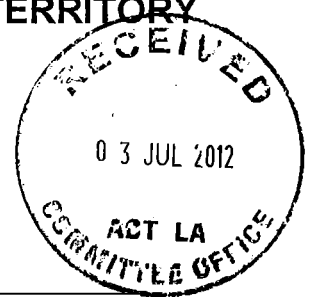
Notes:

- The expenditure does not include the final accrual figures as at 30 June and therefore these costs are expected to rise once the accruals are posted.
  - The \$9 million upgrade to childcare centres announced in the 2011-12 Budget provided for the monies to be expended over the two years, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Given the relatively large cost for some of the Centres, it was always proposed to start construction for the Centres staggered over the two years, with some of these larger projects commencing late in 2011-12 in order to comply with the funding arrangements.
- Work has commenced on 7 of the Centres to be upgraded. Consultation with the operator of Totom House Multicultural Early Learning Centre are continuing to agree the final scope and design for the works.
- Planning and access requirements have delayed the works for the expansion and refurbishment of the Gungahlin Childcare Centre.



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**Asked by Mr Smyth on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question(s):**

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012, pages 857-858]

In relation to : **Employee Expense – BP3 pg 27**

**MR SMYTH:** Chief Minister, can you explain table 1.6.1 on page 27 of budget paper 3, the employee expenses across the ACT public service?

**Mr Cappie-Wood:** That is the savings initiatives?

**MR SMYTH:** Yes. How many public servants does this represent?

**Ms Gallagher:** It was in the order of 180, from memory, from budget day.

**MR SMYTH:** You seem to make a saving that goes up and then comes down. Why does the saving go up and then come down?

**Mr Cappie-Wood:** Sorry, in a specific line?

**MR SMYTH:** You save \$17 million by removing 180 public servants. The saving the following year is \$19 million. But then it comes down to \$18.8 million. How can it come down?

**Ms Gallagher:** It is probably a question best asked of Treasury.

**MR SMYTH:** I thought you were in charge of the public service.

**Ms Gallagher:** It is a technical question on the costings. It relates to around 180 staff.

**MR SMYTH:** It relates to 180 staff, that is right, whom you are responsible for.

**Ms Gallagher:** Thank you. Indeed.

**MR SMYTH:** I thought you did not understand that you, as Chief Minister, are responsible for the public service.

**Ms Gallagher:** Thank you, as always.

**MR SMYTH:** So nobody knows why the saving goes down?

**Mr Cappie-Wood:** It is a technical question which can be confirmed, but in other instances part of it depends on the superannuation position of staff that leave. If staff that are on higher cost schemes leave and you employ new staff or you get a turnover of staff, if you have a turnover of staff and they come in at the nine per cent superannuation as opposed to the

16 per cent, you will see a reduction in the total employment costs. And we have seen that across a number of our forward lines. That may account for it, but it would be best if we take that on notice.

**MR SMYTH:** You may have an answer over here.

**Mr Kefford:** As the Head of Service said, we are going to confirm with Treasury, but Mr Cappie-Wood's answer is, I am sure, part of the explanation.

**THE CHAIR:** That is taken on notice to confirm.

**Treasurer: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--**

This movement is in relation savings associated with the Employee Benefits Liability. The expense reduction for the liability is predominantly recognised in the first two years with no flow on impact across the forward estimates.

As there are no additional employee savings across forward estimates, the reduction in the employee benefits expense therefore reflects the change in the Employee Benefits Liability in the first two years only.

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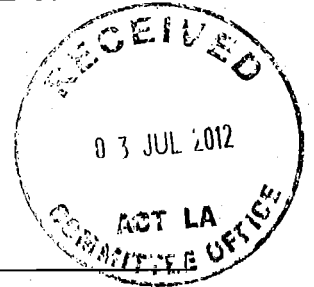
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By the Treasurer, Mr Barr MLA



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Asked by Ms Hunter on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 29]]

In relation to : Measuring Our Progress website

How many visits to the website do you get? Do you keep a tally?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Over the 2011-12 financial year (to 25 June 2012), there were 3,249 visits to the Measuring Our Progress website – [www.MeasuringOurProgress.act.gov.au](http://www.MeasuringOurProgress.act.gov.au). On average, there were around 275 visits to the website per month.

Month	Visits
July 2011	241
August 2011	274
September 2011	294
October 2011	323
November 2011	297
December 2011	216
January 2012	217
February 2012	213
March 2012	160
April 2012	352
May 2012	441
June 2012 (to 25 June 2012)	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,249</b>

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By the Chief Minister, Ms Gallagher MLA



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Asked by Mr Smyth on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 43]]

In relation to : Revised Indexation Parameters BP4 pg 44

If we could go to page 44 of budget paper 4, there is an interesting line in the revised indexation parameters where for the three years we save \$1,000 and then it turns into \$399,000. What is that?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The decrease of \$1,000 per annum in Government Payment for Outputs (GPO) appropriation from 2012-13 reflects a minor decrease in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) , applicable to administrative expenses.

The increase of \$399,000 in GPO appropriation in 2015-16 results from a technical adjustment to apply indexation to the new final forward estimate, and is a standard practice each budget.

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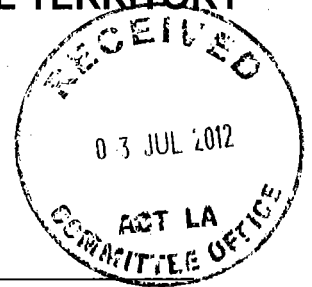
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Asked by Ms Bresnan on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 48-49]]

In relation to : Ministers' responses to letters

Is there a prior arranged response time to letters that ministers receive? I am just wondering if there are sort of any standards or objectives that are applied to inquiries?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In the normal process, responses to ministerial correspondence are required to be provided to my office within ten working days. There will be instances when this timeframe is extended where there are more complex issues or where consultation or additional advice is necessary.

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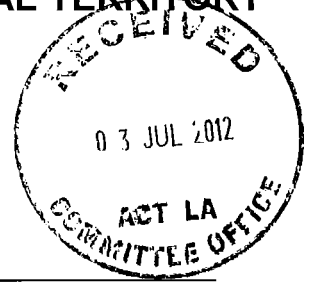
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Asked by Mr Smyth on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 50]]

In relation to : ACT Executive Superannuation Expenses – BP4 pg 16

The employee expenses go up eight per cent, yet your superannuation goes up 23 per cent. Why does—and I note in budget paper 3 the across-the-territory increase in employee expenses is only six per cent. Why is it eight per cent and why is super up 23 per cent?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The primary reasons for Superannuation Expense increasing from the 2011-12 estimated outcome to the 2012-13 Budget at a higher rate than Employee Expenses are:

- a change in the staffing profile of the ACT Executive during the year, resulting in a net increase in superannuation cost due to the employment of several personnel who are members of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme; and
- the revised notional superannuation contribution rates increasing Superannuation Expenses from 2012-13.

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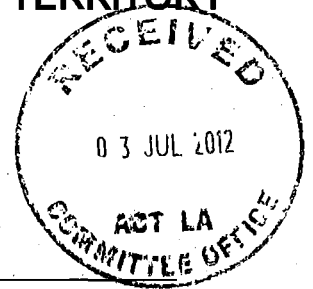
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Asked by Mr Coe on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 51-52]]

In relation to : ACT Executive staffing – BP4 pg 15

In 2011-12, did any Ministers lose staff on an FTE basis, and can you let me know how many FTE each office does have?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In 2011-12 there was no loss of ministerial staff on an FTE basis.

**Actual Staffing Structure for the ACT Executive**

Chief Minister's Office	Deputy CM's Office	Minister's Office Corbell	Minister's Office Burch	Minister's Office Bourke
8.4 positions	7 positions	7 positions	6.6 positions	5.6 positions

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 53-54]]

In relation to : ACT Executive savings

These savings that you have returned, can you please detail what they are and how much they are?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Unspent appropriation (savings) for the ACT Executive since the 2008-09 financial year was:

- an estimated \$376,000 for 2011-12;
- \$426,000 for 2010-11;
- \$649,000 for 2009-10; and
- \$100,000 for 2008-09.

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By the Chief Minister, Ms Gallagher MLA



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Asked by Mr Coe on 26 June 2012 : Ms Gallagher took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2012 [PAGE 54-55]]

In relation to : ACT Executive mobile phone allocations

What is that budget and what are the rules of that allocation for mobile phones?

Ms Gallagher : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Executive has an allocated budget for administrative purposes, including telephones. Administrative expenditure is reported in the budget papers.

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Date: 29.6.12

By the Chief Minister, Ms Gallagher MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
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Asked by Mr Smyth on 28 June 2012 : Ms Elvin took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 [PAGE 1184]

In relation to : the Nolan Artworks returned to Lady Nolan in the United Kingdom.

Can you provide the committee with the number of art loans returned to Lady Nolan and a list of what was returned.

Ms Joy Burch : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

This information is included in the answer to QoN No: E10-149, Question 2, asked by Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA in the Select Committee on Estimates Hearing for 2010-2011. I refer Mr Smyth to this information.

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6/7/12

By the Minister for the Arts, Joy Burch MLA



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Asked by Ms Bresnan on 28 June 2012 : Mr Whitney took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 [PAGE 1178-1179]

In relation to : Tuggeranong and Belconnen Arts Centre activities

What Programs/ Activities are currently operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong Arts centres?

1. Provide a current list and an update on how the programs are going.
2. Are the same people accessing the service as they did previously? Breakdown and percentage of former and new clients accessing the program.

Minister Burch: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

There are a range of arts projects and activities operating from the Belconnen and Tuggeranong Arts Centres across the community including for Indigenous, multicultural, people with disabilities, youth and other community members particularly those most vulnerable in our community, who wish to engage with the arts.

1. artsACT has detailed work programs for the six Community Cultural Inclusion Officers. These programs are specific to individuals with disability and mental illness and cover a wide range of arts activities and the information of each individuals program is considered sensitive and personal information. The programs continues to achieve significant outcomes across our community.
2. Yes. The work programs highlight that many of the same people are accessing arts activities through the Belconnen and Tuggeranong Arts Centres programs, who sought support from the former ACT Community Arts Office in Civic. There are also new clients accessing the program, resulting from the Inclusion Officers expanding their network of support into the community, in line with their now broader objectives. A breakdown and percentage of former and new clients accessing the program cannot be provided as this data is not collected.

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By the Minister for the Arts, Joy Burch MLA

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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2012-2013

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

Asked by Ms Le Couteur on 28 June 2012 : Ms Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 28 June 2012 PAGE 1193-1194]

In relation to : BP4 Page 354 Total Funds budget – Accountability Indicator 'm'

Provide a breakdown of what indicator 'm' covers.

**Minister Burch** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Accountability Indicator 'm' covers funding for:

- Key Arts Organisations
- Program Funded Organisations
- Project Funded Arts Activity
- Communities working with Artists
- ACT Poetry Prize
- Start up Grants
- Quick Release Grants
- ANU Community Outreach Program
- Special Project Initiatives
- Creative Art Fellowships
- ACT Book of the year Award

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**MEREDITH HUNTER** : To ask the Chief Minister

[Ref: Workforce culture and capability, Budget paper 4, page 33]

In relation to : The Performance Council

Noting that Estimates was told (26 June 2012, p889) that the performance council was continuing to work on a number of projects to support the board and the directors-general in their responsibilities for their own directorates as well as for the service as a whole, can you please provide:

- a list of these projects and their estimated costs;
- when the projects are due to be concluded;
- how the projects and their outcomes will be transmitted to the board and the directors-general;
- how the projects will be evaluated for effectiveness of uptake by the board and the directors-general; and
- the process for coordination of evaluation and reporting of the projects within directorates.

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

A list of the projects is provided below.

Whole-of-Government values and behaviours

The project is being primarily funded from existing resources in CMCD and directorates. \$272,328.71 was provided in 2011-12 mostly for additional staff in CMCD.

This is an ongoing project with next milestones being release of the final ACTPS Code of Conduct by August 2012 and training of the executive cohort and managers of staff by the end of 2012.

The project is being conducted by CMCD, under the guidance of the People and Performance Council. The Strategic Board has received formal updates, and individual directors-general have been engaged directly at key stages of the process. Board Members have overseen consultations processed with staff in their directorates.

Evaluation methods and processes are still being considered. To date, the effectiveness of the project has been monitored according to levels of staff engagement and feedback at roundtable discussions and in response to draft documents. The possibility of an all staff survey during 2012-13 is being investigated.



### Whole-of-Government performance management policy

This project is intended to deliver a consistent whole of government performance management framework that will underpin a clear and sustainable approach to achieving consistently high performance standards across the ACTPS. The project supports ACTPS values and behaviours by ensuring that ACTPS employees' performance is managed in a holistic sense.

The initiative is being funded from existing resources and reports regularly on development progress to the People and Performance Council, and through PPC to the Board.

The evaluation methodology will be identified as part of the project development.

### External complaints handling

This is an ongoing project, with current work focusing implementation of a consistent whole-of-Government complaints management system supported by Canberra Connect.

The initiative is being funded from existing resources and reports regularly on development progress to the People and Performance Council, and through PPC to the Board

Evaluation methods and processes are still being considered as part of project development.

### Learning and development framework

The project is being conducted within existing resources.

The framework is expected to be finalised by the end of 2012.

A draft framework is being developed and will go to Strategic Board for approval later in 2012. Directors-General will be specifically consulted on their individual learning and development needs.

Evaluation methods and processes are still being considered.

### Oversight of Central Monitoring Panel (handling redeployment and redundancy)

The process forms part of ongoing staff management in the ACTPS and is conducted within existing resources.

The project is expected to finish at the end of 2012/13.

Directors-General receive ongoing briefing from their corporate areas, regarding both internal policy and process, and information on referrals from their own directorates. PPC has oversight of the process and regularly receives reports on its operation.

The process is regularly reviewed to ensure it provides the appropriate support to relevant staff and fulfils undertakings set out in relevant industrial agreements.

### Oversight of ACT work safety improvement plan

The ACTPS workers' compensation and work safety improvement plan has been supported by the Government through the 2011-12 Budget and was endorsed by the Strategic Board in September 2011. The Plan consists of a series of aligned and mutually reinforcing elements to optimise the potential for maximum improvement in ACTPS workers' compensation and work safety. The elements include:

- the new case management model;
- strengthening the capability of case managers;


- building stronger people management skills in line managers and supervisors;
- implementing enhancements to the existing Shared Services redeployment framework;
- a new partnership agreement with Comcare;
- a review of the policy applied to premium devolution;
- an overhaul of existing performance reporting;
- a workers' compensation review and dispute committee to assist the ACT Government to fulfil its governance obligations;
- preparation for the implementation of the new Work Health and Safety Act; and
- the implementation of a new accident and incident ICT system.

The project is funded until 30 June 2013 and progress reports on the implementation of the plan and its performance are made to the People and Performance Council.

Directors-General receive ongoing briefing from their People and Performance Council representatives as well as through the Council updates to the Strategic Board. The Legislative Assembly has received two progress reports on the implementation of the Plan.

The People and Performance Council are provided with performance reporting on the implementation of the Plan.

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By the Chief Minister, Ms Gallagher MLA





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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



**MEREDITH HUNTER** : To ask the Chief Minister

[Ref: Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate Output 1.1]

In relation to : Accountability indicators across directorates

1. Does CMCD have a role in the development of, and the assessment of the suitability of accountability and strategic indicators across ACT Government directorates?
2. Is there any co-ordination to ensure that the accountability and strategic indicators across directorates are linked with the "measuring our progress" indicators?

**MS GALLAGHER** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

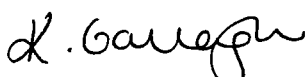
1. ACT Government Directorates review and, where necessary, update their reporting indicators annually to ensure focus, balance and alignment with Government priorities and corresponding Directorate activity.

Under the *Performance and Accountability Framework*, additional guidance was provided to Directorates to support this ongoing review of indicators and further enhance the consistency, alignment and efficiency of reporting. CMCD coordinates across-Government implementation of this *Performance and Accountability Framework* (available at: [www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/accountability](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/accountability)).

2. The *Performance and Accountability Framework* demonstrates the alignment between societal progress indicators (as presented on the "measuring our progress" website) and accountability and strategic indicators which focus more specifically on Directorate performance. CMCD coordinates across-Government implementation of this *Performance and Accountability Framework* (available at: [www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/accountability](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/accountability)).

One of the goals of the *Performance and Accountability Framework* is to strengthen alignment between long-term progress indicators and strategic and accountability indicators. This has been approached as a continuous improvement process.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**MEREDITH HUNTER** : To ask the Chief Minister

[Ref: Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate Output 1 BP4 page 44]

In relation to : 'Funding for the Ombudsman

1. In the 2012-13 technical adjustments on page 44 it has a payment for the Ombudsman of \$810,000. Could you please confirm that this is the total payment for the ombudsman and includes the new supplementation and integrity initiatives?

**MS GALLAGHER** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The \$810,000 is the amount transferred from the Justice and Community Safety Directorate for the Ombudsman function. The \$810,000 does not include the Supplementation (\$180,000) and Integrity initiative (\$96,000), as detailed in the 2012-13 Budget Policy Adjustments on page 44 of BP4.

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Date: 6.7.12

By the Chief Minister, Ms Gallagher MLA

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Meredith Hunter : To ask the Minister for Community Services

Ref: Community Services Directorate, Care and Protection Services , Budget paper 4, page number 346/355, output class 4.2

In relation to : Therapeutic protection orders

What has happened to the facility that was designated for housing children and young people under the Therapeutic protection orders?

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

I refer Ms Hunter to QON E12-568 which provides the response to this duplicated question.

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By the Minister for Community Services, Ms Joy Burch MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Meredith hunter MLA: To ask the Minister for Women

[Ref: Women, Budget paper 4, 345, output class 3.2]

In relation to: Women's Sport

The Government has committed funding for the Canberra Capitals in this Budget. What other funding and liaison is managed through the Office for Women for women's sport.

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

The Office for Women is a key stakeholder in the establishment of Football United Canberra, an initiative for newly arrived refugee girls and young women in 2012 to learn how to play (soccer) football, build leadership skills, connect with the wider community and their schools.

In 2010-11, Evatt Calisthenics Club received funding of \$1,500 through ACT Women's Grants Program to increase the skill level of coaches and participants of the Club through working with a member of the Australian Calisthenics Federation.

In 2011-12, Basket ACT received funding of \$3,000 through ACT Women's Grants Program to increase women's participation, and develop their skills and leadership capacity by providing support, training and mentoring. Basketball ACT will work with Companion House and Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services to encourage migrant and refugee young women to participate in the Come and Try - Come and Help day.

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By the Minister for Women, Ms Joy Burch MLA

12.7.12

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON NOTICES (QON):**

1. QON answers must be lodged in signed hard copy to the Committee Office within **5 working days of when you were sent the question on notice**. Day 1 of the 5 working days is the working day immediately following the working day you were sent the question on notice. **Example:** If you are sent the QON on Monday, you must submit the answer by close of business the following Monday.
2. Where an answer provides a referral to sources of information in published documents, the answer should include the exact name of the document, the author and agency publishing the document, the specific page number/s, and a hyperlink to the document, if it is published on the internet.





**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**Ms Le Couteur:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

[Ref: ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, Budget paper 4, page number 451 & Statement of Intent, page number 3]


In relation to: Perpetual Care Trust (PCT) Fund Liability

1. I note the statement by the Chairperson in the 2010-11 ACT Public Cemeteries Authority Annual Report for 2010-11, *"There is still considerable uncertainty regarding the burden of the inherited liability for maintenance of cemeteries managed by the Authority. Now that a review of the arrangements in place has been completed, we are hopeful that this matter will be clarified in the near future. Further, the Authority looks forward to making a significant contribution to the review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act started by TAMS in 2010."*
  - a) Could you please advise the status of the review and what further work, if any, will be undertaken during 2012-13?
  - b) Has the review provided further clarification about inherited liabilities? If yes, please advise what the clarification is and, if not, what the government is doing to resolve the long term financial uncertainty for the Authority?

**Ms Gallagher:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- a) The review has been completed.
- b) Yes. The review has quantified the level of inherited liabilities. With uncertainty resolved, the Authority is working with the Government on strategies to manage the liability in the long term.

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By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher MLA



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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**



**Ms Le Couteur:** To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

[Ref: ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, Budget paper 4, page number 451- 458 & 2010-11 Audited Financial Report]

In relation to: Land and Buildings Allocated for Interment Purposes

1. I note that a prior period adjustment has been made with respect to land and buildings allocated for interment purposes and that these were reclassified from property, plant & equipment (non-current asset) to inventories (current asset). My understanding of Australian Accounting Standards is that land or property held for resale has been required to be classified as a current asset, *separate* from property, plant and equipment for many years.
  - a) Could you please advise why land and buildings allocated for interment purposes have been historically included within property, plant and equipment, rather than separately classified as inventories or assets held for sale?

**Ms Gallagher :** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

ACT Public Cemeteries Authority, like all Australian Cemeteries, have included land and buildings allocated for interment purposes within property, plant and equipment. The accounting standards were changed in 2005, with the Auditor General requesting application of the new accounting treatment in 2011.

The ACT Public Cemeteries Authority has applied this accounting treatment with full details in Note 3 of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2011. Unqualified audits have been received for all periods between the new accounting treatment and its application.

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Signature: *K. Gallagher*

Date: 9.7.12

By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Katy Gallagher MLA