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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 80

Tuesday, 25 November 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Chief Minister)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth)*.
- 2 ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Chief Minister)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth)*.
- 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASKFORCE FINAL REPORT – STRATEGIES FOR ACTION – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate *(from 28 August 2003 – Ms Dundas)* on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 4 A.C.T. BILL OF RIGHTS – CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – TOWARDS AN A.C.T. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT – REPORT AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate *(from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak)* on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the papers.

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

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 - continued

- *5 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 6 CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*Mr Pratt*).
- 7 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*).
- 8 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 9 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.

- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 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.

- 23 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.
- 24 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.
- 25 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*).
- 26 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.
- 27 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.
- 28 HUMAN RIGHTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *29 PARENTAGE BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *30 SEXUALITY DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *31 REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *32 BUILDING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- *33 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS (LICENSING) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- *34 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).

- *35 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- *36 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*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 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*).
- 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 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).*
- 17 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).*

- 18 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*).
- 19 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*).

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 SENTENCING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 2 April 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 16 GAMING MACHINE (POLITICAL DONATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 7 May 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 17 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 18 June 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
- 18 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 19 FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMBULANCE AUTHORITIES BILL 2003: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
- 20 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
- 21 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (PRINCIPLES) GUIDELINE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 August 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 22 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 23 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.
- 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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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: Presentation of report on the Long Service Leave (Private Sector) Bill 2003 pursuant to order of the Assembly of 7 May 2003, as amended 23 September 2003.
- 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.

Last sitting day of 2003

- 15 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.

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.

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, 1022, 1034, 1042, 1053, 1054, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062,
1063, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074,
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1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097,
1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108,
1109, 1110, 1111

25 November 2003

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 18 December 2003)

*1064 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – Can the Minister provide details of:

- (1) the pact signed in August by New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory to end bidding wars for big events (*Business Review Weekly*, October 30, p 42);
- (2) the agreement signed in August by New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory to stop bidding wars for businesses (*Business Review Weekly*, October 30, p 30).

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 19 December 2003)

*1084 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Civic Youth Centre:

- (1) In light of the redevelopment of the Griffin Centre and the temporary relocation of the Civic Skate Park, are there any plans to redevelop or refurbish the Civic Youth Centre;
- (2) If so, when is this scheduled to occur and what is the estimated budget;
- (3) If not, why not.

New questions

(30 days expires 25 December 2003)

*1112 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to international marketing:

- (1) On how many occasions has the Government attended or sent representatives on overseas trips to promote Canberra internationally;
- (2) Regarding these trips:
 - (a) when did they take place;
 - (b) to where and for what purpose;
 - (c) who attended;
 - (d) what was the cost;
 - (e) what are the agreements that have been reached since to benefit Canberra;

(f) what work is ongoing in international marketing to promote Canberra overseas.

(3) What has the Government done since coming to office to expand on the partnerships that were already being formed by the former Government in Africa.

*1113 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to adoptions in the ACT:

(1) How many adoptions were processed in the ACT in:

- (a) 2000-2001;
- (b) 2001-2002;
- (c) 2002-2003;
- (d) to date in 2003-04 (if any);

(2) Have any same sex couples contacted the government interested in adopting children, if so, how many and when;

(3) On average how long does it take to process an adoption in the ACT.

*1114 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to botox clinics and further to your reply to Question on notice No 954:

(1) How many Canberra patients access botox treatment for health reasons, like muscle disorders;

(2) How many people, on average per year, were accessing botox treatment for health reasons when the Botox Clinic was in operation at the Canberra Hospital;

(3) In a question time brief created on 30 July 2001 which stated 'At the present time, the scope and need for Botox Services across the ACT is unquantified. Further attempts will be undertaken to assess the scope and need to provide this service, requiring combined community and planned service for Cerebral Palsy across the ACT.' Have these further attempts been undertaken to assess the scope and need to provide botox services in the ACT, if so, what were the results, if not why not.

*1115 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to page 16 of the 2002-03 Health Annual Report which notes the following raw inpatient separations at Canberra and Calvary Public Hospitals. What are the figures for the hospitals for these years stated as cost weighted separations (using National Public Hospital Weights version 5):

Inpatient Separations	2001-2002	2002-2003	Percentage Growth
The Canberra Hospital	48 673	49 683	2.6%
Calvary Public Hospital	13 008	13 412	3%.

*1116 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to subjects and students in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector:

- (1) Please provide a current list of VET subjects offered, showing breakdown by institution, in the ACT;
- (2) Please provide the numbers of students enrolled in each course for 2002 and 2003 and retention rates for each course offered;
- (3) Further to (1), where applicable, please indicate any changes proposed for courses offered for 2004.

*1117 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to advertising in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector:

- (1) Please detail the current strategy for advertising VET options to the Canberra community (including TAFE and colleges) in the ACT;
- (2) Please detail the current strategy for advertising apprenticeships, including school based traineeships and apprenticeships.

*1118 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to developments in the disability services sector following the Gallop Report:

- (1) Please provide details of which recommendations have been adopted by the Government, to date, as a result of the Gallop Report;
- (2) Please provide details of progress (and outcomes, where applicable) of:
 - (a) those recommendations (further to (1)) that have been implemented;
 - (b) those recommendations that have not yet been implemented, indicating, where applicable, the reason(s) for non-implementation to date, and the current timetable for future implementation.

*1119 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Training and Adult Education (TAE) in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector:

- (1) Please provide details as to how the \$500,000 funding given to TAE has been used to date. Please indicate what, of remaining funds, expenditure is proposed, and when;
- (2) Please give details of the mechanism used by the Government to currently obtain industry advice to assist in the development of VET in the ACT;
- (3) What mechanisms for feedback are in place to ensure that the training given via the training packages is meeting the current needs of business and industry in the ACT.

*1120 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment - In relation to Paterson's Curse:

- (1) How many horses have died this year as a result of poisoning from Paterson's Curse;
- (2) Where were these horses agisted when the symptoms of poisoning from Paterson's Curse became evident;
- (3) What is the estimated value of the horses which have died.

*1121 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to weed control:

- (1) How many hectares of the ACT outside the urban areas are under Government management;
- (2) How many hectares of these were burnt out in the January fires;
- (3) Which of these areas have been inspected by government or independent agronomists to advise on weed control action;
- (4) When was this undertaken;
- (5) What were the estimated costs for weed control and what was the basis of these costs;
- (6) In how many of these areas has the recommended weed control program been followed;
- (7) Specifically, since the fires, how many hectares outside the current urban area of Canberra have been treated or sprayed for:

- (a) Paterson's curse;
 - (b) St John's wort;
 - (c) other weeds;
- (8) When did this occur;
- (9) How much money has been spent on weed control in:
- (a) 1999-00;
 - (b) 2000-01;
 - (c) 2001-02;
 - (d) 2002-03;
 - (e) so far in 2003-04.

*1122 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to an article appearing in *The Canberra Times* on 20 November 2003, page 4 titled *Musician wins rent rebate appeal in AAT* and the comment that ‘after 12 months as a rebate recipient, a self-employed person’s income can be deemed to be that of a person in receipt of award wages. This is to ensure that taxpayers do not have to subsidise bad business people or those who keep incomes artificially low’:

- (1) What are the guidelines for this assessment;
- (2) Is a person who simply wants to ‘do their own thing’ entitled to rental rebate and if so, why;
- (3) Is a person who deliberately keeps their income low entitled to rental rebate and if so, why.

*1123 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to a Letter-to-the-Editor appearing in *The Canberra Times*, 20 November 2003 titled *Power Puzzle* and the claims that ACTEW concessions to pensioners have been reduced:

- (1) Have ACTEW pensioner rebates fallen over the last 18 months to 2 years, and if so, why;
- (2) Have ACTEW pensioner rebates been adjusted to reflect increases in the CPI over the last 2 years, and if so, what are those adjustments. If not, why not;
- (3) Have the ACTEW rebates for pensioners decreased from approximately
 - (a) 26% for August 2002 accounts, (b) 7.9% for May 2003 accounts and (c) 0% for November 2003 accounts. If so, why.
- (4) If the answer to (3) above is negative, then what are the actual percentage amounts for ACTEW rebates for pensioners at the dates listed at (a), (b) and (c) above;

- (5) Have Veteran Gold Cardholders been affected also and if so, how and why.

*1124 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Regarding the construction of Woden – Dickson on-road cycle lanes:

- (1) What was the total cost for construction of Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the project;
- (2) What is the total expenditure to date on the final two stages of the project.

*1125 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance premiums for motor vehicles:

- (1) What is the current cost to vehicle owners of the CTP motor vehicle insurance premium in the ACT;
- (2) Is this cost the same for all vehicles regardless of class or type;
- (3) If not, what are the premiums for each class or type of vehicle;
- (4) Are CTP premiums in the ACT different to those in NSW, and if so, how and why.

*1126 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to graffiti in the 2002 calendar year and the 2003 calendar year to date:

- (1) How many graffiti offences were reported to police;
- (2) Were all reports investigated;
- (3) In how many cases were individuals (a) identified (b) questioned and (c) charged;
- (4) How many of these individuals were successfully prosecuted;
- (5) What were the penalties imposed in each of these successful prosecutions;
- (6) What was the cost to the taxpayer of the graffiti cleanup in 2002 and 2003 to date.

*1127 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the provision of an employee assistance program by Davidson Trahaire Corpsych to staff of the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) Is this arrangement to provide free counselling services extended to all executive staff of the Legislative Assembly, or are there exceptions;
- (2) What is the cost to the ACT Government for the provision of this service;
- (3) Why was this service introduced to executive staff of the Legislative Assembly.

*1128 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Speaker – In relation to the provision of an employee assistance program by Davidson Trahaire Corpsych to staff of the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) Is this arrangement to provide free counselling services extended to all non-executive staff of the Legislative Assembly, or are there exceptions;
- (2) What is the cost to the ACT Government for the provision of this service;
- (3) Why was this service introduced to non-executive staff of the Legislative Assembly.

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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).*
