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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 74

Tuesday, 21 October 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Order of the Day

- 1 PRIVILEGES – SELECT COMMITTEE: Presentation of report pursuant to order of the Assembly of 26 June 2003, as amended 20 August 2003.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2):
(Treasurer): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 21 August 2003 – Mr Smyth).
- 2 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 26 June 2003 – Mr Stefaniak).*
- 3 EVIDENCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth).*

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

- 4 VICTIMS OF CRIME (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *5 WORKERS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 6 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.

- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – SIXTH SIX MONTHLY REPORT – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 22 PUBLIC HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2003-2008 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 23 COMMONWEALTH-STATE-TERRITORY DISABILITY AGREEMENT 2002-2007 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 24 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 25 ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 26 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.
- 27 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 28 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.
- 29 CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*Mr Pratt*).
- *30 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).

Notices

- 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*).
- 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 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*).
- 2 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).*

3 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).*

4 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).*

- 5 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*).
- 6 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*).
- 7 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*).
- 8 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*).
- 9 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*).

- 10 MR STEFANIAK: To move – That the Assembly calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements and contributions made by the Cannons, Capitals and Brumbies by means of honour plaques laid on London Circuit similar to the honour plaque already laid to commemorate the contribution made by the Canberra Raiders. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 11 MRS BURKE: To move – That this Assembly calls upon the government to establish suitable community support mechanisms for illicit drug dependent parents to assist them in moving away from a drug dependent lifestyle to ensure the well being and safety of their children. (*Notice given 4 March 2003*).
- 12 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*).
- 13 MS DUNDAS: To move – That this Assembly calls on the Government to empower the Gaming and Racing Commission to reduce the current number of gaming machines in the ACT to 3000, in line with the national per capita average, during the financial year 2003-2004. (*Notice given 11 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 MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly:

- (1) supports the role of the Senate as an essential check on the power and the Executive of the Federal Government and as a mechanism for ensuring responsible and accountable government;
- (2) rejects the proposal of the Prime Minister to change the constitution so as to enable a joint session of both Houses of the Federal Parliament without first requiring a double dissolution election;
- (3) calls on the Chief Minister to write to the Prime Minister expressing grave concern about the proposal and calling on him to withdraw his proposal; and
- (4) affirms the role of proportional representation as an electoral system which, through awarding representatives in proportion to shares of votes, ensures a democratic legislature. *(Notice given 24 June 2003).*

18 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).*

19 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*).
- 20 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 SMOKING (PROHIBITION IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES) BILL 2003: *(Mrs Cross)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Corbell)*.
 - 19 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Smyth)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 20 BAIL (SERIOUS OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 21 FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMBULANCE AUTHORITIES BILL 2003: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
 - 22 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
 - 23 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (PRINCIPLES) GUIDELINE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 August 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
 - 24 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 25 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Cornwell)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
 - 26 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.
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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notices

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*).

2† MRS DUNNE: To move – That Disallowable Instrument DI2003-254, Land (Planning and Environment) Determination of Matters to be taken into Consideration – Grant of a Further Rural Lease – 2003, be disallowed. (*Notice given 23 September 2003*).

† 4 sitting days for resolution

3† MS TUCKER: To move – That this Assembly amend Disallowable Instrument DI2003-153, made under the *Housing Assistance Act 1987* by:

- (1) subclauses 6 (3)(a), (b) and (c) be omitted;
- (2) delete subclause 6(5) and replace it with:

‘The Commissioner must structure the loan agreement as far as possible so that the sum of the rental bond loan repayments plus the Applicant’s rental payments under the residential tenancy agreement does not exceed 40% of the household income’;

- (3) delete Clause 6(1)a and replace with:

‘at least one of the applicants is resident, employed in, studying or proposes to be studying in the ACT, or has family connections in the ACT, and he or she satisfies eligibility requirements specified in clauses 5(3)(c), 5(3)(d), 5(6) and 5(7) of the Public Rental Housing Assistance Program, and the gross household income is not within the top quintile of household income in the ACT’;

- (4) Clause 8(2) be amended: after the word ‘within’, delete ‘7’ and substitute ‘28’;
- (5) Clause 12(2) be amended: after the word ‘within’, delete ‘7’ and substitute ‘28’;
- (6) Clause 13(1) be amended: after the word ‘within’, delete ‘7’ and substitute ‘28’;
- (7) Clause 7(5) be amended: delete the words after ‘each’, and substitute ‘the applicants may enter into a loan agreement either as joint borrowers or as applicants in common’;
- (8) Clause (9) be amended: after the word ‘apply’, delete ‘as’, and substitute the words ‘either as in-common or’. (*Notice given 23 September 2003*).

† 4 sitting days for resolution

Orders of the day - continued

- 2 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.
- 3 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.

- 4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 5 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.
- 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: 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.

- 12 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.
- *13 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.
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23 October 2003

- 14 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE: Presentation of report on proposed four year terms for members elected to the Legislative Assembly pursuant to order of the Assembly of 28 August 2003.

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.
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Referred to Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure on 7 May 2003

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'.

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*).

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*.

Redirected and answered questions

The following questions asked by the Members indicated have been redirected to the Ministers indicated and answers have been received:

- 947 Minister for Health (*Mrs Dunne*).
986 Chief Minister (*Mr Pratt*).

Unanswered questions

21 October 2003

(Redirected questions - 30 days expires 23 October 2003)

- *929 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to lights in the large parking area behind the Civic Swimming Pool complex and directly opposite the National Convention Centre along Constitution Avenue (Section 6 Block 62):

- (1) Why were all of the lights that overhang the entire car park turned on in the middle of the day on Wednesday 3 September 2003;

- (2) For how long were these lights on during daylight hours;
- (3) Has this occurred in this parking area previously;
- (4) What is the cost per hour for having these lights on during daylight hours;
- (5) How many lights in total are there within this parking area.

*932 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Environment - In relation to the article in the *Community Update* Issue No 31, Thursday 18 September 2003 entitled "Reducing the ACT's bushfire risk":

- (1) Please confirm the extent of clear felling in the buffer zone areas in the suburbs listed in paragraph two of the article;
- (2) Please confirm plantations by name, including Oakey Hill, that adjoin private property boundaries presenting a particular threat including Blue Gums;
- (3) Please also advise by plantation the estimated number of trees to be removed and the scheduled dates at which these will be removed;
- (4) Please advise how many of "some trees also need to be removed outside the area to reduce fire risk" in each of the plantations;
- (5) Please confirm how many "new trees will be planted to reflect original open woodland" in each plantation and how long will they take to:
 - (a) grow to maturity;
 - (b) be of benefit to the community;
 - (c) act as noise buffer zones;
 - (d) provide social ambience;
 - (e) attract fauna;
 - (f) prevent erosion; and
 - (g) act as wind breaks.
- (6) Please confirm when the new trees in each plantation or each area will be planted;
- (7) How widely disseminated is the *Community Update* and would it cover all 20 areas listed in the article at paragraph two and have residents of these 20 areas been advised of this logging;

- (8) Please advise why, in a media statement issued by Environment ACT on 16 September 2003 entitled “Fuel Reduction Strategies Necessary to Protect Life and Property”, Mr John Nicholson is stated as having endorsed the work being undertaken by the ACT in clearing these areas, yet it had been confirmed by an officer from Environment ACT on 18 September that the report by Mr Nicholson is not yet finished, and that Dr Maxine Cooper has not yet sighted the final report.

(Redirected question - 30 days expires 24 October 2003)

*959 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to ambulance diversions from Canberra Hospitals:

- (1) How many times, per month, has it been necessary to divert ambulances from (a) the Calvary Hospital and (b) the Canberra Hospital between November 2001 and August 2003;
- (2) For each occasion in (a) and (b) above:
 - (a) what length of time was each diversion;
 - (b) where were ambulances diverted to on each occasion;
 - (c) what was the cause of each diversion.

(Redirected question - 30 days expires 25 October 2003)

*989 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to paid announcements and paid advertisements in the local electronic and print media regarding the bushfire recovery process and other matters pertaining to the 18 January 2003 Bushfires:

- (1) How much has the Government spent on such advertisements as of 30 September 2003;
- (2) Please detail exactly how much has been spent with each particular news agency in relation to the above (ie radio stations, The Chronicle, The Canberra Times, television).

23 September 2003

(30 days expires 23 October 2003)

917 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to Microsoft products over the financial year 2002-03:

- (1) How much did ACT Government departments spend on Microsoft licence fees;

- (2) How much did School Education, within the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, spend on Microsoft licence fees;
- (3) How much did Territory-owned corporations spend on Microsoft licence fees;
- (4) What percentage of total software spending by Territory entities was spent buying software developed or modified in the ACT;
- (5) How much did Territory entities spend on IT support relating to use of Microsoft products.

921 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the release of the exposure draft of the proposed Charities Bill 2003 by the Federal Government:

- (1) Has the ACT Government undertaken an analysis of this proposed Bill in the context of any possible impact on public hospitals and similar organisations operating in the ACT;
- (2) In particular, is the ACT Government aware of any potentially adverse impact of the provisions in this proposed Bill on employee benefits;
- (3) If an analysis of this exposure draft has been made, what has been the outcome;
- (4) If an analysis of the implications of the exposure draft has not been undertaken, why not.

922 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to child abuse and neglect:

- (1) How many reports of abuse and neglect were reported in the following years (a) 2002-03, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2000-01;
- (2) For (a), (b) and (c) above:
 - (a) How many of these reports were for physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect;
 - (b) How many of these reports were investigated;
 - (c) How many of these reports have resulted in prosecution or in consideration of prosecution for child abuse;
 - (d) How many children have been removed from the care of the alleged abuser as a result of abuse or neglect;

(e) What percentage of reports of abuse and neglect came from:

- (i) doctors;
- (ii) nurses;
- (iii) other health professionals;
- (vi) teachers;
- (v) other education workers;
- (vi) childcare workers;
- (vii) social and community workers;
- (viii) police;
- (ix) relatives; and
- (x) other members of the community.

923 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to traffic control systems:

- (1) What contingency plans do you have in place for when traffic lights don't work because of a power shortage as happened in Belconnen on the morning of 2 September;
- (2) How often, if ever, is this plan tested;
- (3) How long did it take to activate this plan on the morning of 2 September in Belconnen;
- (4) How long did it take to clear up traffic in Belconnen after the incident on 2 September;
- (5) On average, how many incidents are there of traffic lights 'going out' due to power shortages, per year.

926 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Concerning recent media reports of wrecks of motor vehicles in ACT front yards and upon nature strips:

- (1) Who is responsible for such vehicles upon nature strips and under what circumstances can they be removed without owner's permission;
- (2) What control does the government have to require owners of such vehicles – or other debris – to remove them from front yards.

928 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to two storey buildings:

- (1) Why was planning permission given for two storey buildings at the following sites when adjacent houses in the street are single storey residences:

- (a) Block 27 Section 11 (56 Banks Street) Yarralumla;
- (b) Block 7 Section 64 (65 Miller Street) O'Connor;
- (c) Block 3 Section 30 (23 Ridley Street) Turner;
- (d) Block 7 Section 29 (29 Froggat Street) Turner.

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931 Minister for Environment

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935 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police response times:

- (1) What was the average police response time to calls to the emergency ‘000’ number in:
- (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;
 - (e) 2003 (to date);
- (2) What was the average police response time to calls to the ‘131 444’ (previously ‘11 444’) number in:
- (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;
 - (e) 2003 (to date);
- (3) Is there a priority list of offences for police responses;
- (4) If so, which offences are on the list;
- (5) If not, how do the police determine which calls require a more urgent response than others.

936 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to recent reports:

- (1) How many reports have been prepared by the Emergency Services Bureau and the Department of Justice and Community Safety over the past three months;
- (2) If any reports have been prepared:
- (a) who were the authors of these reports;
 - (b) how much did each of them cost in consultancy fees, design and printing;

- (c) where are they available;
- (d) have any of the reports been implemented.

937 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to recent reports:

- (1) How many reports have been prepared by ACT Workcover over the past three months;
- (2) If any reports have been prepared:
 - (a) who were the authors of these reports;
 - (b) how much did each of them cost in consultancy fees, design and printing;
 - (c) where are they available;
 - (d) have any of the reports been implemented.

939 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the childcare industry:

- (1) How many ‘centre based’ childcare centres are currently registered in the ACT as:
 - (a) private/independent;
 - (b) government/community;
- (2) What proportion of child care places in centre based childcare centres are provided by:
 - (a) private/independent;
 - (b) government/private;
- (3) What checks and balances are in place to ensure that OH&S issues are being adhered to by the various centres within the child care industry;
- (4) What checks and balances are in place to ensure that award wages, including penalty rates (as a minimum), are being paid to childcare professionals within the sector;
- (5) What is the government doing to address the large turnover of staff within the sector;
- (6) Does the government conduct audits of all registered childcare centres in the ACT and if so, how frequently, and if not, why not.

940 MRS BURKE: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to grandparents raising grandchildren:

- (1) How many custodial grandparents are there currently registered in the ACT;
- (2) Further to (1), please provide figures showing the number of registered custodial grandparents for each year since 1998;
- (3) What services and support mechanisms are available to such people;
- (4) What services and support mechanisms are available to the grandchildren;
- (5) What reports, if any, have been produced in the last two years for the ACT Government concerning this subject matter;
- (6) Can the Minister please make copies of all such reports available.

941 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to security for Government accommodation where aged persons are living:

- (1) Please provide a list of all ACT Housing properties currently designated as older persons complexes;
- (2) In all ACT Housing properties currently tenanted by aged persons are all properties adequately secured, including door and window locks;
- (3) If not, at which locations is this unsatisfactory and why. Please specify the problem(s);
- (4) What is being done to rectify such problem(s);
- (5) Do these dwellings meet relevant minimum safety and security standards;
- (6) How many aged persons have taken advantage of the \$100.00 voucher attached to a free safety and security review, as advertised in the September 2003 edition of the *Community Partners in Housing* newsletter.

942 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police activities at Fraser Court, Kingston and other public housing locations:

- (1) How many people have been apprehended by the Police in the last six months at Fraser Court;
- (2) Further to answer to (1), please provide a breakdown distinguishing between those people apprehended being current Fraser Court residents (then) and other persons (non Fraser Court residents);

- (3) What are the typical age groups of offenders;
- (4) What were the reasons for these apprehensions;
- (5) What, if any, sentences were handed down to these people, and how were all other matters, not before the courts, otherwise disposed of;
- (6) How many Police are currently engaged in 'on the beat activities' around Canberra;
- (7) In relation to multi-government agencies' activities, please specify all agencies involved in such activities and the number of personnel typically involved in any "raid" of a public housing complex;

943 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT):

- (1) What office space, if any, is currently being made available to the Chief Executive Officer / Director at the various CIT campuses and at what cost;
- (2) How much did these spaces cost to be refurbished for this purpose;
- (3) How often are these offices utilised;
- (4) What alterations have been completed to classrooms at all campuses and at what cost;
- (5) Can the Minister give details of costs associated with installation of electricity saving devices in all campuses;
- (6) How long will it take to repay the installation costs;
- (7) How effective have the installation of 'yellow buttons' (for the assistance of the visually impaired) been in stairwells;
- (8) What mechanisms are in place to ensure effective and regular communication with supporters such as employers;
- (9) How does CIT measure the effectiveness of its training programmes against industry expectations and needs;
- (10) What information, if any, can the Minister provide to refute the claim by business and industry feedback reports that some CIT Assessments do not meet approved work place practices and standards;
- (11) What mechanisms are in place to foster and encourage improved relationships between the University sector and the TAFE sector.

944 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the building of dual occupancies and further to your reply to Question on notice No 829:

- (1) Why are the figures supplied in answer to Question on notice No 829 for dual occupancies built in 2000-01 and 2001-02 different from the figures supplied to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment earlier this year and published at Appendix 1 of Report No 15.

945 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the failed auction for Harrison 1 Estate:

- (1) What representations, apart from my own, have been made to the Minister, the Gungahlin Development Authority or the Land Development Agency in relation to the return of \$1 million paid as part deposit for the land;
- (2) What progress has been made in resolving the dispute;
- (3) Has the government considered seeking damages from the highest bidder for the failure of the first auction of Harrison 1 Estate;
- (4) Will the Minister publicly release the legal advice given to the Gungahlin Development Authority after the dishonouring of the deposit cheque which formed the basis of their continuing to deal with the highest bidder.

946 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to transfer of land in accordance with section 180 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*:

- (1) For the years 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 how many times did the Minister give his consent under section 180 of the Act to approve the sale of land;
- (2) In each case what was the original sale price and at what price did the Minister give approval for the sale.

949 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to ACTION bus services:

- (1) On weekdays, what proportion of passenger trips taken by public transport are taken between:
 - (a) 7.30 am and 9.30 am;
 - (b) 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
 - (c) all other times;

- (2) On weekends, what proportion of passenger trips taken by public transport are taken between (a), (b) and (c) above.

952 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Belconnen Remand Centre:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what percentage of remandees held over the last 12 months at the Belconnen Remand Centre were drug dependent;
- (2) How much was spend on drug rehabilitation projects within the Remand Centre over the last two years. What were the projects and how much did each drug rehabilitation project cost.

24 September 2003

(30 days expires 24 October 2003)

953 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to your reply to Question on notice No 854:

- (1) Are the figures provided in your reply to (3) an average for the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03. If so, as asked in the original question, can you now provide the figures for each year;
- (2) Is the ACT losing out in terms of cross border payments from NSW if the estimated cost of services to patients outside the ACT in 2001-02 was \$60 million but only \$40.615 million was returned to the Territory from NSW;
- (3) Why are only provisional payments made until reconciliation against actual activity for cross border residents, what data is looked at in reconciling 'actual activity' and how does this differ from the data you use to arise at the figure of \$60 million for patients who live outside the ACT.

954 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to botox:

- (1) Are there currently any facilities (a) in the ACT public health system and (b) in Canberra generally, that patients with a muscle disorder can access for botox injections;
- (2) If so for (a) and or (b) where are those clinics/centres, if not, why not;
- (3) Do some patients have to travel interstate for such injections;

- (4) Is there a rebate scheme or assistance scheme provided by our health system that pays for interstate travel for those in the public system who need to utilise botox clinics for health reasons, if so, how can that system be utilised, if not, why not;
- (5) Is the Government considering establishing a botox clinic in Canberra that can be access by public health patients who need it for health reasons, ie for muscle disorders, if not, why not.

957 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Sharps Hotline:

- (1) On average, how many calls does the Sharps Hotline receive on a monthly basis;
- (2) What are the majority of calls in relation to;
- (3) On average, how many sharps disposal containers are distributed per month;
- (4) On average, how many sharps disposal containers are returned to drop off points per month;
- (5) If there is a discrepancy in the figures between (3) and (4) are there any concerns that sharps disposal containers are ending up in general rubbish;
- (6) How many needle stick injuries were officially recorded in (a) 2000-01 (b) 2001-02 (c) 2002-03 and (d) to date in 2003-04.

958 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to the Health Promotion Unit:

- (1) What campaigns has the health promotion unit developed and implemented this calendar year and how much did each of those campaigns cost;
- (2) What campaigns are planned for the remainder of the calendar year;
- (3) How broadly does the health promotion unit advertise its campaigns;
- (4) How much funding did the health promotion unit receive in (a) 2002-03 and (b) 2003-04;
- (5) How many staff are employed in the health promotion unit and at what levels are they paid.

- 963 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to recent reports:
- (1) How many reports have been prepared by ACT Policing over the past three months;
 - (2) If any reports have been prepared:
 - (a) who were the authors of these reports;
 - (b) how much did each of them cost in consultancy fees, design and printing;
 - (c) where are they available;
 - (d) have any of the reports been implemented.
- 965 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to student numbers and further to your reply to Question on notice No 470:
- (1) Have any of the figures changed in the response to Question on notice No 470 regarding the number of (a) government students and (b) non-government students enrolled in Canberra schools;
 - (2) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of the number of students at each and every government and non-government school in Canberra in primary schools, high schools and colleges;
 - (3) How many (a) male and (b) female teachers are currently working in government schools (broken down into individual schools);
 - (4) How many (a) male and (b) female teachers are currently working in non-government schools (broken down into individual schools);
 - (5) How many IT specialists are employed in (a) government schools and (b) non-government schools (broken down into individual schools);
 - (6) How many bursars are employed in (a) government schools and (b) non-government schools (broken down into individual schools).
- 966 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school exercise programs:
- (1) What is the average time that each student from Years 3 to 10 spends doing physical exercise per week;
 - (2) What is the average time that each student from Kindergarten to Year 2 spends doing physical exercise per week;
 - (3) How is this physical exercise implemented and monitored by schools;

- (4) Has the 'Review of Services to School and Junior Sport' been implemented;
- (5) If so, how much has been implemented;
- (6) If not, why not.

967 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to number of students in classrooms:

- (1) What is the average number of students per teacher from Kindergarten to Year 12 in ACT schools in:
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;
 - (e) 2003 (to date);
- (2) In (1) above, how do these figures compare to the average number of students per teacher from Kindergarten to Year 12 in NSW schools in:
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;
 - (e) 2003 (to date);
- (3) What is the national average number of students per teacher from Kindergarten to Year 12 in:
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;
 - (e) 2003 (to date).

969 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the Childcare Industry and further to your reply to answer to Question on notice No 899:

- (1) What are the two recommendations that have been implemented at no cost;
- (2) What are the recommendations that preliminary work has commenced on;
- (3) What are the eight recommendations that can be implemented at the local level;

- (4) What negotiations are underway with the Commonwealth, training institutions and child care industry to progress the 14 main recommendations that can be implemented by those groups working together;
- (5) What is the Government doing to progress as far as it possibly can the 12 main recommendations that cannot be implemented at the local government level;
- (6) When will the Government finalise its response to the report and consultation process.

MRS BURKE: To ask the following Ministers:

970 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services

In relation to the portfolio/s under your control:

- (1) How many reports have been prepared by the responsible Department since 1 January 2002;
- (2) Please supply a list detailing the name, author, and date of publication of each report;
- (3) Further to (2), in relation to each report, if applicable, who commissioned such report, when was such report commissioned;
- (4) What was the cost of each report, including consultancy fees, design, printing, and distribution (as applicable);
- (5) Where may a copy of each report be made available;
- (6) In relation to each report, has any report or aspect thereof been implemented; if not, why not; if so, how and when.

25 September 2003

(30 days expires 25 October 2003)

974 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to crime prevention in schools:

- (1) What programs are offered to schools through ACT Policing's Crime Prevention Team;
- (2) How often does the Crime Prevention Team meet with the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services to coordinate and plan these programs;

- (3) Has any formal agreement been made between ACT Policing and the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services on the way police deal with incidents arising in a school environment;
- (4) If so, are you in a position to release the details of that agreement;
- (5) If not, why not.

975 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police numbers in the ACT:

- (1) In the 2001 election promises of the Labor Party, the Justice and Community Safety policy stated ‘Labor will implement a program to restore the number of police officers available to at least the national average.’ Has a program been developed to achieve this;
- (2) If so, what are the details of the program;
- (3) If not, why not;
- (4) What has been the national average of police officers in 2001, 2002 and 2003 (to date);
- (5) What has been the number of police officers in the ACT in 2001, 2002 and 2003 (to date);
- (6) How many police officers have been employed under the Labor Government since 2001;
- (7) How much money has been spent on employing police officers under the Labor Government since 2001.

976 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police visits to schools:

- (1) In 2001, 2002 and 2003 how many incidents were reported to the police in ACT schools that were attended by police officers;
- (2) In 2001, 2002 and 2003 how many incidents were reported to the police in ACT schools that were not attended by police officers;
- (3) In 2001, 2002 and 2003 how many ACT schools did police officers visit as part of any crime prevention initiatives and how many times were these schools visited;

- (4) In 2001, 2002 and 2003 where police were called to incidents reported in schools involving violence or vandalism, how many charges were laid and what percentage of the reported incidents resulted in the laying of charges;
- (5) Of the incidents of violence in schools reported to the police, what percentage involved violence by students or outsiders towards teachers.

977 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police capability:

- (1) How many police, by rank, are currently on medical restrictions but continue to work;
- (2) Of those police on medical restrictions and who are continuing to work, what are their actual organisational positions within ACT Policing;
- (3) What percentage of patrol police positions are non-active because the police in those positions have been transferred to non-patrol/desk duties due to medical restrictions;
- (4) What steps have been taken to ensure that patrol positions vacated for 14 days or longer due to illness are being filled at the earliest opportunity.

978 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to ACT police deployed to the Solomon Islands:

- (1) What level of manpower is the ACT AFP down following the deployment of 42 ACT Policing members to the Solomon Islands;
- (2) Has the deployment of these officers had any extra impact on the ACT police force in terms of workload. If not, how has ACT Policing managed to cover the absence and workload of 42 officers;
- (3) I have received reports that beat police north and south side have not been able to spend the amount of time they should be dedicating to the beat due to reduced capacity relating to the deployment of officers to the Solomon Islands. Is this correct, if not, why would some officers be concerned that they are not meeting, by half, their dedicated time on the beat.

979 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to provisional and learner drivers:

- (1) How many (a) provisional and (b) learner drivers were caught with blood alcohol levels above the limit of 0.02 during (i) 2002-03 and (ii) 2001-02;

- (2) In (a) and (b) above how many have lost their licenses as a result of having blood alcohol levels above the limit during 2002-03;
- (3) What other penalties were enforced in (a) and (b) above as a result of breaching the conditions of their license by exceeding the permissible blood alcohol limit and how many drivers in each category incurred these penalties;
- (4) How many (a) provisional and (b) learner drivers were caught speeding during (i) 2002-03 and (ii) 2001-02;
- (5) In (a) and (b) above how many lost their licenses as a result of exceeding the speed limit;
- (6) What other penalties were enforced for (a) and (b) above as a result of breaching the speed limit and how many drivers in this category incurred these penalties.

980 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to all ACT teachers:

- (1) How many are currently on stress leave;
- (2) How many claims have there been for stress leave in 2001, 2002 and 2003 (to date);

981 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to the Career Education Support Service:

- (1) Is this service up and running and available to students. If so, how can it be accessed, if not, when will it be ready to be utilised;
- (2) How much of the \$384,000 allocated in the 2003-04 Budget for this service has been expended to date. What is the breakdown of expenditure and what has been delivered for that expenditure.

983 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to the RecLINK program:

- (1) How many young people are currently involved in the RecLINK program;
- (2) How many of the participants are (a) indigenous and (b) from linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- (3) What activities are undertaken as part of this program;

- (4) How long are the youths involved in the program;
- (5) Are youth in this program assessed to discover if RecLINK is having a positive impact on their development. If so, what sort of assessment is undertaken, if not, why not;
- (6) What percentage of youths involved in the program have improved themselves through RecLINK;
- (7) How much of the \$231,000 allocated to this program this financial year has been expended to date, what is the breakdown of expenditure and what has been delivered for that expenditure.

984 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school libraries and the recently released report from the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) titled *'Impact of school libraries on student achievement'* which found that the library is an important but sometimes overlooked part of a school:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of this report;
- (2) Evidence in the ACER research shows:
 - (a) a strong computer network connecting the school library's resources to the classroom laboratories has an impact on student achievement;
 - (b) a print-rich environment leads to more reading and free voluntary reading is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling and grammatical ability and writing style;
 - (c) integrating information literacy into the curriculum can improve students' mastery of both content and information seeking skills;

What programs are currently in place within the school curriculum that encourages use of the school library;

- (3) Is there any scope to increase the use of the library within the school curriculum. If so, will you commit to looking into this matter, if not, why not.

985 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to strengthening statutory response to children and young people at risk of abuse and neglect:

- (1) \$500,000 was allocated in the 2003-04 Budget for the above program, how much of that allocation has been expended to date, what is the breakdown of expenditure and what has been delivered for that expenditure;

- (2) How will this actual program work and how will it physically better protect children and young people at risk of abuse and neglect.

987 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to the collapse of the maintenance hangar at the Canberra Airport:

- (1) Has ACT Workcover completed its investigation into this incident as yet;
- (2) If so, will it publish a report and will this report be tabled in the Assembly. If not when will the report be completed and will a copy be available for interested parties;
- (3) Is Workcover liaising with the project manager, Starch International, about obtaining a copy of the report that it is preparing;
- (4) If so, what has been the outcome of the negotiations. If not, why not.

988 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the June 2003 quarterly report regarding the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory:

- (1) Sixteen matters during the quarter are listed ‘decline to proceed’. Please give details of why each of these sixteen matters did not proceed;
- (2) Further, in relation to the quarterly report regarding the Supreme Court, two matters are listed ‘permanent stay’. Please detail why a ‘permanent stay’ occurred in these particular matters;
- (3) In relation to the matters proceeding to Hearing that were dismissed, please indicate how many of those matters were heard by Judge alone and how many by Jury. In relation to the matters dealt with by a Jury please indicate whether any of those matters were dismissed as a result of the Judge either directing the Jury to dismiss the matter, or the Judge taking the matter away from the Jury;
- (4) Please give details of the offences that resulted in a custodial sentence being imposed and please list the sentence in each matter;
- (5) Please also give details of each matter and the non-custodial penalty imposed in relation to all other matters that were finalized by way of a finding of guilt before the Supreme Court in the quarter;
- (6) Please give details of the matters where home detention was imposed and also details of the sentence handed down in each of those matters.

- 990 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Regarding the suggested incentives that could be offered to developers in the draft Civic West Master Plan as listed in your media release dated 19 September 2003 entitled ‘*Revitalisation incentives possible to redevelop ageing City buildings*’:
- (1) If the once-only waiver of stamp duty for the sale or sublease of residential units individually valued at less than \$350,000 is applied, how will the Government ensure that this waiver will be reflected in the sale price of the unit to the buyer, rather than simply allowing for the developer to make an increased profit from the sale;
 - (2) Similarly, how will the Government ensure that the waiver of development application fees for proposed developments in Civic West are reflected in the sale price of the development once the project is completed, rather than simply allowing for the developer to make an increased profit from the sale.
- 992 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to syringe distribution at Canberra Hospitals:
- (1) How many needles were used at Canberra Hospitals in Canberra in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2002-03;
 - (2) How many of these needles were (a) 1ml, (b) 5ml and (c) other;
 - (3) What was the cost of syringes in the Canberra Hospital system in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2002-03.
- 993 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to syringes:
- (1) Is there any cost associated with a needlestick injury after it is reported, if so, what is that cost;
 - (2) How many needles were handed out by the needle exchange in Canberra in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2002-03;
 - (3) How many of these needles were (a) 1ml, (b) 5ml and (c) other;
 - (4) What was the cost of handing out syringes through the needle exchange in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2002-03;
 - (5) Have retractable needles even been issued as part of the needle exchange program, if so, how many were issued in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02 and (c) 2002-03;
 - (6) What is the average cost of a retractable needle;

- (7) Has the government given consideration to ensuring retractable needles are issued from the needle exchange service, if so, when will you progress a decision in this area, if not, why not;
- (8) Who is contracted to supply the needle exchange service in Canberra;
- (9) What is the cost of (a) a FITPACK of four syringes and (b) a FITPACK of eight syringes;
- (10) What is the average cost annually to the ACT for deposit containers for syringes.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

- 995 Chief Minister
- 996 Attorney-General
- 997 Minister for Environment
- 998 Minister for Community Affairs
- 999 Treasurer
- 1000 Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism
- 1001 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming
- 1002 Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
- 1003 Minister for Urban Services
- 1004 Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 1005 Minister for Arts and Heritage
- 1006 Minister for Health
- 1007 Minister for Planning
- 1008 Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
- 1010 Minister for Industrial Relations

In relation to consultants use in the 2002-03 financial year:

- (1) What was the (a) name of the consultant (b) address of the consultant (c) cost of the consultancy and (d) service provided by the consultants;
- (2) Have any consultants been used to date this financial year, if so, what was the (a) name of the consultant (b) address of the consultant (c) cost of the consultancy and (d) service provided by the consultants;
- (3) Was a report prepared by the consultants in (1) and (2) and, if so, where may copies be obtained.

1015 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to Block H, Unit No 79, Fraser Court, Kingston:

- (1) Please provide a chronology of events concerning the tenancy at these premises, including copies of all relevant correspondences to/from the tenant of such premises, from January 2003 to date;

- (2) When and how did the Minister or the Department first become aware of the situation concerning:
 - (a) the trashed state of this unit;
 - (b) its unlawful use by non-residents;
- (3) Upon first becoming aware of the situation concerning the trashed state of this unit and its unlawful use by non-residents what steps were taken, by whom, to secure the premises and protect the peaceful use and enjoyment of surrounding premises by other residents;
- (4) At all relevant times, what information was supplied by the appointed Housing Manager and any other responsible officer to ACT Housing and/or the Minister's office concerning events at these premises since March 2003 to date;
- (5) Please indicate by date, time, and the nature of the information reported, all incident reports made to either ACT Housing or the Police by either the Housing Manager or contracted security officers concerning these premises since March 2003 to date;
- (6) In relation to each report made, what action, if any, was taken, by whom, in response to each such reporting.

New questions

(30 days expires 20 November 2003)

*1017 MS DUNDAS: To ask the Minister for Health – Could the Minister advise of the number of fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses by suburb and by casual drug type for the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and the year to date 2003.

*1018 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Since the introduction of full retail contestability (FRC) on 1 July 2003:

- (1) Does ActewAGL still have a monopoly upon the ACT electricity market;
- (2) How many other retail electricity suppliers have expressed interest in, and how many have been successful in gaining access to, the ACT retail electricity market;
- (3) What is being done to ensure other retail electricity suppliers gain access to the ACT retail electricity market;
- (4) When is it anticipated there will be a reduction in retail electricity prices for ACT consumers as predicted by FRC's introduction.

*1019 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to a proposed move by the Department of Justice and Community Safety:

- (1) Is it a fact that the Department of Justice and Community Safety proposed to move from GIO House to accommodation in Moore Street;
- (2) Will this move now not take place and have taxpayer funds been wasted as a result;
- (3) If the reply to (2) is affirmative, how much money has been lost and how did the arrangement fail.

*1020 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to the Federation Line, Canberra's Heritage Tourist Tramway:

- (1) Have negotiations commenced to establish this attraction;
- (2) If so, have the costs of the line, estimated at \$15 million for construction, been considered for Government funding;
- (3) If the reply to (2) is affirmative, would the Government consider a loan rather than a grant to the organisation, otherwise what tangible financial return does the ACT community have upon the investment.

*1021 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to capital funding of private projects in the ACT:

- (1) Has the Government given consideration to loans rather than grants;
- (2) If the answer to (1) above is affirmative, how many such projects have been so funded in (a) 2001-02 and (b) 2002-03;
- (3) If the answer to (1) above is negative, why not;
- (4) If the answer to (1) above is negative, how does the ACT obtain a tangible financial return upon its investment.

*1022 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to complaints actioned by ACTPLA:

- (1) How many complaints are received in any one year;
- (2) How many complaints are resolved in any one year;
- (3) How many outstanding/unresolved complaints are more than 20 years old;

- (4) How many outstanding/unresolved complaints are more than 10 years old;
- (5) How many outstanding/unresolved complaints are more than 5 years old;
- (6) What is the average time frame to resolve complaints;
- (7) Does ACTPLA categorise complaints into issues such as dirty blocks, unapproved structures, etc;
- (8) Does the management of PALM have the necessary skills or ability to handle such issues;
- (9) Are all complaints dealt with or are some considered insignificant, and if so are complainants not responded to.

*1023 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Speaker – Since the inception of the Assembly Committee telephone hook-up in September 2002, so that quorums could be formed and discussions take place without all committee members being physically present:

- (1) How often from 28 February 2003 to 21 October 2003 has the telephone hook-up been used and by which Committee(s);
- (2) What has been the cost;
- (3) Who is responsible for payment of this cost.

*1024 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services:

- (1) How many cases of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSP) have been identified in the ACT in (a) 2000 (b) 2001 (c) 2002 and (d) 2003 to date;
- (2) How many children were involved and how many were taken into care in each of the above years;
- (3) What arrangements are in place for natural parents to see such children in care and what is the average duration of a visit and how often on average per week;
- (4) Following revelations in *The Good Weekend* dated 11-12 October 2003 discrediting MSP in several cases overseas, does the Minister intend seeking a review of each of the ACT cases listed at (1) above.

*1025 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*:

- (1) How many penalty notices or fines have been issued for breaches of the above Act under Section 46 (1) ‘the carer of a dog must hygienically dispose of any faeces dropped by the dog in a public place or in a stormwater drain or channel (whether on public or private land)’ in (a) 2000 (b) 2001 (c) 2002 and (d) 2003 to date;
- (2) How many penalty notices or fines have been issued for breaches of the above Act under Section 46 (2) ‘The carer of a dog must not take a dog into a public place or a stormwater drain or channel (whether on public or private land) unless the carer carries equipment suitable for the hygienic disposal of faeces dropped by the dog’ in (a) 2000 (b) 2001 (c) 2002 and (d) 2003 to date;
- (3) How many penalty notices or fines have been issued for breaches under all sections of the above Act in total in (a) 2000 (b) 2001 (c) 2002 and (d) 2003 to date;
- (4) Have any breaches of the above Act resulted in court action or criminal convictions in the years listed above and if so, how many breaches were there and what was their nature;
- (5) Who is authorised in the ACT to issue penalty notices or fines under the Domestic Animals Act;
- (6) How many inspectors are currently engaged to actively enforce the provisions of the Domestic Animals Act in the ACT.

*1026 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Cityscape:

- (1) Have a number of depots closed since January 2003 and if so, where;
- (2) If depots have closed, were jobs lost and if so, how many;
- (3) Has Cityscape’s budget fallen from \$4 million to \$1.5 million in 2003-04 and if so, why;
- (4) Why has Cityscape been downgraded when there is a current need to clean up fire prone areas of the city.

*1027 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General:

- (1) How many appeals have there been from the 1 January 2003 to 1 October 2003 from the ACT Magistrates Court to the ACT Supreme Court appealing against decisions by the Magistrates Court to refuse bail;

- (2) Please indicate how many of the appeals mentioned above to the Supreme Court were successful (ie the defendant was granted bail);
- (3) Is the Attorney-General able to give details of whether the offender was initially refused bail in the Magistrates Court as a result of having charges pending before that Court. If so, please indicate how many of those matters were appealed to the Supreme Court, and how many of those appealed to that Court were successful.

*1028 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to Currong Apartments, Civic:

- (1) What is the current timeframe with respect to the future of Currong Apartments in terms of upgrades, demolition, redevelopment or other, or a combination of these or other options;
- (2) Further to (1), when and how will the residents be notified of such plans;
- (3) Has any correspondence been forwarded recently to current residents at Currong Apartments concerning its future, (if so, please supply a copy of any such correspondence(s));
- (4) Please indicate the current state of occupation at Currong Apartments (please provide a breakdown for each of the blocks in terms of occupied, vacant, and other status (eg presently occupied but to be vacated shortly etc));
- (5) It has been suggested that the three Currong Apartment blocks may be demolished and replaced with structures similar to the Allawah and Bega Court structures. Is there any real likelihood of development along these lines;
- (6) What plans, if any, are in place for temporary relocation of Currong Apartments residents, including a timeframe for such process.

*1029 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to ACT Forest Headquarters:

- (1) Who decided to build the ACT Forests Headquarters in Weston near the Defence College;
- (2) When was it decided to build the ACT Forests Headquarters in Weston near the Defence College;
- (3) What consultation was conducted before this decision was made;
- (4) What planning approvals were necessary before works commenced on the ACT Forests Headquarters;

- (5) When did work commence;
- (6) Why was it decided to build a new ACT Forests Headquarters before it was decided what to do about the ACT Forests business plan;
- (7) When was the Government first approached by the Department of Defence about the suitability of the selected site for the new ACT Forests Headquarters;
- (8) Who decided that ACT Forests Headquarters be moved from the preferred site near the Defence College;
- (9) When was the decision made;
- (10) What will be the cost of the relocation.

*1030 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to water supply:

- (1) How much water is lost in the ACT and Queanbeyan due to reticulation loss (ie the amount of water lost in the pipe system between when it is pumped from the water storage and when it is finally used);
- (2) How does this rate of loss compare to other utilities in Australia and overseas.

*1031 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to unit titling:

- (1) How long did it take to process and approve an application for unit titling as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2001;
 - (b) 30 June 2002;
 - (c) 30 June 2003;
 - (d) 21 October 2003;
- (2) Has there been an increase in the time taken to process applications for unit titling;
- (3) If so, what is the cause of this increase in time;
- (4) If so, what are you going to do to bring down the time taken to process applications for unit titling.

*1032 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to wild dog attacks:

- (1) Have there been recorded increases in wild dog attacks on rural lands in the ACT this year;

- (2) If there has been an increase, what strategies have been put in place to address the problem;
- (3) If there has been an increase, what consultation has been conducted with rural lessees to address the problem.

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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.*

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

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).*

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