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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE PAPER

No. 83

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

The Assembly meets this day at 10.30 am

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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*).
- 5 REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).

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

- *6 FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Treasurer)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth)*.
- *7 VALIDATION OF FEES (CEMETERIES) BILL 2003: *(Minister for Urban Services)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 November 2003 – Mr Cornwell)*.
- *8 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Chief Minister)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth)*.
- 9 PARENTAGE BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak)*.
- 10 SEXUALITY DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Attorney-General)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 20 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak)*.
- 11 ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: *(Minister for Industrial Relations)*: Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate *(from 25 September 2003 – Mr Pratt)*.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.

- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 FUTURE OF BURNIE COURT LAND – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 25 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.
- 26 HUMAN RIGHTS BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- 27 BUILDING BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 28 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS (LICENSING) BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 29 CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Minister for Planning*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Dunne*).
- 30 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Attorney-General; presented by Manager of Government Business*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Ms Dundas*).
- 31 STRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY HOUSING CANBERRA LTD – REVIEW – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 20 November 2003 – Mrs Burke*) on the motion of Mr Wood – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- *32 JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Attorney-General*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Stefaniak*).
- *33 RATES BILL 2003: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *34 LAND TAX BILL 2003: (*Treasurer*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *35 HUMAN CLONING AND EMBRYO RESEARCH BILL 2003: (*Minister for Health*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Smyth*).
- *36 EDUCATION BILL 2003: (*Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*).

Notice

- 1 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 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*).
- 14 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*).
- 15 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).*

16 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).*

17 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).*

18 MS MACDONALD: To move – That the Assembly:

- (1) expresses concern at the Federal Government's intention to remove excise free status on the environmentally friendly fuel, LPG;
- (2) recognises the crisis the LPG industry will face if such an excise is introduced;
- (3) notes the importance of promoting environmentally friendly fuels and vehicles;
- (4) acknowledges the ACT Government for directing all ACT Government departments to replace at least one fleet vehicle with an environmentally friendly hybrid vehicle and signing up the Greenfleet program;
- (5) recognises the importance of programs such as Greenfleet in sustaining the environment. *(Notice given 25 November 2003).*

Orders of the day

- 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 GUNG AHLIN 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 GAMING MACHINE (POLITICAL DONATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mrs Cross*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 7 May 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 16 BUSHFIRE INQUIRY (PROTECTION OF STATEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 2): (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2003 – Mr Wood*).
- 17 CORRECTIONS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Smyth*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 18 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2003 – Mr Hargreaves*).
- 19 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (PRINCIPLES) GUIDELINE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 27 August 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).
- 20 DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Stefaniak*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2003 – Mr Stanhope*).
- 21 LITTER (LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL 2003: (*Mr Cornwell*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2003 – Mr Wood*).

- 22 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'.
- 23 GMO (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2003: (*Ms Tucker*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 2003 – Mr Corbell*).
- 24 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (NO. 3): (*Ms Dundas*): Agreement in principle – Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 2003 – Mr Quinlan*).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Notice

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

- (2) The Committee comprise:
- (a) one member to be nominated by the Government;
 - (b) one member to be nominated by the Opposition;
 - (c) one member to be nominated by a member of the Cross bench.
- (3) The Committee shall report by the last sitting day in September. (*Notice given 17 June 2003; amended 18 June 2003*).

Orders of the day

- 1 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ACT AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, ELECTORATES AND ANY OTHER RELATED MATTER – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002 – Mr Stefaniak*) on the motion of Mr Stanhope – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 2 STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT – THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 November 2002 – Mr Stanhope*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the report be noted.
- 3 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – INQUIRY INTO THE RATES AND LAND TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2003 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 14 – DRAFT VARIATION NO 175 TO THE TERRITORY PLAN – INDUSTRIAL B3 LAND USE POLICIES – INDUSTRIAL AREA POLICIES AND DEFINITIONS: FYSHWICK, SYMONSTON, MITCHELL AND HUME – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2003 – Mrs Dunne*) on the motion of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.
- 5 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 4 – LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACT – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2003 – Mr Cornwell*) on the motion of Mr Wood on behalf of Mr Corbell – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

- 6 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL EQUITY – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Hargreaves – That the report be noted.
- 7 EDUCATION – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 3 – PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE: REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE ACT – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Ms MacDonald – That the report be noted.
- 8 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 5 – ACCESS TO NEEDLES AND SYRINGES BY INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2003 – Mr Smyth*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 9 ESTIMATES 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2003-2004 (NO. 2) – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 10 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2003 – Ms Gallagher*) on the motion of Mr Stefaniak – That the report be noted.
- 11 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO 7 OF 2002 – FINANCIAL AUDIT WITH YEARS ENDING TO 30 JUNE 2002: Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2003 – Mr Quinlan*) on the motion of Mr Smyth – That the report be noted.
- 12 HEALTH – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO 6 – REPORT ON RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM – MOTION THAT REPORT BE NOTED: Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2003 – Mr Corbell*) on the motion of Ms Tucker – That the report be noted.
- 13 LEGAL AFFAIRS – STANDING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 6 – CRIMES (INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2003 – Mr Pratt*) on the motion of Ms Gallagher – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

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

Redirected and answered question

The following question asked by the Member indicated has been redirected to the Minister indicated and an answer has been received.

1151 Minister for Sport, Racing and Gaming (*Mr Smyth*).

Unanswered questions

9 December 2003

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 25 December 2003)

- *1123 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to a Letter-to-the-Editor appearing in *The Canberra Times*, 20 November 2003 titled *Power Puzzle* and the claims that ACTEW concessions to pensioners have been reduced:
- (1) Have ACTEW pensioner rebates fallen over the last 18 months to 2 years, and if so, why;
 - (2) Have ACTEW pensioner rebates been adjusted to reflect increases in the CPI over the last 2 years, and if so, what are those adjustments. If not, why not;
 - (3) Have the ACTEW rebates for pensioners decreased from approximately (a) 26% for August 2002 accounts, (b) 7.9% for May 2003 accounts and (c) 0% for November 2003 accounts. If so, why.
 - (4) If the answer to (3) above is negative, then what are the actual percentage amounts for ACTEW rebates for pensioners at the dates listed at (a), (b) and (c) above;
 - (5) Have Veteran Gold Cardholders been affected also and if so, how and why.

(Redirected question – 30 days expires 27 December 2003)

*1146 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to a bushfire memorial:

- (1) What consultation has the government undertaken with the community in regards to the establishment of a bushfire memorial in Canberra;
- (2) How many suggestions have been presented to the government for a bushfire memorial;
- (3) When will the government make a final decision on the design, structure, siting and construction of a bushfire memorial in Canberra;
- (4) What is the estimated cost, start and completion date for this project;
- (5) Who will pay for this memorial.

*1147 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Community Affairs – In relation to community consultation. Does the Government still use the Community Consultation Protocol and Community Consultation Manual implemented under the former Liberal Government. If not, why not and what guidelines has the Government established for community consultation.

*1148 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Arts and Heritage – In relation to aboriginal sacred sites:

- (1) What studies or works remain to be completed in regenerating or evaluating aboriginal sacred sites damaged during the January bushfires;
- (2) Has the evaluation of sacred trees been completed and what action can now take place following that evaluation;
- (3) What is the estimated monetary loss of aboriginal sacred sites in the January bushfires.

22 October 2003

(30 days expires 21 November 2003)

1042 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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.

23 October 2003

(30 days expires 22 November 2003)

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.

18 November 2003

(30 days expires 18 December 2003)

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 Urban Services:

- (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.
(Redirected 19 November 2003)

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

- (1) the pact signed in August by New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory to end bidding wars for big events (*Business Review Weekly*, October 30, p 42);
- (2) the agreement signed in August by New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory to stop bidding wars for businesses (*Business Review Weekly*, October 30, p 30). (Redirected 25 November 2003).

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.

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.

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.

19 November 2003
(30 days expires 19 December 2003)

- 1081 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Treasurer – Since the introduction of Stage 3 water restrictions on 1 October 2003:
- (1) How many reports of activities in breach of Stage 3 water restriction guidelines have been made to the ActewAGL water restrictions hotline from 1 October against (a) individuals (b) businesses or other enterprises (c) government agencies to date;
 - (2) How many warning notices have been issued to (a), (b) and (c) above as a result of such reports;
 - (3) How many fines or prosecutions have been issued to (a), (b) and (c) above as a result of such reports;
 - (4) What are the most commonly reported types of breaches of water restrictions that ActewAGL has received since the introduction of Stage 3 water restrictions.
- 1082 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the priority response model:
- (1) When calls are logged at the ACT Policing call centre, how many staff are employed to determine the priority category of incident types;
 - (2) Are these staff sworn police officers;
 - (3) If yes, what is the minimum years they have to be sworn and have had experience as a police officer to determine such priority categories;
 - (4) If no, what type of formal training are these civilians given to determine such priority categories.
- 1083 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations – In relation to ACT Workcover visits:
- (1) The September 2003 quarterly performance report of ACT Workcover states that 33 033 ACT workplaces have been contacted through advice and education. How many of these contacts have been by:
 - (a) ACT Workcover officers personally visiting the workplaces;
 - (b) ACT Workcover contacting the workplaces via telephone;
 - (c) ACT Workcover contacting the workplaces via printed material sent to them;
 - (d) ACT Workcover contacting the workplaces via email;

- (2) How many of these 33 033 workplaces contacted have been initiated by ACT Workcover and not by the workplace;
- (3) Is there a communication strategy in place for the original target of 160 000 ACT workplaces to be contacted by 30 June 2004;
- (4) If yes, what is the total budget of the communication strategy;
- (5) If no, why not.

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

- (1) In light of the redevelopment of the Griffin Centre and the temporary relocation of the Civic Skate Park, are there any plans to redevelop or refurbish the Civic Youth Centre;
- (2) If so, when is this scheduled to occur and what is the estimated budget;
- (3) If not, why not. (*Redirected 25 November 2003*).

1085 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Community Affairs – In relation to multicultural programs:

- (1) The Chief Minister's Department September 2003 quarterly performance report, under the Community Affairs portfolio, states that progress to date on multicultural programs includes assistance to potential business and skilled migrants. How many potential business and skilled migrants have been assisted in:
 - (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004 (to date);
- (2) What assistance has been given to these potential business and skilled migrants in 2003-2004 (to date);
- (3) How much money has been spent on this assistance in 2003-2004 (to date).

1086 MR SMYTH: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the Canberra Plan, the Social Plan, the Spatial Plan, the Economic White Paper, the Non-Urban Study, the Urban Edge Review, the Stromlo Option and the ACT Water Strategy being developed by the Government:

- (1) What is the estimated cost of each of these plans;

- (2) How much has been spent on the development of each of these plans to date;
- (3) How much of this has been spent on consultancy fees (itemised for each plan);
- (4) How much has been spent on printing (itemised for each plan);
- (5) How much has been spent on advertising;
- (6) How much has been spent on staffing costs;
- (7) How much has been spent on venue hire costs;
- (8) How much has been spent on public relations and media services.

1087 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to the National Convention Centre:

- (1) How many expressions of interests have been received for the National Convention Centre project;
- (2) Why was the advertisement for expressions of interest two months behind schedule (in a press statement on 14 July, titled '*Government to seek proposals to develop a state of the art convention centre*' you stated expressions of interests would be called for *next month*);
- (3) \$200 000 was set aside in the 2002-03 Budget for conventions facilities feasibility study. Why was this project revised down to \$82 000 as indicated in the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report;
- (4) Of the revised amount of \$82 000 only \$22 000 was spent, \$19 000 of that in the last quarter. What was the \$3 000 spent on in the September quarter and what was the \$22 000 spent on in the final quarter;
- (5) What will happen to the outstanding authorisation of \$178 000, ie will it be used to complete this project in the current financial year or will it be used for a different project altogether.

1088 MR SMYTH: To ask Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to Floriade:

- (1) Where is the government up to in finalising a permanent site for Floriade;
- (2) \$11 000 has been spent in prior years to find a permanent site for Floriade. What has been delivered for the expenditure of the \$11 000 in this instance;

- (3) There is \$74 000 remaining in the capital works budget for this project, which had a completion date of June 2003. Will this \$74 000 be spent on finding a permanent site for Floriade. If so, when will the funds be spent and what work will be undertaken, if not, will these funds remain with tourism or will they go back into the pool of whole of government capital works funds.

1089 MR SMYTH: To ask the Attorney General – In relation to the Periodic Detention Centre (PDC):

- (1) Why was there an overspend of \$29 000 on the upgrade of the PDC as shown in the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report;
- (2) Has this project been completed;
- (3) What works were undertaken as part of this upgrade.

1090 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to visitors to Canberra:

- (1) What is the total number of visitors that have passed through the Canberra Visitors Centre so far this financial year, to the current day;
- (2) How does this figure compare for the same period in the previous financial year;
- (3) What is the estimated number of day visitors to Canberra for World Cup Rugby;
- (4) What is the estimated number of overnight visitors to Canberra for the period of World Cup Rugby events in the ACT;
- (5) How many participants from interstate competed in the Australian Masters Games in Canberra this year;
- (6) How much hotel 'occupancy' was available during the period of Floriade, World Cup Rugby and the Masters Games in Canberra;
- (7) Have any estimate figures been provided to the Minister detailing economic benefits of:
 - (a) Floriade 2003;
 - (b) World Cup Rugby games in Canberra;
 - (c) Australian Masters Games 2003.

1091 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to Gungahlin Child Care Centre, can the Minister advise:

- (1) Has the contract for provision of services been awarded yet. If so, when. If not, why not;
- (2) To whom was the contract awarded;
- (3) What fee structure was presented by the winning tenderer;
- (4) On what basis was the winning tender determined superior to other tenders;
- (5) On what criteria was the winning tender awarded.

1092 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to community centres:

- (1) In the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services June quarter report figures in minor new works reveal there was an overspend of \$52 000 for projects upgrading community centres. Two hundred and ten thousand dollars was originally allocated for the three projects but \$262 000 was spent. Why was there an overrun on the Budget and what was delivered for the additional dollars spent on:
 - (a) Community Centres – Occupational Health and Safety and Access and Equity (overspend of \$9 000);
 - (b) Community Centres – Building and refurbishment and upgrades (overspend of \$54 000);
- (2) Have the three projects funded been completed, if not, why not and how much more money will need to be spent on each.

20 November 2003

(30 days expires 20 December 2003)

1093 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Director of Public Prosecutions Office:

- (1) Is it correct that the Director of Public Prosecutions is subject to a performance measure that requires a certain percentage of prosecutions to be successful each year;
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes, what percentage of prosecutions have to be successful;
- (3) Why is such a measure included as a performance measure;
- (4) Would the Attorney-General table all relevant documentation in relation to this particular performance measure.

1094 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to suburban roads in Belconnen suburbs. Please list on a suburb by suburb basis how much was spent on repairs and improvements to roads in each suburb in Belconnen for the financial year ending 30 June 2003. (This question does not relate to the arterial roads linking suburbs such as Ginninderra Drive, Belconnen Way or Caswell Drive, rather roads within each suburb.)

1095 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to ACTION Bus services. Have any bus services been taken off line this calendar year, if so:

- (1) What routes have been cancelled and why;
- (2) What were the pick up and drop off points for those routes;
- (3) Have any funds been saved in cancelling these routes;
- (4) If so, how much, (please provide figures on a daily cost if possible);
- (5) Have any routes cancelled been replaced with alternative routes in that area;
- (6) If so what is the new route and what is the cost of operating that route on a daily basis.

1096 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to bushfire affected houses:

- (1) How many building applications have been received to rebuild houses destroyed in the fire;
- (2) How many have been to substantially replace previous buildings;
- (3) How many have been for substantial changes to previous buildings;
- (4) How many have been approved;
- (5) How many projects have commenced;
- (6) How many certificates of occupancy have been issued;
- (7) How many residents have had discussions with the planning authorities but have so far not obtained building approval;
- (8) Why have they not yet obtained building approval;

- (9) How many property owners have attempted to substantially replace previous buildings but have been unable to do so because the plot ratios allowed under variation 200 prevent them from building houses of similar proportions;
- (10) How many property owners have enquired about building dual or triple occupancies on their land but have not proceeded because of their inability to separately title the dwellings.

1097 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to safety facilities in schools:

- (1) Why was the funding available for safety facilities to be installed in various Canberra schools revised down from \$800 000 to \$700 000 in the 2002-03 capital works budget and which schools missed out on safety facilities due to this downward revision of \$100 000;
- (2) What works were undertaken and at which schools as part of the:
 - (a) \$11 000 expended in the December quarter;
 - (b) \$68 000 expended in the March quarter;
 - (c) \$312 000 expended in the June quarter;
- (3) This project was meant to be completed by November 2003 but as at the release of the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report there was still \$309 000 from that budget to be expended. Have these funds been expended. If so, on which schools and for what purpose, if not, why not, and when will those funds be expended, on which schools and for what purpose;
- (4) Has the \$100 000 'finance required' to complete this project been allocated as part of the 2003-04 budget, if not, why not.

1098 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to capital works funds for 'Fitout to new accommodation':

- (1) Why was \$3m required for the project titled 'Fitout to new accommodation' and what exactly is meant by 'Fitout to new accommodation';
- (2) Why is the project identification for this project listed as 'NEW' when all other projects have a code number;
- (3) In the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report this project was revised down from \$3m expenditure in 2002-03 to \$1m, why is this so;
- (4) Why was only \$7 000 of that \$1m (of a \$3m project) expended in 2002-03;

- (5) What was delivered for the \$7 000 that was expended;
- (6) Will the outstanding authorisation of \$2.993m be expended this financial year;
- (7) How much of the outstanding authorisation has been expended to date this financial year;
- (8) Has a contract been let for the work to be undertaken. If so, who was awarded the contract, if not, why not and when will a contract be let;
- (9) The Budget Papers indicate that this project is scheduled for completion by January 2004, is this still a realistic deadline. If so, what percentage of works have been completed to date. If not, what is the new deadline and why has the project been delayed.

1100 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to police call centres:

- (1) How many staff were employed by ACT Policing to carry out duties specifically related to ACT Policing call centres in:
 - (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004 (to date);
- (2) How many of these staff were sworn police officers in:
 - (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004 (to date);
- (3) How many of these staff were unsworn/civilians in:
 - (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004 (to date).

1101 MR STEFANIAK: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to footpaths in Belconnen suburbs. Please list on a suburb-by-suburb basis how much was spent in relation to footpath repair and improvements in each suburb in Belconnen for the financial year ending 30 June 2003.

1103 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to a charge from the Treasurer's Advance. On 7 January 2003 \$100 000 was charged from the Treasurer's Advance for the purpose of 'underwriting the continued trading of the Canberra Basketball representative team known as the Cannons (Cannons Ltd)':

- (1) When did the Government become aware that Cannons Ltd might require underwriting to continue trading;
- (2) Was a request made seeking funds from the ACT Government for Cannons Ltd;
- (3) If such a request was made, who made it, when was it made and how was it made;
- (4) What investigation was undertaken, by the Government, of the financial status of Cannons Ltd before the decision was made to provide funds from the Treasurer's Advance to underwrite the continued trading of Cannons Ltd;
- (5) What were the results of this investigation;
- (6) Will you table a copy of the report of this investigation in the Legislative Assembly;
- (7) If no investigation was undertaken, who made the decision not to conduct any investigation and what was the basis for making this decision.

1104 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the information provided in the Consolidated Financial Report for the September Quarter 2003:

- (1) Why did the Government under-estimate revenue for the General Government Sector by \$132 million;
- (2) Why did the Government under-estimate revenue due from taxes, fees and fines by \$26.3 million;
- (3) Why was it not possible for the Government to anticipate at least some of the 12 'unbudgeted' commercial transactions;
- (4) Why did the ACT incur a decrease in interest revenue of \$3.9 million;
- (5) Why did the ACT record an increase in employee and superannuation expenses of \$25 million;
- (6) How much of the additional Commonwealth grants revenue of \$4.4 million comprises goods and services tax payments;
- (7) Why was it not possible for the Government to anticipate at least some of the funds that have been received from land sales.

1105 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the proposed redevelopment of section 84 in the City and the incorporation of the Griffin Centre in that project:

- (1) What plans are now being made for the Griffin Centre in the context of the Queensland Investment Corporation's proposal to redevelop section 84 in the City;
- (2) What is the specific purpose of the \$1.093 million, that was identified in Appropriation Bill 2003-04 (No 2) as being for capital requirements for the Griffin Centre;
- (3) Will the expenditure of these funds be incurred on the site of the existing Griffin Centre or in a new Griffin Centre.

1106 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to 'A capital summer':

- (1) How much will this campaign cost;
- (2) How many postcards have been printed for distribution;
- (3) Will the Government have any way of monitoring if this campaign is a success. If so, how will you monitor if visitors to Canberra have been attracted by this campaign, if not, why not;
- (4) How has the \$10 000 holiday prize been funded;
- (5) How has the \$500 dinner at a Canberra restaurant been funded;
- (6) If (4) and (5) were not donated and will be funded by Government is this cost on top of or included in the figure at (1).

1107 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to weed control:

- (1) How much money was allocated for weed control in 2001-02 and 2002-03;
- (2) How much was actually spent in 2001-02 and 2002-03 on weed control;
- (3) How much money has been allocated for weed control in 2003-04;
- (4) How much has been spent up to the end of November 2003.

1108 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to land sales for the years 2002-03 and so far in 2003-04:

- (1) How many blocks of land (both residential and commercial) have been sold at auction;

- (2) How many have settled within the time specified in the auction documents for the sale;
- (3) How many have not settled within the time specified in the auction documents for the sale;
- (4) For those which did not settle within the specified time:
 - (a) how long did it take for each to settle;
 - (b) which party to the auction initiated the extension of time;
 - (c) what was the reason for this.

1109 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Environment – In relation to pest plant species:

- (1) What process is there in place to determine whether plants are appropriately listed;
- (2) Is the list reviewed regularly;
- (3) When was the last time it was reviewed;
- (4) When was the last time a species was added or removed from the list.

1110 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Minister for Planning – In relation to the integrated transport study:

- (1) What costs had been incurred in relation to the preparation of the integrated transport study including:
 - (a) staff;
 - (b) consultants (please itemise);
 - (c) commissioned research;
 - (d) advertising and publicity;
 - (e) venue hire;
 - (f) facilitators and presenters;
 - (g) graphic design;
 - (h) printing and editing;
 - (i) distribution.

1111 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to Ainslie Village and further to your reply to Question on notice No 1048:

- (1) In relation to the services currently provided at Ainslie Village, please provide a breakdown of the amounts of \$135 028, \$70 000 and \$247 094 stated in paragraph (1) of the your reply dated 17 November 2003;

- (2) Further to your reply to paragraph (2), at what estimated cost will a community housing development worker be employed, and from where will these funds be sourced;
- (3) Further to your reply to paragraph (3), will the provision of this service reduce the capacity of Ainslie Village for existing residents and, if so, where will affected people be relocated;
- (4) Please explain precisely what is intended by the expression in paragraph (3) that 'This service will operate independently of Ainslie Village'. How is this expected to work.

25 November 2003

(30 days expires 25 December 2003)

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

- (1) On how many occasions has the Government attended or sent representatives on overseas trips to promote Canberra internationally;
- (2) Regarding these trips:
 - (a) when did they take place;
 - (b) to where and for what purpose;
 - (c) who attended;
 - (j) what was the cost;
 - (k) what are the agreements that have been reached since to benefit Canberra;
 - (l) what work is ongoing in international marketing to promote Canberra overseas.
- (3) What has the Government done since coming to office to expand on the partnerships that were already being formed by the former Government in Africa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Please provide details of which recommendations have been adopted by the Government, to date, as a result of the Gallop Report;
- (2) Please provide details of progress (and outcomes, where applicable) of:
 - (a) those recommendations (further to (1)) that have been implemented;

- (b) those recommendations that have not yet been implemented, indicating, where applicable, the reason(s) for non-implementation to date, and the current timetable for future implementation.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many hectares of the ACT outside the urban areas are under Government management;
- (2) How many hectares of these were burnt out in the January fires;
- (3) Which of these areas have been inspected by government or independent agronomists to advise on weed control action;
- (4) When was this undertaken;
- (5) What were the estimated costs for weed control and what was the basis of these costs;

- (6) In how many of these areas has the recommended weed control program been followed;
- (7) Specifically, since the fires, how many hectares outside the current urban area of Canberra have been treated or sprayed for:
 - (a) Paterson's curse;
 - (b) St John's wort;
 - (c) other weeds;
- (8) When did this occur;
- (9) How much money has been spent on weed control in:
 - (a) 1999-00;
 - (b) 2000-01;
 - (c) 2001-02;
 - (d) 2002-03;
 - (e) so far in 2003-04.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 November 2003

(30 days expires 26 December 2003)

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

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

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

- (1) Why was the allocation of \$200 000 for security upgrades revised down to \$97 000 in the 2002-03 capital works program;
- (2) Which schools or community groups missed out on security upgrades due to the downward revision of \$103 000;
- (3) What security measures were installed and where, as part of the \$97 000 expended in 2002-03;
- (4) Have any funds been made available for security upgrades in 2003-04, if not, why not. If so, how much has been allocated;
- (5) If yes to (4) have any bids been made for works in 2003-04, if so, which schools or community groups have made bids and for what type of security upgrade.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many children in the ACT are cared for by adults other than their lawful parents;
- (2) How many grandparents are registered carers of children in the ACT;
- (3) What support do grandparents who are carers of children receive from the ACT Government;
- (4) How many registered foster carers are there in the ACT at:
 - (a) the current date;
 - (b) in 2002-03;
 - (c) 2001-02;
 - (d) 2000-01;
- (5) How much money was spent on a recent campaign encouraging people to consider becoming foster carers/parents;
- (6) Further to (5), what were such funds expended on;
- (7) Did this campaign have any impact on the overall number of foster carers/parents;
- (8) Are any further such campaigns proposed in the period to 30 June 2004. If so, please provide current details, if not, why not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 November 2003

(30 days expires 27 December 2003)

1140 MRS DUNNE: To ask the Chief Minister – In relation to the ACT flag:

- (1) What are the rules and/or regulations governing who can use the ACT flag to promote the Territory;
- (2) Can members of the public obtain an ACT flag;
- (3) If yes to (2) how and at what cost. If no to (2) why not;
- (4) Does the ACT promote its flag on material sold at tourist stores;
- (5) If yes to (4) on what sort of material. If no to (4) why not.

1141 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to junk mail:

- (1) How many fines or warnings have been issued to companies found to be posting junk mail advertisements on the windscreens of cars in the ACT in (a) 2002 and (b) 2003 to date;
- (2) How are the regulations, preventing junk mail being deposited on windscreens, being enforced;
- (3) What is the approximate annual cost of policing these regulations.

1142 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to the transportable amenity improvement program (TAIP):

- (1) Why was TAIP revised down by \$35 000 in the 2002-03 capital works program;
- (2) What schools have missed out on improving the amenity of their transportables due to the expenditure being revised down;
- (3) What schools benefited from the \$65 000 spent last financial year and what works were undertaken as part of that expenditure.

1143 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services – In relation to school thefts:

- (1) How many schools have been broken into so far this school year;
- (2) In each case what goods were stolen from the school and what was the value of each theft;
- (3) How many (a) school computers and (b) teacher computers have been stolen from schools so far this year;
- (4) In how many cases did the school itself have to recover insurance costs;
- (5) In how many cases did the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services recover the insurance cost;
- (6) What is the average cost of theft to schools in Canberra each year;
- (7) What level of theft must occur before the Department picks up the insurance costs;
- (8) Has there even been an instance where a school has not been able to afford the insurance costs associated with theft. If so, which school, when, and how was this/these cases then handled.

1144 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – According to the Capital Works Progress Report for 2002-03 a total of \$53 000 was allocated in the 2002-03 Budget for three different Youth Centre projects as shown on the June quarter report for the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services. Upon looking at the Department of Education, Youth and Family Services (DEYFS), quarterly report the same projects appear but with different monetary values:

- (1) Are these the same projects, which have been doubled up in the report;
- (2) If so why are there different figures for similar projects in DEYFS. If not:
 - (a) why have these projects been delayed;
 - (b) are they still on the agenda, if not, why not;
 - (c) if so to (b) when will they be completed.

1145 MR PRATT: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to the Woden Police Station:

- (1) A total of \$5 million was allocated in 2002-03 for the Woden Police Station, but this figure was revised down to \$120 000, why is this so;
- (2) Why was only \$61 000 of that \$120 000 expended at the end of 2002-03;
- (3) What was delivered for the \$61 000 expended last financial year;
- (4) \$5.605 million has been allocated for expenditure in 2003-04, how much of that allocation has been expended to date this financial year. If funds have been expended this financial year, what has been delivered for that expenditure;
- (5) The date listed for starting work on this project is June 2003, is this still accurate and has work begun. If not, why not;
- (6) Will the remainder of the funds be expended this financial year;
- (7) Has a contract been let for this project. If so, who was awarded the contract, if not, when will the contract be let;
- (8) The completion date listed for this project in the Budget Papers is March 2005, while the date listed in the 2002-03 Capital Works Progress Report is June 2006. Which is the correct date, or is there a new date altogether.

1149 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to shopping centre upgrades:

- (1) Has the Minister received any requests or bids for shopping centre upgrades as part of the 2004-05 Budget. If so, which shopping centres have asked for consideration in the next budget;
- (2) What shopping centre upgrades are taking place this financial year and to what dollar value.

1150 MR SMYTH: To ask the Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism – In relation to the Rally of Canberra:

- (1) Will the government provide funds to host the 2004 Rally of Canberra;
- (2) Will Australian Capital Tourism still organise the event and what section will look after Rally of Canberra given the changes to the tourism agency in the ACT;
- (3) Has any planning begun for the 2004 event, if so, has Australian Capital Tourism been given any indication of how many nominations will be received for the 2004 event;
- (4) Will Subaru sponsor the 2004 event, if not, why not and what plans are underway to find a new sponsor.

1152 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the changed arrangements for exemptions from land tax for residential properties owned by a trust or a company, that were implemented as part of the 2002-03 Budget:

- (1) How many properties have had their exemptions from land tax removed as a result of these new arrangements;
- (2) How much revenue has been raised from the removal of exemptions for these categories of property;
- (3) Following the implementation of the new arrangements, how many requests have been made seeking relief from the impact of the new arrangements;
- (4) Of any requests that have been made, have these requests been accepted as valid and, if so, what has been the outcome of these requests;
- (5) Have any requests for relief been rejected. If so on what basis were these requests rejected.

1153 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the reviews conducted by international ratings agencies, such as Standard and Poor's and Moody's of the ACT economy:

- (1) What is the nature of any contact that is made between ratings agencies and the ACT Government. In addition to the Treasury, are any other Departments or agencies of the ACT Government involved;
- (2) Are regular meetings or briefing sessions held involving a particular ratings agency and the ACT Government. If so, what is the frequency of these meetings and briefing sessions. If not, why not;
- (3) Are meetings or briefing sessions arranged with ratings agencies that involve the Treasurer and/or the staff of the Treasurer. If so, what is the frequency of these meetings and briefing sessions, if not, why not;
- (4) Is there any *ad hoc* contact between ratings agencies and the ACT Government. If not, why not;
- (5) Are drafts of reports being prepared by a rating agency provided to the ACT Government for comment prior to that agency finalising and releasing the relevant report; if not, why not.

1154 MR SMYTH: To ask the Treasurer – In relation to the goods and services tax:

- (1) The ACT Budget for 2003-04 estimated that the ACT would receive \$626.5 million in 2003-04 from the goods and services tax. Is this estimate still valid;
- (2) If there has been any change to the estimate of receipts from this tax, what is the new estimate of receipts and what is the basis for the change in the estimate;
- (3) For each of the years for which revenue has been received from the goods and services tax:
 - (a) what was the estimate of revenue for each year;
 - (b) what was the actual revenue received for each year;
 - (c) what were the reasons for any variation between the estimated revenue and the actual revenue received;
- (4) For the out years, how have the estimates for receipts of revenue from the goods and services tax been developed;
- (5) What factors are likely to influence these estimates.

1155 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to properties within the ACT and ACT Housing stock. For each suburb within the ACT, please specify:

- (1) How many properties are located within each suburb;
- (2) Further to (1), how many of these are owned by ACT Housing;
- (3) Further to (2), what percentage is this of the total number of properties within this area.

1156 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to issues concerning eligibility requirements for ACT Housing tenants:

- (1) What are the current processes for ensuring the eligibility requirements concerning both allocations and transfers are satisfactorily met within the system;
- (2) In relation to allocations, including early-allocations, how many individual cases involving the breach of the eligibility requirements have been identified:
 - (a) since 1 July 2003;
 - (b) for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;
- (3) In relation to transfer applications, how many individual cases involving breach of the eligibility requirements have been identified:
 - (a) since 1 July 2003;
 - (b) for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;
- (4) Further to (2) and (3), please identify the range of circumstances in which people are found to be in breach of these terms;
- (5) What immediate sanctions, if any, are imposed upon such persons upon ACT Housing becoming aware of such circumstances;
- (6) Further to (5), in relation to cases identified in (2) and (3) please indicate, by category identified in response to (5), the imposition of such sanctions for these cases for the periods stated;
- (7) Further to (5), what longer-term consequences, if any, apply to such people in terms of their future public housing options.

1157 MRS BURKE: To ask the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services – In relation to the attendance of ACT Housing staff at tribunal and other legal proceedings:

- (1) What is the breakdown showing the attendance of ACT housing staff at legal proceedings (where applicable provide an estimate or average figure, so far as records maintained allow) for the periods 1 July 2003 to

date, 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 and 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 in relation to:

- (a) Staff (distinguish between the employment classification of relevant affected employee);
 - (b) Tribunal (distinguish in all responses between attendances at the tribunal and other locations (eg Local Court, other courts or administrative bodies));
 - (c) Nature of proceedings (provide a breakdown of the types of cases in which officers are directly involved);
- (2) In the event that the requirement of ACT Housing officers and staff to be available to appear in legal proceedings concerning a range of issues arising from the ACT public housing system has become an increasing time burden on such employees and their performance of their other work responsibilities, what measures, if any, are being taken to help alleviate this growing problem.

New questions

(30 days expires 8 January 2004)

*1158 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Urban Services – In relation to public areas allocated for graffiti art:

- (1) How many public areas have been designated for the practice of graffiti art in the ACT;
- (2) Where are these areas located;
- (3) Have any other public areas been earmarked for future use as graffiti art spaces, and if so, where are these areas located;
- (4) Are there any particular criteria or conditions imposed upon users of public graffiti art spaces, and if so, what are they;
- (5) If the answer to (4) above is no, why not.

*1159 MR CORNWELL: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation to acts of vandalism at Weston Park:

- (1) How many reported acts of vandalism have occurred at Weston Park during (a) 2001 (b) 2002 and (c) 2003 to date;
- (2) How many offenders have been apprehended for such vandalism in the years at (1) above;

- (3) How many prosecutions have there been or charges laid against such offenders in the years at (1) above.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMITTEES

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

Standing

Pursuant to standing order

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

Pursuant to resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dissolved

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

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

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

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

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

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

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