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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 77

Tuesday, 18 November 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 and 21 October 2003.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 WORKERS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2):
(Minister for Industrial Relations): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt)*.
- *2 INDEPENDENT COMPETITION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION
AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Treasurer):* Agreement in principle –
Resumption of debate *(from 23 October 2003 – Mr Stefaniak)*.
- 3 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General; presented by
Manager of Government Business):* Agreement in principle – Resumption of
debate *(from 8 May 2003 – Ms Dundas)*.

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

- 4 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt*).
- 5 CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Minister for Industrial Relations*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*Mr Pratt*).
- 6 INQUIRIES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 7 ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Chief Minister*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *8 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*).
- 9 GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2002: (*Minister for Health*): Detail stage – Clause 4 – Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- 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 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.
- 25 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.
- 26 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.
- 27 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.
- 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 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*).
- *30 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.
- *31 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.
- *32 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.

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 MR HARGREAVES: To move – That the Assembly:
 - (1) notes that according to recent research, at least 30% of the Australian workforce will be casual workers by 2010 and given the high numbers and proportion of persons employed full and part-time in the public sector in the ACT, that will mean disproportionately high numbers of persons in the private sector employed as casuals in the ACT;

- (2) expresses concern that a large and increasing proportion and number of the private sector workforce in the ACT may be deprived of not only their basic employment entitlements of award and enterprise minimum remuneration, leave entitlements and superannuation but may also fall on the blindside of statutory protection such as occupational health and safety (particularly in relation to shift work), job training and career development;
 - (3) acknowledges that there may be some benefits of working casual arrangements for some employees; and
 - (4) calls on the ACT Government to investigate options for raising the awareness of award and agreement entitlements for casual workers amongst employers and employees. (*Notice given 21 October 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 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 FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMBULANCE AUTHORITIES BILL 2003: *(Mr Pratt)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Wood)*.
- 21 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: *(Ms Tucker)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves)*.
- 22 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (PRINCIPLES) GUIDELINE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Ms Dundas)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 August 2003 – Mr Quinlan)*.
- 23 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Stefaniak)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 24 CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Mr Cornwell)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope)*.
- 25 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.

- 26 LITTER (LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2003 – Mr Wood*).
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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 - 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.
- 14 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.
- *15† LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT – DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT DI2003-254 – LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) DETERMINATION OF MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION – GRANT OF A FURTHER RURAL LEASE – 2003 – PROPOSED AMENMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2003 – Ms Tucker*) on the amended motion of Mrs Dunne – 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 amended as follows:
 - (1) Schedule 1 Maximum Rural Lease Term Plan be amended: Blocks 181, 1125, 1171, 1187 Weston Creek and Blocks 181, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1495, 1587 and part 179 Belconnen be amended to 99 year leases.
 - (2) Schedule 2, page 1 be amended:

- (a) After the words 'Belconnen – All excluding Blocks 50', add 181, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1495, 1587 and part 179'.
- (b) After the words 'Weston Creek – All', add the words 'excluding Blocks 181, 1125, 1171, 1187'. (*Notice given 23 September 2003; amended 22 October 2003 and 23 October 2003*).

† 1 sitting day for resolution

Last sitting day of 2003

- 16 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

- 17 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 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*).

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

18 November 2003

(*Redirected question – 30 days expires 20 November 2003*)

*1020 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – 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.

(*Redirected question – 30 days expires 21 November 2003*)

*1046 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to 'work and family' policy:

- (1) How many private businesses or organisations in the ACT (that you are aware of) have 'work and family' policies in place;
- (2) How many ACT Government Departments and agencies have 'work and family' policies in place;
- (3) How many 'work and family' policies do each Department and agency have in place;
- (4) The Federal Government recently released figures showing 84% of the Business Council of Australia's companies offer eight or more work and family policies. Is the ACT figure for 'work and family' policies consistent with this figure or otherwise. Please provide details supporting the response given.

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 22 November 2003)

*1056 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to an item in *The Canberra Times* on 17 October 2003 which stated that 'a mass of filthy, highly polluted water surging down an otherwise clean-looking Molonglo River at Coppins Crossing':

- (1) What was the source of this pollution;
- (2) Why did it occur;
- (3) What steps are being taken to prevent a repetition;
- (4) Will prosecutions be launched and if not, why not;
- (5) What is the penalty for such pollution and does the penalty apply to government departments and agencies.

23 September 2003

(30 days expires 23 October 2003)

MR CORNWELL: To ask the following Ministers:

- 931 Minister for Environment
 932 Minister for Environment *(Redirected 21 October 2003)*

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.

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.

25 September 2003

(30 days expires 25 October 2003)

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.

MR SMYTH: To ask the following Ministers:

- 997 Minister for Environment
- 1003 Minister for Urban Services
- 1006 Minister for Health
- 1007 Minister for Planning

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.

21 October 2003

(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.
- 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.

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.

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.

22 October 2003

(30 days expires 21 November 2003)

1034 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to relief teaching staff:

- (1) How many relief teachers registered with the ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services have come from interstate for contracts in the ACT;
- (2) Of these relief teachers, how many have been offered extensions of their contracts;
- (3) Of these relief teachers, how many have accepted extensions of their contracts;
- (4) What is the average contract period for relief teachers registered with the ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services.

1035 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to staff numbers:

- (1) What is the total number of non-teaching staff employed by the ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services;
- (2) How many of the total number of non-teaching staff are permanent;
- (3) How many of the total number of non-teaching staff are on contract;
- (4) How many of the total number of non-teaching staff hold administration positions;
- (5) How many of the total number of non-teaching staff hold policy related positions.

1036 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to Internet usage in schools:

- (1) How many primary schools in the ACT use the Internet in class as a research tool;
- (2) How many high schools in the ACT use the Internet in class as a research tool;
- (3) How many primary schools in the ACT allow students general access to the Internet;
- (4) How many high schools in the ACT allow students general access to the Internet;
- (5) Are there any security measures in place to prevent students from accessing inappropriate material on the Internet;
- (6) If so, what are they and do all schools in the ACT who use the Internet in class as a research tool use these security measures;
- (7) If not, why not.

1037 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to the Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS):

- (1) Why is the ISS not being retained;
- (2) What other subsidy schemes or similar are currently in place for non-Government schools in the ACT;
- (3) Is the ISS going to be replaced.

1038 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to Year 12 trends:

- (1) What are the four key learning areas for Year 12 students in the ACT;
- (2) What percentage of Year 12 students are currently participating in the four key learning areas and has this figure changed over the past five school years. If so, please provide details including the figures;
- (3) Have the four key learning areas changed at any time in the past five school years. If so, please provide details;
- (4) How many Year 12 students are currently undertaking subjects in science;
- (5) What percentage of Year 12 students opted to take vocationally orientated subjects this year rather than traditional key learning areas;
- (6) Has the figure for students undertaking vocationally orientated subjects in Year 12 increased over the last five years. Please provide figures for the following school years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002 and (f) 2003;
- (7) What are the overall participation rates for Year 12 in the ACT for the following school years (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002 and (f) 2003.

1039 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to teacher quality practices:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the work of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) in the United States;
- (2) Is there a similar organisation established in Australia to ensure professional teaching standards across the board, if so, does the ACT participate in any aspect of this board's work. If not, would such a board be a good addition to the education system to ensure teachers are pedagogically competent;
- (3) In the ACT education system how do you currently ensure that teachers are pedagogically competent and does this involve regular checks;
- (4) What else is being done within the ACT education system to recognise teachers who may not be pedagogically competent and help them to improve.

1041 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services
– In relation to the Drug Education Project (DEP):

- (1) Who conducted the evaluation of the critical processes underpinning the DEP for School Communities in the ACT;
- (2) How were the conclusions in the brochure arrived at;
- (3) Were there any goals set that were not achieved, if so, what are they and how will they now be achieved;
- (4) Strategies that worked are listed in the brochure, were there any strategies that did not work, if so, what are they and why did they not work;
- (5) What work is now being undertaken to further drug education in the ACT following the evaluation of the DEP for School Communities in the ACT;
- (6) Have new (a) goals and (b) strategies been set. If so, what are they, if not, why not.

MR PRATT: To ask the following Ministers:

1042 Minister for Police and Emergency Services

1043 Minister for Industrial Relations

In relation to reports of fireworks use:

- (1) How many reports have been received by police and Workcover in relation to the use of fireworks in Canberra this calendar year outside of the allocated days around the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Please provide details of the (a) suburb (b) time and (c) date of the fireworks use that was reported;
- (2) How were each of these reports actioned;
- (3) On how many occasions did police visit the site where the use was reported;
- (4) Where any offenders caught, if so, what penalties were awarded.

MRS BURKE: To ask the following Ministers:

1045 Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism

In relation to 'work and family' policy:

- (1) How many private businesses or organisations in the ACT (that you are aware of) have 'work and family' policies in place;

- (2) How many ACT Government Departments and agencies have 'work and family' policies in place;
- (3) How many 'work and family' policies do each Department and agency have in place;
- (4) The Federal Government recently released figures showing 84% of the Business Council of Australia's companies offer eight or more work and family policies. Is the ACT figure for 'work and family' policies consistent with this figure or otherwise. Please provide details supporting the response given. *(Redirected 18 November 2003)*.

1048 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to Ainslie Village:

- (1) What ACT Government services are currently provided at Ainslie Village;
- (2) Are any additional services planned to be introduced in the near future, and, if so, please specify the nature of such services and the likely timeframe;
- (3) When is the new accommodation at Ainslie Village to be opened;
- (4) Please explain why some workers are apparently being paid while not actively performing any duties;
- (5) Why has the Government chosen to fund, at the same levels, a seven (7) bed unit when a twelve (12) bed unit could be funded.

23 November 2003

(30 days expires 22 November 2003)

1050 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to Canberra's mounted police unit:

- (1) What are the details of the productivity report into the viability of Canberra's mounted police unit;
- (2) Throughout the investigation for this report, were the police officers performing their normal duties within the mounted police unit;
- (3) If not, why not;
- (4) How much funding was allocated to the mounted police unit in the financial years:
 - (a) 2001-2002;

- (b) 2002-2003;
- (c) 2003-2004.

1051 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to home burglaries:

- (1) How many home burglaries have been reported to the police in Canberra in the following periods:
 - (a) July 2002 – September 2002 (inclusive);
 - (b) October 2002 – December 2002 (inclusive);
 - (c) January 2003 – March 2003 (inclusive);
 - (h) April 2003 – June 2003 (inclusive);
 - (i) July 2003 – September 2003 (inclusive);
- (2) Of these reported home burglaries, how many offenders in each quarter were:
 - (a) arrested for the crime;
 - (b) subsequently charged for the crime;
- (3) In each quarter, what is the breakdown per Canberra suburb of the reported home burglaries.

1052 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to funding for non Government schools:

- (1) How much funding has been provided to non Government schools in the following financial years:
 - (a) 1999-2000;
 - (b) 2000-2001;
 - (c) 2001-2002;
 - (d) 2002-2003.

1053 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to students with disabilities:

- (1) How much funding is provided to ACT Government schools for students with disabilities;
- (2) How much funding is provided to ACT non Government schools for students with disabilities.

1054 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to Stage 3 water restrictions effective from 1 October 2003:

- (1) Has an audit been conducted of all ACT government buildings upon ways to reduce water consumption and if so, what steps have been taken;
- (2) Do these steps include adjusting the “Flusherettes” in the toilets to adjust timing and amount of flow;
- (3) Do these steps include adjusting the cooling and heating equipment to reduce water consumption;
- (4) If the response is affirmative to each of the above, what is the estimated annual percentage saving of water overall;
- (5) If the response is negative, why has such an audit and steps at (2) and (3) not been carried out.

1055 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Further to your advice that Canberra Urban Parks and Places (CUPP) is constructing a formal entrance to Weston Park:

- (1) Why is a formal entrance deemed necessary;
- (2) What will be the cost of this development;
- (3) Will the work also involve protecting the unfenced open green spaces adjacent to the cycle path, opposite Banks and Brown Streets and behind the lakeshore from ‘wheelies’ and truck and car parking.
- (4) If the response to (3) is negative, why and would not the expenditure at (1) above be better spent protecting this pleasant natural environment from thoughtless motor vehicle drivers.

New questions

(30 days expires 18 December 2003)

*1058 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – What is the cost to the ACT community of the appointment of a facilitator to assist in the implementation of the new *Charitable Collections Act 2003*.

*1059 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In respect of rangers patrolling areas at Canberra Girls Grammar School Fete on 25 October 2003:

- (1) How many rangers were present;
- (2) How many hours did they stay;
- (3) What was the cost of employing these officers to work on a Saturday;

- (4) What other schools, by name, have been subject to parking restrictions at fetes in September/October 2003.

*1060 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to speeding fines:

- (1) What is the average time taken to process and send out such fines;
- (2) Is several weeks delay not uncommon and if so, why;
- (3) If the fine is delayed in being sent out, how is the offender aware they have broken the speeding law and may continue to do so through ignorance;
- (4) Is this another method of raising revenue by the government.

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

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

*1062 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Further to the payment of \$7 000 under the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000* to an ineligible juvenile:

- (1) Will the Government seek restitution of the amount;
- (2) If not, why not;
- (3) If not, who will pay for the error.

*1063 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming:

- (1) What is the government's involvement with the golf club at Gold Creek;
- (2) How will water be managed for the greens under Stage 3 restrictions.

*1064 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Chief Minister – Can the Chief 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).

*1065 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Concerning the recent problems in Victoria with irregular testing of speed cameras and the resulting issue of incorrect speeding fines (ABC News Online ‘*Errors see Vic speed cameras suspended*’, 13 November 2003):

- (1) Are both the fixed and mobile or hand held speed cameras currently in operation in the ACT regularly tested for accuracy;
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes, how often is the testing conducted on each individual speed camera, what is the process involved and who undertakes this testing;
- (3) If the answer to (1) is no, why not.

*1066 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – Regarding the application of herbicides for weed control at various public places, roadsides and median strips in the ACT:

- (1) Are the officers employed to apply these herbicides required to wear protective clothing, gloves and breathing masks when applying herbicides;
- (2) Do these protective gear requirements differ depending on the type of herbicide used and if so, what are the requirements for each type of herbicide used;
- (3) Do these protective gear requirements differ depending on the weather or other environmental factors, and if so, what are the requirements under these differing environmental influences;
- (4) If the answer to (1) above is no, why not.

*1067 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to watering of Canberra ovals:

- (1) On average, how many times per week are Canberra’s ovals watered during the warmer months;

- (2) Has the watering of Canberra's ovals been reduced at all this year in comparison to watering rates last year;
- (3) How many days per week are the Playing Fields at Amaroo watered.

*1068 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to graffiti removal:

- (1) What was the cost to government of removing graffiti in the ACT in 2002-03;
- (2) What is the total cost to government of removing graffiti in the ACT to the current day in 2003-04;
- (3) What was the cost to government for removing graffiti on the Amaroo sports sheds;
- (4) What was/will be the cost to government for removing graffiti from the Ainslie shops that was recently attacked by graffiti vandalism.

*1069 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to your announcement that two ACT Housing older persons units in Pinefield Court Duffy would shortly be handed over to tenants (media release '*Public Housing Bushfire Reconstruction on Track*', 4 November 2003):

- (1) Out of the 81 urban ACT public housing properties lost in the January 18 bushfires, how many of the properties being rebuilt to replace those lost will be available to older persons in addition to the two older persons units at Pinefield Court Duffy;
- (2) Will the tenants to be housed in the two older persons units at Pinefield Court Duffy be tenants that were previously housed in ACT Housing properties at the time the homes were destroyed in the January 18 bushfires;
- (3) How many older tenants lost their ACT public housing properties as a result of the January 18 bushfires;
- (4) What is the specific age upon which an ACT public housing tenant becomes eligible for older person's housing.

*1070 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the religious temple located next to Torrens Primary School at Block 14 Section 22 (89 Batchelor Street) Torrens:

- (1) What is the nature of the building work that is currently being undertaken on this temple;

- (2) When did this work commence;
- (3) When will this work be completed;
- (4) Is this construction required to comply with time limits for building in the ACT and if not, why not;
- (5) If it is required to comply, what penalties apply for non-compliance;
- (6) Is the temple currently open to worshippers, and if not, when is it anticipated that it will be open;
- (7) What religious, ethnic or multicultural group is this temple intended to be used by.

*1071 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the Bambi childcare facility and site located at Block 3 Section 27 (59 Hodgson Crescent) Pearce that is closed and currently appears to be undergoing redevelopment:

- (1) What is the redevelopment work that is currently being undertaken on this site or on the facility itself;
- (2) When did this work commence;
- (3) When is this work expected to be completed;
- (4) What are the future plans for this facility and this site;
- (5) Why did the childcare facility close.

*1072 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – Concerning the advertising campaign to promote the Wells Station, Gungahlin Government land sale:

- (1) What is the budget for this advertising campaign;
- (2) How many blocks are being marketed;
- (3) What is the average price per block;
- (4) What is the average size per block in square metres;
- (5) Is the cost of the advertising campaign to be drawn directly from profits from the land sales;
- (6) What will the lowest priced blocks be sold for and what is their size in square metres;

- (7) What will the highest priced blocks be sold for and what is their size in square metres;
- (8) Are there any building covenants or other restrictions on building upon these blocks. If so, what are they. If not, why not.

*1073 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Regarding mains leaks in the ACT's water supply infrastructure:

- (1) Is the ACT's water supply system routinely inspected for leaks in water mains, and if so, how often is this undertaken. If not, why not;
- (2) How many kilometres of water mains currently exist in the ACT;
- (3) In the ACT's water mains system, how many mains leaks per hundred kilometres are there;
- (4) How many litres of water (a) per day and (b) per year are lost through leaks in ACT water mains;
- (5) Does the ACT Government have a funded leaks reduction program, and if so what is the budgeted amount for this program in (a) 2003-04 (b) 2004-05. If not, why not.
- (6) What percentage of all known mains leaks in the ACT are targeted for repairs in (a) 2003-04 and (b) 2004-05;
- (7) Savings of how many litres of water per day will be achieved under the leaks reduction programs in (a) 2003-04 and (b) 2004-05.

*1074 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Concerning a burst water main that occurred on the afternoon of Sunday 2 November 2003 at the Woden Bus Interchange:

- (1) What was the cause of damage to this water main;
- (2) When was this incident reported to ActewAGL;
- (3) When were repairs to this water main completed;
- (4) How many kilolitres of water were wasted as a result of this incident.

*1075 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to railway repairs and maintenance in the ACT and the use of NSW trains on ACT railways. Does the NSW government contribute to the cost of repairs and maintenance of the railway tracks and related infrastructure within the ACT.

*1076 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Health – In relation to a letter-to-the-Editor, *The Canberra Times*, 10 November 2003, outlining a problem with general practitioners servicing of residents in aged care facilities, ie the right under law for residents to choose their own general practitioner:

- (1) Has the problem so identified come to the attention of ACT health authorities and to what extent;
- (2) If such a problem does exist, what is being done about it;
- (3) If ‘this law may have to be amended’ does the amendment need to be addressed by the Commonwealth or the ACT Government.

*1077 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to a recently shown Stateline program about a child (who subsequently died) presenting with bruising or other indications of hurt:

- (1) How many mandated people, by profession, saw or examined and did not report her condition under mandatory reporting laws;
- (2) How many mandated family services officers saw or examined and did not report her condition under mandatory reporting laws;
- (3) What action is being taken against any mandated person or people at (1) and (2) above for failing in this case to report under mandatory reporting laws.

*1078 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming – In relation to the ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Centre:

- (1) What was delivered for the \$10 000 spent in the December quarter on this project;
- (2) What was delivered for the \$11 000 spent in the March quarter on this project;
- (3) Only \$20 000 was budgeted for this project, why was it overspent by \$1 000.

*1079 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to Manuka Oval Refurbishment:

- (1) Why was \$6 000 rolled over for expenditure on Manuka Oval when the refurbishment was completed with the \$7.194m in prior years;

- (2) In the Progress Report for Capital Works 2002-03 \$4 000 was spent in the December quarter and \$2 000 in the final quarter. What was delivered for the \$4 000 expenditure in the December quarter and what was delivered for the \$2 000 expenditure in the final quarter.

T Duncan

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

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

Pursuant to resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

Select

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).*
