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

No. 85

Thursday, 11 December 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**Order of the day**

- 1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE:
Presentation of report on the Road Transport (Public Passenger Services)
Amendment Bill 2003 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 17 June 2003.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act relating to annual reports for certain government agencies, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
- *2 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act 1992*, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
- *3 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002*. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
- *4 MR STANHOPE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code 2002*. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).

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

- *5 MR WOOD: To present a Bill for an Act relating to litter, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
 - *6 MR WOOD: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
 - *7 MR CORBELL: To present a Bill for an Act to protect the public from risk of harm by ensuring that the people who provide health services regulated by this Act are competent to provide health services, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
 - *8 MR CORBELL: To present A Bill for an Act to amend legislation because of the enactment of the *Nurses Amendment Act 2003*, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
 - *9 MS GALLAGHER: To present a Bill for an Act about dangerous substances, and for other purposes. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Orders of the day - continued

- 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 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.

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 - continued

- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 15 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 3 –
PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE A.C.T. –
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF
PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the
motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

First sitting day of 2004

- 16 STANDING COMMITTEES – Presentation of reports on annual and
financial reports for the calendar year 2002 and the financial year 2002-2003
pursuant to order of the Assembly of 25 September 2003.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Notices - continued

- *10 MR WOOD: To move – That unless:

- (1) the Speaker, or in the absence of the Speaker the Deputy Speaker, fixes
an alternative day or hour of meeting on receipt of a request in writing
from an absolute majority of Members; or
- (2) the Assembly otherwise orders:

The Assembly shall meet as follows for 2004:

February	10	11	12
March	2	3	4
	9	10	11
March / April	30	31	1
May	4	5	6
June	22	23	24
June / July	29	30	1
August	3	4	5
	17	18	19
	24	25	26

(Notice given 10 December 2003).

Orders of the Day

- 1 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.
- 2 PARENTAGE BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 3 SEXUALITY DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 4 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.

- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 RESPITE CARE PROJECT – MET AND UNMET NEEDS – FINAL REPORT – SUSTAINING CARING RELATIONSHIPS – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.

- 19 HUMAN RIGHTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 20 BUILDING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 21 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS (LICENSING) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 22 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 23 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 24 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 25 RATES BILL 2003: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 26 LAND TAX BILL 2003: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 27 HUMAN CLONING AND EMBRYO RESEARCH BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 28 EDUCATION BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 29 ACT TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 30 INVESTIGATION INTO ADVERSE PATIENT OUTCOMES OF NEUROSURGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL – FINAL REPORT – COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 31 STATEMENT OF PLANNING INTENT FOR THE A.C.T. – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Notices - continued

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

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

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 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*).
- 2 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*).
- 3 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).*
- 4 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).*
- 5 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).*
- 6 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*).
- 7 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Urban Services to immediately allocate funds for the site selection and design of a permanent library and community centre at the Kippax Group Centre. (*Notice given 9 May 2002*).
- 8 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:
 - (1) having noted that under the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* the size of the Assembly can only be altered by regulations in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly;
 - (2) hereby resolves that the number of members of the Legislative Assembly should be increased from 17 to 21, with 7 members elected from each of 3 electorates; and
 - (3) calls upon the Chief Minister to communicate this resolution to the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government with a request that the regulations increasing the number of members be made by no later than 31 March 2003 so that the necessary electoral redistribution can be conducted in time for the ACT election scheduled for October 2004. (*Notice given 19 November 2002*).
- 9 MRS DUNNE: To move – That noting recommendation 4 of Report No 4 of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment into Draft Variation No 174 to the Territory Plan, the Hungarian-Australian Club site and Community Facility Land, this Assembly calls on the Government to review the operation of all pre self-government concessional leases. (*Notice given 11 December 2002*).
- 10 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*).
- 11 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*).
- 12 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*).

- 13 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*).
- 14 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*).
- 15 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*).
- 16 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*).
- 17 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*).
- 18 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*).
- 19 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Police and Emergency Services to require that plain clothes police and unmarked police cars be used wherever possible when collecting a mentally ill person from their home for assessment by a psychiatrist. (*Notice given 9 December 2003*).
- *20 MRS DUNNE: To move – That this Assembly:
- (1) recognises the importance of addressing issues relating to the safety of children;
 - (2) acknowledges the duty of care towards children especially in and around schools;
 - (3) calls on the Government to conduct a safety audit of access to all ACT schools; and
 - (4) further calls on the Government to set up a priority program for improvement with special emphasis on primary schools. (*Notice given 10 December 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 2 LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Corbell*).
- 3 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 3): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 4 SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2001 (NO 2): (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 12 December 2001 – Mr Stanhope*).

- 5 STATISTICAL PROFILE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2002 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.
- 6 PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 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.
- 7 COMMUNITY REFERENDUM BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 8 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Pratt*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 9 BUILDING (WATER EFFICIENCY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mrs Dunne*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 10 LITTER AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2002 – Mr Corbell*).
- 11 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 12 COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 13 FINANCIAL LEGISLATION (INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Mr Humphries*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 11 December 2002 – Mr Quinlan*).

- 14 BUSHFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL 2003: *(Mrs Dunne)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 5 March 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 15 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 18 June 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
 - 16 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
 - 17 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 18 LITTER (LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Cornwell)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 22 October 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
 - 19 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'.
 - 20 GMO (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2003: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 26 November 2003 – Mr Corbell)*.
 - 21 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 26 November 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
 - *22 DISCRIMINATION (GENETIC STATUS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
 - *23 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ASSISTED TENANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Burke)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 10 December 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
 - *24 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Smyth)*: Detail Stage – Clause 1 – Resumption of debate *(from 10 December 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
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LONG SERVICE LEAVE (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2003: (*Mr Berry*):
Resumption of debate – Agreement in principle (*Ms Gallagher*).

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

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ROAD TRANSPORT (PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICES)
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Urban Services*): Resumption of debate –
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11 December 2003

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 20 December 2003)

*1098 MR PRATT: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to capital works funds for ‘Fitout to new accommodation’:

- (1) Why was \$3m required for the project titled ‘Fitout to new accommodation’ and what exactly is meant by ‘Fitout to new accommodation’;
- (2) Why is the project identification for this project listed as ‘NEW’ when all other projects have a code number;
- (3) In the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report this project was revised down from \$3m expenditure in 2002-03 to \$1m, why is this so;
- (4) Why was only \$7 000 of that \$1m (of a \$3m project) expended in 2002-03;
- (5) What was delivered for the \$7 000 that was expended;
- (6) Will the outstanding authorisation of \$2.993m be expended this financial year;
- (7) How much of the outstanding authorisation has been expended to date this financial year;
- (8) Has a contract been let for the work to be undertaken. If so, who was awarded the contract, if not, why not and when will a contract be let;
- (9) The Budget Papers indicate that this project is scheduled for completion by January 2004, is this still a realistic deadline. If so, what percentage of works have been completed to date. If not, what is the new deadline and why has the project been delayed.

New questions

(30 days expires 10 January 2004)

*1178 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre:

- (1) In a press statement of 9 December 2003 you note that the ACT will contribute to the \$100m Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre study into bushfire arson. How much of that \$100m will be the ACT’s contribution;
- (2) When will this research project be complete;

(3) How will the ACT use the information contained in any final report.

*1179 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the bushfire commemoration in Commonwealth Park on Sunday 18 January 2004:

- (1) How much will the commemoration event cost ACT taxpayers;
- (2) How much will it cost the ACT Government for the professional event manager;
- (3) How much will it cost the ACT Government for musicians and other entertainers to perform at the commemoration;
- (4) From which appropriation will this event be funded.

*1180 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – For the funds allocated as bushfire initiatives in the 2003-04 Budget for counselling services:

- (1) How much of the allocated funding for (a) 2002-03 and (b) 2003-04 has been spent;
- (2) How many residents have accessed counselling services established as part of the bushfire recovery;
- (3) Will this service cease to exist at the end of the current financial year.

*1181 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the *Statement of Planning Intent* dated December 2003, pages 7 and 8:

- (1) Could you please confirm what is meant by the statement ‘Encourage the incorporation of high quality public art into major developments and significant public spaces’. Does this mean encouraging graffiti style art, or encouraging such art works as statues/fountains/architectural features etc;
- (2) What types of areas or spaces will be set aside for this type of public art and how will allocation of these areas be determined;
- (3) Will this apply to public areas and public developments only or will private developments be required or encouraged to allow for such features;
- (4) What is the ‘gateway public art program’ and is it inclusive or a part of the move to encourage ‘high quality public art’ mentioned at (1), (2) and (3) above.

*1182 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to bikepath and footpath rehabilitation:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$24 000 had been spent on this project. What works took place as part of that \$24 000 expenditure;
- (3) What works remain to be completed with the \$476 000 outstanding authorisation.

*1183 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to replacement of Hackett boiler and North Curtin ESB boiler upgrade:

- (1) In the September quarter Capital Works report these projects are listed for completion in March 2003. Is this completion date correct given the projects are Minor New Works funded in the 2003-04 Budget;
- (2) If the completion date is correct why has \$0 been spent on both projects and when will these projects be completed;
- (3) If the completion date is not correct what is the new completion date and when will works start.

*1184 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Cotter Road Bridge Upgrade (uninsured works):

- (1) \$100 000 was allocated for this project in the 2003-04 budget and \$0 was spent in the first quarter. Is this project still on schedule to be completed in February 2004, given that no expenditure has taken place to date;
- (2) What works are actually scheduled as part of this project;
- (3) If no to (1) what is the new completion date and what has been the delay in beginning works.

*1185 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to road safety improvements:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) \$300 000 was allocated for this project but \$0 had been spent at the end of the first quarter. Is this project still on schedule to be completed this month given that no money had been spent at the end of the first quarter.

*1186 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to domestic animals services, veterinary examination room:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$0 had been spent on this \$100 000 project. Is this project still running according to schedule given that the completion date listed is February 2004;
- (3) If yes to (2) have works commenced and if so on what date did they commence. If no to (2) why not, what is the new completion date and what has been the delay with the project.

*1187 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the water main to service Conder 4:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) \$500 000 was allocated for this project and \$65 000 had been spent at the end of the first quarter. What part of the project was that \$65 000 expended on;
- (3) This project was scheduled for completion in November 2003 did this occur given that only \$65 000 had been spent at the end of September;
- (4) If yes to (3) on what date was the project completed. If no to (3) how much money has been spent on this project to date, what is the new completion date and what has been the cause of the delay.

*1188 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to computer aided dispatch:

- (1) In the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report \$51 000 was spent at the end of the first quarter for 2003-04 on the 'Computer aided dispatch'. What was delivered for the expenditure of this \$51 000;
- (2) What is the total amount of expenditure on this project as at 10 December 2003;
- (3) What work will be undertaken in the remainder of this financial year on the computer aided dispatch;
- (4) The completion date for this project is set at June 2004. Are plans still running according to schedule to meet this deadline, if not, why not.

*1189 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to Woden Police Station:

- (1) In the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report the actual start date for the Woden Police Station project is June 2003. But the funding breakdowns show that \$0 was actually spent on this project (excluding prior years expenditure) at the end of the first quarter for 2003-04. Why has no money been spent on this project when the start date was meant to be June 2003;
- (2) What work has been undertaken on this project and are any further plans available;
- (3) When does the Government see it may be able to advertise for tenders to undertake the work for the new Station;
- (4) What planning approvals will the design for the Station have to go through before construction can start.

*1190 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to the relocations of Megalo Access Arts Centre:

- (1) What is the status of this project;
- (2) What works are planned with the outstanding authorization of \$226 000 for this project;
- (3) This project was scheduled for completion in September 2003 was this completion date met. If not, why not.

*1191 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to Manuka Arts Centre:

- (1) What is the status of this project;
- (2) Is the government still committed to this project;
- (3) What works are planned with the outstanding authorisation of \$226 000 for this project;
- (4) What works have taken place with the \$24,000 already expended;
- (5) This project is scheduled for completion (as printed in the September 2003 quarterly capital works progress report) in February 2004 will this completion date be met;
- (6) If no to (5) why not and what is the new completion date.

*1192 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister Arts and Heritage – In relation to upgrades and renewals at Gorman House:

- (1) What is the status of this project;
- (2) Is the government still committed to this project;
- (3) What works are planned with the outstanding authorisation of \$110 000 for this project;
- (4) What works have taken place with the \$50 000 already expended;
- (5) This project was meant to be completed in September was this completion date met, if not, why not.

*1193 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to the final stage of the Glassworks Project:

- (1) What is the status of this project;
- (2) Is the government still committed to this project;
- (3) What works are planned with the outstanding authorisation of \$2.747 million allocated for this project;
- (4) Are works running to schedule to complete this project in June 2005 as listed in the September 2003 quarterly capital works project;
- (5) What is the cause of the continuing delay with this project.

*1194 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Art and Soul – City Walk sculpture:

- (1) What is the status of this project;
- (2) Is the government still committed to this project;
- (3) What works are planned with the outstanding authorisation of \$74 000 for this project;
- (4) What works have taken place with the \$11 000 already expended;
- (5) This project is scheduled for completion (as printed in the September 2003 quarterly capital works progress report) this month, will this completion date be met;
- (6) If no to (5) why not and what is the new completion date.

*1195 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Chisholm oval upgrade:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) In the September quarter \$200 000 had been spent on this project. What was delivered for that \$200 000 worth of expenditure;
- (3) What works remain with the outstanding authorisation of \$210 000;
- (4) Will this project be completed this month as scheduled. If not, why not and when will it be completed.

*1196 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to Canberra Theatre Centre minor new works:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$0 had been spent on this \$195 000 project. Is this project still running according to schedule given that the completion date listed is April 2004;
- (3) If yes to (2) have works commenced and if so on what date did they commence and what amount of funds have been spent to date. If no to (2) why not, what is the new completion date, what has been the delay with the project and what amount of funds have been spent to date.

*1197 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to Belconnen Arts Centre feasibility:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$0 had been spent on this \$60 000 project. Is this project still running according to schedule given that the completion date listed is February 2004;
- (3) If yes to (2) have works commenced and if so on what date did they commence and what amount of funds have been spent to date. If no to (2) why not, what is the new completion date, what has been the delay with the project and what amount of funds have been spent to date.

*1198 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to ACT's Personal Computer (PC) user group:

- (1) What measures have been taken, and what measures are planned to ensure the ready availability of information about Information, Communications, Technology (ICT) training facilities available for hire in the ACT;
- (2) In this regard, is the Minister aware of the ICT training room within Belconnen Town Centre managed by the ACT's PC Users Group. Is such a community facility of great value to the public, private and community sectors;
- (3) Have appropriately-located, volunteered-run, high quality facilities an important role in the Territory's move to enhanced ICT competence;
- (4) What other facilities of similar character are available for hire in the ACT's other Town centres;
- (5) Is there potential for these facilities to be used by the ACT Government and Public Service in upgrading the ICT competency of staff;
- (6) If so, what steps have been taken to bring the existence of these facilities to the notice of the departments and agencies;

*1199 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to the response to Question on notice No 880 regarding the ACT Government Concessions Program:

- (1) What concessions/rebates are included in this program and who is eligible for each of these rebates;
- (2) What has been the annual cost to the ACT government in each of the past three years for the provision of each of these rebates;
- (3) In relation to the electricity rebate included within this program, how many pensioner households in the ACT have been given such a rebate.

*1200 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to the ACT Seniors Card:

- (1) How many individuals over 65 years of age are currently entitled to be holders of an ACT Seniors Card;
- (2) How many individuals over 65 years of age are currently ACT Seniors Card holders.

*1201 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to Health Care Card Holders:

- (1) How many individuals in the ACT over 65 years of age are currently entitled to be holders of a Health Care card;
- (2) How many individuals in the ACT over 65 years of age are currently Health Care card holders.

*1202 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to water and sewerage rebates for pensioners:

- (1) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age were entitled to water and sewerage rebates in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (2) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age claimed rebates for water and sewerage in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (3) What was the total value of those rebates in each of the years at (2) above.

*1203 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to gas rebates for pensioners:

- (1) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age were entitled to gas rebates in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (2) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age claimed rebates for gas in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (3) What was the total value of those rebates in each of the years at (2) above.

*1204 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to electricity rebates for pensioners:

- (1) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age were entitled to electricity rebates in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (2) How many pensioners in the ACT over 65 years of age claimed rebates for electricity in (a) 2000/01 (b) 2001/02 (c) 2002/03;
- (3) What was the total value of those rebates in each of the years at (2) above.

*1205 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the ACT population:

- (1) What is the current population of residents in the ACT who are over 65 years of age;
- (2) What proportion of the ACT's overall population do they represent at present;
- (3) What is the number of persons included in the figure at (1) who are aged pensioners.

*1206 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the management of investments held within the Superannuation Provision Account (SPA):

- (1) Has Treasury undertaken an assessment of the way in which the performance of investments held in the SPA should be reported;
- (2) If this assessment has been undertaken, what has been the outcome in terms of any changes in the disclosure of the performance of these investments;
- (3) Is it possible to obtain a report of this assessment;
- (4) If no such assessment has been completed, will this assessment be undertaken;
- (5) Has Treasury undertaken an evaluation of the ways in which other jurisdictions manage and report on the investments held by their public sector superannuation accounts;
- (6) If this evaluation has been undertaken, what has been the outcome and is it possible to receive a report on this evaluation.

*1207 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the administration of the land tax system in the ACT:

- (1) Is it acceptable for property owners who are subject to land tax to pay their assessment on an annual basis;
- (2) If this practice is acceptable, how many property owners pay their land tax annually;
- (3) Is it possible for the accounting system used to manage the land tax regime to accept, as a normal transaction, payments of land tax that are made on an annual basis; if not, why not;
- (4) If annual payments of land tax can not be accepted as a normal transaction, what action is being taken to remedy this situation;

- (5) If the land tax due on a property has been paid as an annual payment, are quarterly land tax assessment notices still sent to the owner/s of that property;
- (6) Have there been any complaints lodged by property owners about problems experienced with the recording of annual payments of land tax.

*1208 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the capital works program that is undertaken each year by the ACT Government, for each of the years 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04:

- (1) What were the original estimates for total expenditure on the capital works program for each year;
- (2) Of these totals, what were the estimates for expenditure on new works and on works in progress;
- (3) If any of these estimates of expenditure were subsequently revised, what were the revised estimates for each category of expenditure for the relevant years;
- (4) For each of the completed financial years, what was the actual amount spent on capital works;
- (5) Of this total spending on capital works, how much was spent on new works and how much was spent on works in progress;
- (6) What was the total amount of funds that were available for spending on capital works for each year;
- (7) Of these funds, how much was provided as new funds for each year and how much was available for works in progress;
- (8) If any of these estimates of funding were subsequently revised, what were the revised estimates of funding that was available for each category of funding for the relevant years.

*1209 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the proposal for the ACT Government to purchase certain land in Majura from the Commonwealth Government:

- (1) What Commonwealth Government and ACT Government departments and agencies have been involved in negotiations relating to this transaction;
- (2) What is the status of any negotiations that have taken place in relation to this transaction;
- (3) When is it estimated that these negotiations will be concluded;

- (4) What parcel or parcels of land are included in the negotiations;
- (5) Is there any indication that the price for any land that is the subject of this transaction will vary from the amount appropriated in *Appropriation Act 2003-2004 (No. 2)*.

*1210 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department refurbishment:

- (1) As at the end of the September 2003-04 quarter \$346 000 was expended on this project (excluding prior years spending). What was delivered for this expenditure;
- (2) This project has a completion date of May 2004, is the project running to schedule to be completed by that deadline;
- (3) If no to (2) what is the delay in completing the project according to schedule.

*1211 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the redevelopment of Karralika Facilities, Fadden and Isabella Plains:

- (1) As at the end of the September 2003-04 quarter \$55 000 was expended on this project (excluding prior years spending). What was delivered for this expenditure;
- (2) This project has a completion date of June 2003 has this project been completed;
- (3) If no to (2) what is the delay in completing the project according to schedule and what is the new completion date. If yes to (2) what will happen to the outstanding authorisation of \$130 000 for this project.

*1212 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to improvements to security and access control at Calvary Public Hospital:

- (1) As at the end of the September 2003-04 quarter \$13,000 was expended on this project. What was delivered for this expenditure;
- (2) What works remain as part of this project.

*1213 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to an upgrade of safety features in mental health:

- (1) As at the end of the September 2003-04 quarter \$16 000 was expended on this project. What was delivered for this expenditure;

- (2) This project has a completion date of October 2003, has this project been completed;
- (3) If yes to (2) will the \$4 000 remainder of funds be rolled over. If no to (2) what will the remaining \$4 000 be expended on and why has the project not been completed yet.

*1214 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to feasibility studies:

- (1) Why are feasibility studies being undertaken regarding (a) Watson Hostel and (b) Howard Florey Centenary House;
- (2) What does the government envision for these two sites;
- (3) The Watson Hostel feasibility study was meant to commence in September, has this occurred;
- (4) Have any dollars been spent on either project as at 10 December 2003;
- (5) When will these feasibility studies be completed.

*1215 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to Hennessey House:

- (1) In the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report, under minor new works, the project 'Hennessey House Bruce – Collocate CALAM'. What works will be undertaken as part of this project;
- (2) This project is listed for completion in June 2003. Is this completion date correct;
- (3) If yes to (2) why then was \$0 expended on this project at the end of the first quarter and what is the total expenditure for this project as at 10 December 2003. If no to (2) what is the new completion date and what expenditure has taken place on this project as at 10 December 2003.

*1216 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to capital works projects at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospital:

- (1) Of the new works listed under the Canberra Hospital in the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report 2003 which of these projects have commenced (given many had August start dates) and of those projects how many dollars were expended on each project as at 10 December 2003;

- (2) Have any capital works projects listed under the Canberra Hospital in the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report 2003 been completed, if so, which projects;
- (3) Of the new works listed under Calvary Public Hospital in the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report 2003 which of these projects have commenced (given many had July start dates) and of those projects how many dollars were expended on each project as at 10 December 2003;
- (4) Have any capital works projects listed under the Calvary Public Hospital in the September Quarterly Capital Works Progress Report 2003 been completed, if so, which projects.

*1217 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to energy savings initiatives:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$8 000 had been spent on this project. What works took place as part of that \$8 000 expenditure and where;
- (3) What works remain to be completed with the \$192 000 outstanding authorisation.

*1218 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Lake Ginninderra Dam Protection Measures:

- (1) What works are scheduled to take place as part of this project listed as capital works in the 2003-04 budget;
- (2) At the end of the first quarter \$20 000 had been spent on this project. What works took place as part of that \$20 000 expenditure;
- (3) What works remain to be completed with the \$980 000 outstanding authorisation.

*1219 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the following 2003-04 bushfire budget initiatives how much of the allocated funding for 2002-03 and 2003-04 has been spent and what works have taken place (if any) and where (if applicable):

- (1) Removal of pines and casuarinas;
- (2) Fire Fuel Management – Accelerated Works;
- (3) Re-greening fire affected areas;

- (4) Replacement of gutters, footpaths and associated works;
- (5) Rural road verges and fire fuel management plan;
- (6) Bushfire Recovery Program – ACT Heritage Places;
- (7) Increase bushfire fuel management planning resources;
- (8) Spatial data acquisition – interpretation of recovery plans;
- (9) Fire suppression trails and walking tracks;
- (10) Completion of recreation recovery strategy;
- (11) Rural assistance recovery program;
- (12) Community engagement in restoration of Murrumbidgee;
- (13) Landslip rectification.

*1220 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Chief Minister – How many bushfire victims have taken up the offer to utilise the free plant scheme and at what cost.

*1221 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to drugs. For each of the last five years:

- (1) Have figures been kept on the number of people who the police find in possession of drugs but who are not charged, and if so, how many such people are not charged each year;
- (2) How many people who the police find with drugs in their possession are referred for treatment through the ACT Early Intervention and Diversion Program, and how many are instead charged with a drug related offence;
- (3) Is the effectiveness of the Early Intervention and Diversion Program being monitored to assess its effect on recidivism;
- (4) How many times have ACT Magistrates referred people convicted of drug-related offences to the Court Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service at the pre-sentencing stage, and how many have not been referred;
- (5) Is the effectiveness of the Court Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service referral process being monitored to assess its effect on recidivism;
- (6) How many sentences for drug related offences have included drug treatment, and how many sentences have not included a requirement to attend treatment.

*1222 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to concessions on stamp duty for the 2002-03 financial year, and to date in the current financial year:

- (1) How many buyers received a concession on stamp duty for the purchase of property;
- (2) What was the average value of the concession granted, and what was the average concessional rate of stamp duty paid;
- (3) How many buyers who received a stamp duty concession on a property purchase had dependents;
- (4) What proportion of all stamp duty concessions granted related to the purchase of unit titled properties.

*1223 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the availability of vocational education courses:

- (1) What arrangements are in place to ensure that public high school students from low income families are able to access the vocational education course of their choice;
- (2) Does the Department collect statistics on the number of applications for assistance with vocational education costs received by schools, and the number of requests granted and denied;
- (3) What is the minimum, maximum, and average annual charge per student for vocational education courses run in ACT Government school.

*1224 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to an ACT prison:

- (1) Has the ACT Government commenced negotiations with the Commonwealth to purchase land for an ACT prison;
- (2) If so, how much money is the Commonwealth asking for the necessary land;
- (3) Are there any known impediments to the successful sale or handover of land for a new ACT prison.

*1225 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to ACTION buses:

- (1) Has ACTION taken possession of the new buses that were budgeted for in the 2003-2004 budget;

- (2) Has the arrival of the new buses been delayed, and if so what is the cause of the delay;
- (3) If we are still waiting for the new buses, what is the expected date that the new buses will commence service.

*1226 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to sportsgrounds. Can the Minister provide a detailed list of:

- (1) Sportsgrounds that have been upgraded under the last budget's sportsground/facilities management program;
- (2) What the spending was for;
- (3) How much each allocation was.

*1227 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to ACT school teachers:

- (1) In ACT Government schools, what is the total number of:
 - (a) primary schools teachers;
 - (b) high schools teachers;
 - (c) secondary college teachers;
- (2) As of 1 December 2003, what was the total number of vacancies for:
 - (a) primary schools teachers;
 - (b) high schools teachers;
 - (c) secondary college teachers.

*1228 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to Detention Centres:

- (1) What was the average number of people detained in the Belconnen Remand Centre in the year prior to the opening of the Symonston Detention Centre, and in the year following the opening of the Symonston Detention Centre;
- (2) What has been the average number of people detained at the Symonston Detention Centre since its opening.

*1229 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – How many students with disabilities who received support in 2003, have had their support following implementation of the SCAN tool:

- (1) reduced for the coming year;
- (2) cut entirely for the coming year.

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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)*.
