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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

NOTICE PAPER

No. 81

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 MS TUCKER: To present a Bill for an Act to prohibit certain dealings with genetically modified organisms, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 25 November 2003*).
- *2 MS DUNDAS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1996*. (*Notice given 25 November 2003*).
- 3 MS MACDONALD: To move – That the Assembly:
 - (1) acknowledges the importance of ACT Workcover in promoting occupational health and safety in the ACT;
 - (2) congratulates the winners of the 2003 ACT Occupational Health and Safety Awards for their leadership in the field of occupational health and safety; and
 - (3) recognises the importance their leadership plays in increasing awareness about health and safety practices in ACT work places. (*Notice given 18 November 2003*).

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

- *4 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly noting the Government's commitment to maintain stocks of public housing in the ACT, calls on the Government to:
- (1) until there has been an increase in the number of public housing properties in the ACT to a number 212 higher than the number at 28 October 2003:
 - (a) to cancel plans to demolish Currong Apartments;
 - (b) not to move out residents who would prefer to stay at Currong Apartments;
 - (2) to reconsider the options for refurbishing the Currong Apartments as ongoing public housing, taking into account the reports on options prepared for the ACT Government in September 1998, 1999 and May 2001;
 - (3) to report back to the Legislative Assembly by the end of the last sitting week in February 2004. (*Notice given 25 November 2003*).

Order of the day

- 1 FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMBULANCE AUTHORITIES BILL 2003: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2003 – Mr Wood*).

Notices - continued

- *5 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That this Assembly recognizes the strong desire of the people of Cyprus to be a unified and independent nation and calls on the Chief Minister to convey this resolution to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. (*Notice given 25 November 2003*).

Orders of the day - continued

- 2 RATES CONCESSIONS - LOW INCOME EARNERS: Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Dundas – That the ACT Government develop a proposal to provide rates concessions to all people on low incomes, including more generous concessions for pensioners, and present this to the Assembly by the last day of sitting in December 2003.
- 3 SENTENCING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 2 April 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).

Notices - continued

- 6 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) acknowledges that plastic bag use needs to be reduced and plastic bag recycling needs to be enhanced in the ACT;
 - (2) calls on the Government to ensure that there are plastic bag recycling drop off points at all major town centres across Canberra;
 - (3) calls on the Government to embark on an education and awareness campaign promoting the benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags;
 - (4) calls on the Government to work with business and encourage more consumer choice for carrying goods bought, ie allowing choice of plastic bag, calico bag, boxes or degradable bags;
 - (5) calls on the Government to work with business and trial (a) a plastic bag levy in Canberra and (b) the use of biodegradable or degradable plastic bags using a similar approach to the ReBaG trial in 1999.
(Notice given 17 June 2003).
- 7 MRS CROSS: To move - That the Assembly calls on the Government to:
- (1) investigate the issue of fireworks in the ACT with respect to the noise and inconvenience caused by the loud bang factor;
 - (2) investigate the lowering of the maximum content of ‘flash powder’ to an amount such as 100 mg per firecracker effect and reduce the confusion of the definition of Shopgood Fireworks. *(Notice given 17 June 2003).*
- 8 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) commends the Government for proposing a rebate scheme for owners of houses reliant on wood burning heaters;
 - (2) calls on the Government to develop a comprehensive strategy and timetable to eliminate the problem of wood smoke pollution in the ACT, incorporating such measures as:
 - (i) implementing enhanced air quality monitoring, including both airborne particles (PM10) and smaller airborne particles (PM 2.5), as recommended as the top priority in the State of the Environment Report 2000;
 - (ii) introducing mobile air monitoring of the Tuggeranong Valley and other wood smoke affected areas of Canberra.

- (iii) commissioning a study into the long-term health effects of wood smoke pollution on Canberra residents;
 - (iv) replacing wood burning heaters in government-owned homes in Canberra;
 - (v) resourcing Environment ACT to enforce the penalty provisions contained in part 13 of the Environment Protection Act applying to excessively smoking chimneys;
 - (vi) providing regular information for broadcasting daily winter air pollution levels for the Tuggeranong Valley and other parts of Canberra as part of the weather forecasts on daily television and radio news bulletins;
 - (vii) working with rental property owners to encourage them to convert their properties to cleaner and more efficient forms of heating;
 - (viii) further public education initiatives on the proper use of wood-burning heaters; and
- (3) calls on the Government to include in the Spatial Plan process an investigation of the possibility of sustainable wood supply in the ACT. *(Notice given 6 May 2003).*

9 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).*

10 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).*

- 11 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) notes that the Department of Education will vacate the O’Connell Education Centre of the site of the old Griffith Primary School site by the end of this school year;
 - (2) notes that the Blue Gum School is currently in unacceptable accommodation and needs to move into more acceptable accommodation at the end of the current school year;
 - (3) calls on the Minister for Education to explore all educational options (Departmental, government and non government) for the O’Connell Centre before it is made surplus to requirement. (*Notice given 25 June 2002*).
- 12 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*).
- 13 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*).
- 14 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*).
- 15 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly, recognising the need for a Youth Night Shelter in Civic to provide safe overnight accommodation for young people unable to return home late at night, calls on the ACT Government to make the establishment of a youth night shelter a high priority for the 2003-2004 financial year (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).

- 16 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).*
- 17 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).*
- 18 MRS CROSS: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Chief Minister:
- (1) to table Howard McBeth's 1994 report into the adequacy of the Territory's fire prevention strategies;
 - (2) to incorporate the McBeth report into the Government's operational response to the 18 January 2003 bushfires. *(Notice given 5 March 2003).*
- 19 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to audit the superannuation and workers compensation entitlements of all fire-fighters who have been transferred from the NSW Fire Brigade to the ACT Fire Brigade, and report to the Assembly by 19 August 2003. *(Notice given 1 April 2003).*
- 20 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the ACT Government to immediately establish a Taskforce reporting directly to Cabinet, with parent, principal, teacher and Government representation, to evaluate and implement recommendations from the Connors Inquiry into ACT Education Funding. *(Notice given 1 April 2003).*
- 21 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) expresses its concern that those students of Tuggeranong College who drive their own cars are required to pay for their own school hours parking, the only students in the ACT required to do so;
 - (2) calls upon the Department of Urban Services to put in place an adequate number of dedicated car spaces for free student parking and other suitable administrative arrangements to allow such parking to occur. *(Notice given 24 June 2003).*
- 22 MR PRATT: To move – That this Assembly
- (1) concerned at the ongoing difficulties with the sale and illegal trafficking of fireworks, including illegal and dangerous items, notes that the ACT community has exhausted its patience with this unacceptable, disruptive and unsafe state of affairs;

- (2) hereby calls upon the government to as quickly as possible:
- (a) pass legislation that will ban the retail sale of shop good fireworks in the ACT;
 - (b) restrict the use of all fireworks to certified pyro-technicians and government approved community organizations;
 - (c) permit community organisations restrictive use of fireworks only at the Queen's Birthday long weekend between 5 pm – 10 pm on prescribed nights;
 - (d) introduce stricter penalties for the illegal sale and use of fireworks;
 - (e) ensure that penalties are enforced. (*Notice given 24 June 2003*).
- 23 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*).
- *24 MS MACDONALD: To move – That the Assembly:
- (1) expresses concern at the Federal Government's intention to remove excise free status on the environmentally friendly fuel, LPG;
 - (2) recognises the crisis the LPG industry will face if such an excise is introduced;
 - (3) notes the importance of promoting environmentally friendly fuels and vehicles;
 - (4) acknowledges the ACT Government for directing all ACT Government departments to replace at least one fleet vehicle with an environmentally friendly hybrid vehicle and signing up the Greenfleet program;
 - (5) recognises the importance of programs such as Greenfleet in sustaining the environment. (*Notice given 25 November 2003*).

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 GUNGAHLIN 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 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 12 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 13 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell)*.
- 14 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan)*.

- 15 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 16 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 17 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
 - 18 GAMING MACHINE (POLITICAL DONATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Cross*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 7 May 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 19 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2003 – Mr Wood*).
 - 20 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
 - 21 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*).
 - 22 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (PRINCIPLES) GUIDELINE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 August 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
 - 23 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
 - 24 LITTER (LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2003 – Mr Wood*).
 - 25 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 118 – ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: Resumption of debate (*from 7 May 2003 – Ms Tucker*) on the motion of Mr Cornwell – That this Assembly amends Standing Order 118, in accordance with the Australian Labor Party's *Labor's 2001 ACT Election Commitments* (page 35, paragraph 8 'We will limit Ministers' answers to Questions to five minutes), by adding a new sub-section (c) shall not be longer than five minutes in length, and amends existing sub-section (b) by adding 'and' after 'refers'.
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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notice

- 1 MR QUINLAN: To move – That, in accordance with s.16(4) of the *Territory Owned Corporations Act 1990*, this Assembly approves the disposal of all of the undertakings (including its assets, rights and liabilities) of Totalcare Industries Limited to the Territory. (*Notice given 20 August 2003*).

Orders of the Day

- 1 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 2 CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*Mr Pratt*).
- 3 STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 5 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 6 STATE OF THE TERRITORY'S FINANCE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 7 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION INTO COMPETITION IMPLICATIONS OF PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICES BY A SINGLE NETWORK – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 December 2001 – Mr Wood*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT – CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 9 GAMING MACHINE ACT – ACT GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GAMING MACHINE LICENSEES – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 10 PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO RESTORE SECURITY OF TENURE TO PUBLIC TENANTS – STATEMENT BY MINISTER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 11 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.
- 12 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – FOURTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 March 2003 – Ms Gallagher – in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 13 INQUIRIES ACT – BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – FIRST SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 April 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 14 INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE ACT – REPORT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT ON BAIL – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 18 RESPIRE CARE PROJECT – MET AND UNMET NEEDS – FINAL REPORT – SUSTAINING CARING RELATIONSHIPS – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 19 ACT TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 20 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.
- 21 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION (A.C.T.) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Police and Emergency Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 22 A.C.T. GAMBLING AND RACING COMMISSION – REVIEW – GAMING MACHINE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Quinlan – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 23 INDOOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING – ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE – REPORT AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 24 HUMAN RIGHTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 25 PARENTAGE BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 26 SEXUALITY DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 27 REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 28 BUILDING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 29 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS (LICENSING) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).

- 30 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 31 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 32 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.

Notices – continued

- 2 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

Notice

1 MR SMYTH: To move – That:

- (1) notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 71, a Select Committee on Privileges be appointed to examine:
 - (a) the refusal of Mr Wood to answer questions of the Select Committee on Estimates;
 - (b) the refusal of Mr Corbell to answer questions of the Select Committee on Estimates; and
 - (c) the creation and distribution of the document known as ‘Budget Estimates 2003’ by certain persons within ACT Health;
 - (d) the broadcast on ABC radio of details concerning recommendations of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts inquiry into the Rates and Land Tax Amendment Bill 2003 and the Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 inquiry into the Appropriation Bill 2003-2004 prior to their presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

and determine whether each constitutes a contempt of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Committee comprise:

- (a) one member to be nominated by the Government;
- (b) one member to be nominated by the Opposition;
- (c) one member to be nominated by a member of the Cross bench.

(3) The Committee shall report by the last sitting day in September. (*Notice given 17 June 2003; amended 18 June 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 2 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.
- 3 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.
- 4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 14 – DRAFT VARIATION NO 175 TO THE TERRITORY PLAN – INDUSTRIAL B3 LAND USE POLICIES – INDUSTRIAL AREA POLICIES AND DEFINITIONS: FYSHWICK, SYMONSTON, MITCHELL AND HUME – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 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:
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 –
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- 16 STANDING COMMITTEES – Presentation of reports on annual and
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pursuant to order of the Assembly of 25 September 2003.
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Referred to Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on

7 May 2003

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

23 October 2003

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

Referred to Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on

17 June 2003

ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES)
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate –
Agreement in principle (*Mrs Dunne*).

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

1021, 1042, 1054, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066,
1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077,
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1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111,
1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122,
1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128

26 November 2003

(Redirected questions – 30 days expires 18 December 2003)

*1061 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to ACT Government funding:

- (1) Why have the following agencies not received funding in 2003-04:
 - (a) St John's Ambulance Building Fund;
 - (b) Alzheimers Association (ACT) Inc;
- (2) Will there be a further round of funding this financial year and if so, will these bodies be eligible and considered.

*1079 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to Manuka Oval Refurbishment:

- (1) Why was \$6 000 rolled over for expenditure on Manuka Oval when the refurbishment was completed with the \$7.194m in prior years;
- (2) In the Progress Report for Capital Works 2002-03 \$4 000 was spent in the December quarter and \$2 000 in the final quarter. What was delivered for the \$4 000 expenditure in the December quarter and what was delivered for the \$2 000 expenditure in the final quarter.

New questions

(30 days expires 26 December 2003)

*1129 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the celebration of International Men's Day in the ACT:

- (1) What arrangements did the ACT Government make to support and celebrate this important event on 19 November this year;
- (2) What arrangements did the ACT Government make to support and celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March this year.

*1130 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to security upgrades:

- (1) Why was the allocation of \$200 000 for security upgrades revised down to \$97 000 in the 2002-03 capital works program;
- (2) Which schools or community groups missed out on security upgrades due to the downward revision of \$103 000;

- (3) What security measures were installed and where, as part of the \$97 000 expended in 2002-03;
- (4) Have any funds been made available for security upgrades in 2003-04, if not, why not. If so, how much has been allocated;
- (5) If yes to (4) have any bids been made for works in 2003-04, if so, which schools or community groups have made bids and for what type of security upgrade.

*1131 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to older schools refurbishments:

- (1) Why was the approved financing of \$2.5 million for older schools refurbishments in the capital works program for 2002-03 revised down to \$2 million;
- (2) Which schools benefited from the works undertaken as part of the \$1.294 million expended in 2002-03, and what works were undertaken at each school;
- (3) What schools missed out due to the budget being revised down by \$706 000, and what works were anticipated as part of the original approved financing;
- (4) Will the outstanding authorisation of \$1.206 million be expended on older schools refurbishments this financial year. If so, which schools will benefit and what works will be undertaken at each school.

*1132 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to capital works expenditure for the Gungahlin Primary and High Schools:

- (1) What work remains to be completed on the Gungahlin Primary School with the outstanding authorisation of \$8 621 000;
- (2) Why was there an underspend of \$1 679 000 for the allocation in 2002-03 and does this mean the primary school project is behind schedule;
- (3) What has been delivered for the \$200 000 expended to date on the Gungahlin High School;
- (4) Why was there an underspend of \$300 000 on the Gungahlin High School in 2002-03;
- (5) What works remain to be completed with the \$19 755 000 outstanding authorisation for the high school project.

*1133 MR PRATT: To the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to works in progress in emergency services:

- (1) Have any of the projects below been scrapped:
 - (a) Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre;
 - (b) Joint Emergency Services Training Centre;
 - (c) Joint Emergency Services Centre – West Belconnen;
- (2) If so, which projects have been scrapped and why. If not, will any funds be expended on (a), (b) and (c) above this financial year. If so, how much and on which projects.

*1134 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to sustainability reporting indicators:

- (1) Where is the government up to in preparing its alternate to the State of the Territory report, the Sustainability Indicators Report;
- (2) Why has the issues paper only just been released to the community, given that in response to Question on notice No 871 in September the Acting Chief Minister said that the paper ‘will form the basis of consultation with key stakeholders scheduled for the next two months’. Does this mean the project is now two months behind schedule as consultation should have occurred this month and last;
- (3) Is the Sustainability Indicators Report still on target to be presented to the community early next year, if so, what date or month can we expect it to be released. If not, why not and when will it be released.

*1135 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to children in care:

- (1) How many children in the ACT are cared for by adults other than their lawful parents;
- (2) How many grandparents are registered carers of children in the ACT;
- (3) What support do grandparents who are carers of children receive from the ACT Government;
- (4) How many registered foster carers are there in the ACT at:
 - (a) the current date;
 - (b) in 2002-03;
 - (c) 2001-02;
 - (d) 2000-01;

- (5) How much money was spent on a recent campaign encouraging people to consider becoming foster carers/parents;
- (6) Further to (5), what were such funds expended on;
- (7) Did this campaign have any impact on the overall number of foster carers/parents;
- (8) Are any further such campaigns proposed in the period to 30 June 2004. If so, please provide current details, if not, why not.

*1136 MRS BURKE: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to ‘work and family’ policy and further to the reply to Question on notice No 1045:

- (1) How many ‘work and family’ policies does each ACT Department and agency have in place;
- (2) In the response to Question on notice No 1045 the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism noted that ‘The ACT Government does not have data on work and family arrangements in the ACT private sector to provide a meaningful comparison between the Business Council of Australia figures and ACT private businesses’. Will you as Chief Minister and the Minister responsible for public service employment practices look at collecting such data for the public and private sectors.

*1137 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to progress of refurbishments of public housing complexes:

- (1) Please provide a current schedule of proposed refurbishment works for all multi unit Housing complexes distinguishing between current 2003-04 activity, and future activities expected to take place after 1 July 2004;
- (2) When is the refurbishment at Fraser Court expected to be completed.

*1138 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to respite care:

- (1) Would the Minister outline the Government’s current strategies for assisting parents and carers in the area of respite care;
- (2) Further to (1), please provide details of relevant funding in relation to each strategy identified.

*1139 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to the Nolan Art Gallery:

- (1) What funds does the ACT Government provide to the Nolan Gallery on an annual basis;
- (2) How much will a study into the Nolan Gallery's future, as reported on the ABC on 15 November 2003, cost and who will undertake the study;
- (3) Is there any threat that the Nolan Gallery will be forced to close to the public;
- (4) What support will the Government give the Nolan Gallery if the study finds new education and visitor facilities should be established.

T Duncan

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE: *(Formed 12 November 2001)*: The Speaker *(Presiding Member)*, Ms Dundas, Mrs Dunne *(from 18 February 2003)*, Mr Hargreaves, Ms MacDonald *(during the absence of Mr Hargreaves from 11-27 May 2002)*, Mr Stefaniak *(during the absence of Mrs Dunne on 6 May 2003)*.

Pursuant to resolution

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

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

HEALTH: *(Formed 11 December 2001)*: Ms Tucker (*Chair*), Mrs Burke *(from 18 February 2003)*, Ms MacDonald.

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

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT: *(Formed 11 December 2001; Amendment to resolution of appointment 21 November 2002)*: Mrs Dunne (*Chair*), Mrs Cross *(from 21 November 2002)*, Ms Dundas, Mr Hargreaves *(from 30 January 2003)*.

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

Dissolved

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

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

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

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

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

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

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