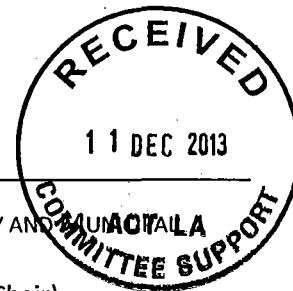




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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Andrew Wall MLA on 18 October 2013: TAMS took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 pages 57-58

In relation to:

Albert Hall and Yarralumla woolshed— How many hires per year are you relying on to break even?

Mr Bailey: The fee this year is \$250. That is noting that there were increases in the actual insurance costs as well, and noting that we fell short by the hire fees. We expect it will take two to three years for it to even out, for us to know roughly that we get a certain number of hirers that will use it. For setting the fee initially we just based it on the previous year's hires, thinking we would get a certain percentage of those that would want to use it again. We came pretty close, and it has worked really well. It covers broad events, from 18th birthday parties right up to weddings and everything like that. So it has covered all of those. That previously would have cost—

MR WALL: How many hires per year are you relying on to break even?

Mr Bailey: That is a good question—the exact number. I would have to get back to you on the number there. It is not great. It may be around 20 to 30 hires. I would imagine that would cover the cost of it.

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The 2013/14 Public Liability Insurance fee for the hire of the Albert Hall and Yarralumla Woolshed of \$250 is based on a combined total of 25 hires.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Andrew Wall MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 72

In relation to:

1. Progress update on work being undertaken on the former TAMS depot in Hyland Place in Wanniasa
2. Do you have any disused depots?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The tenant actively uses this building and has modified the building to suit the organisations requirements, including installation of the boards in window openings. The tenant undertakes general maintenance on this building. The building was inspected in 2012 and found to be in reasonable condition for its age. ACT Property Group has no current upgrade work planned for this property. In relation to graffiti you have noted on the property. It is the responsibility of tenant to remove this graffiti and ACT Property Group has been in contact with the tenants requesting the removal.

2. All depots currently managed by ACT Property Group within TAMS are either used or being considered for future use.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Chris Bourke MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 78

In relation to:

Former sewer attendant's cottage at Weston Creek—

Could you tell me a little bit more about the heritage value of the cottage?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The former Sewerage Attendant's Cottage, Weston Creek was entered into the heritage register in October 2010. Details of the Registration are in Notifiable Instrument NI 2010-597, *Heritage Act 2004*.

In summary it was determined that this building is one of a very few remaining examples of built infrastructure associated with the Weston Creek Sewerage Treatment Works. It also provides important evidence of early settler life and the families' contributions to development of Canberra. It was assessed that the house is a remarkably intact example of the particular building design and the only remaining one of its type outside the main suburban area and warrants conservation.

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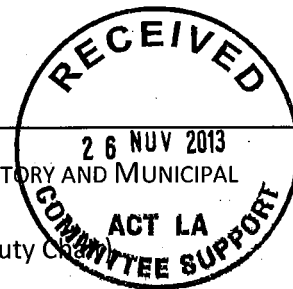
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 85

In relation to:

What was the date of the rabbit warren concreting at the RSPCA and what when was the Minister briefed on the issue?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The date of the concreting was 28 August 2013. I was on leave at the time of the concreting and was briefed about the issue on my return on 11 September 2013.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Chris Bourke MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 88

In relation to:

What is the number of cats allowed in residences?

Mr Rattenbury : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:--

Three cats may be kept at a single premises in the ACT without a permit. A licence is required to keep four or more cats at a single residence. Cats do not need to be registered in the ACT.

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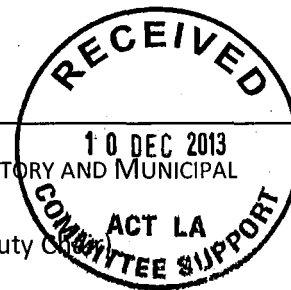
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Andrew Wall MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 96

In relation to:

How many submissions have been received through the fix my red tape section of the Canberra Connect website?

MS GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Economic Development Directorate has primary responsibility for the Fix My Red Tape website and has advised the following.

The Fix My Red Tape website was launched on 16 January 2013. From 16 January 2013 to 18 October 2013, 92 inquiries have been received. The inquiries included requests for information, requests for service, suggestions and complaints, with most requiring responses from other areas of the Government. A total of ten specifically related to red tape reduction. Only three queries have been identified as related to the work of the Red Tape Reduction Panel which require changes to the process or legislative amendments to reduce red tape. Two have been resolved and the other is in progress. The remaining seven were information requests and were forwarded to relevant agencies and subsequently resolved.

It should be recognised that the portal is one avenue to raise red tape issues and further red tape issues have been raised through regular channels including through the consultative mechanisms established by the Panel.

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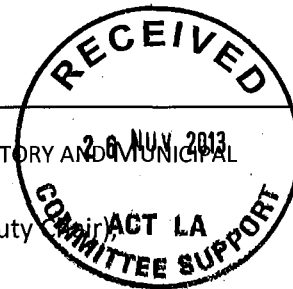
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 97-98

In relation to:

Bushfire Management - will you provide a list of the proposed 41 projects and the 35 that were done and the reason the others were not?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Bushfire Operations Plan (BOP) is prepared and approved ahead of the activities being implemented. There are often changes in priorities due to weather, road use and seasonal factors. The BOP is a working document and a guide to what will be implemented. However some tasks become a lower priority while other unplanned activities are subsequently included in the BOP.

In 2012/13, 10 additional "road maintenance" activities covering over 60km were added to the BOP. These included predominantly areas in Namadgi such as Camel Back, Old Mine, Fishing Gap and Curries Roads.

The six activities that were dropped in priority include maintenance in Bruce Ridge (7.25km), cleaning of 8 culverts in Urambi Hills (5.84km), extending 1 culvert in Farrer Ridge (.03km), install 1 culvert in Wanniasa Hills (.01km), maintenance on Luton's Fire trail (2.3km) and maintenance at Gibraltar (17.96km). All these activities were considered and prioritised during the development of the 2013/14 BOP.

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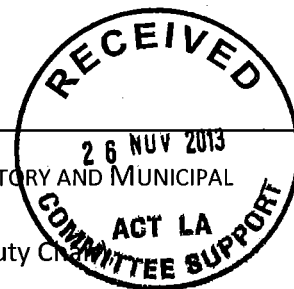
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 98

In relation to:

Fire and Forestry Management, why is the 655 figure on page 27 listed as fire trails?
Are they fire trails or not, and why the almost 250 kilometres discrepancy?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The figures of 407km and 655km are both correct.

The total kilometres treated under Access Management is 655km. This figure comprises three subset programs as follows:

- road maintenance – 407km
- road upgrades - 38km
- roadside vegetation control - 210km

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 99

In relation to:

If you go then to page 85 there is a section called "Storm Damage" that says in December 2010 and March 2012 extensive and widespread damage to the fire trails and road infrastructure occurred, and that restoration has not been completed.

Can we have a list of the sites identified in the two incidents and which ones have not been repaired?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The list of damaged roads from both events is summarised in the published 2012/13 BOP which is available at www.tams.act.gov.au/parks-recreation/bushfire_management/bushfire-operations-plan/2012-13-Bushfire-Operation-Plan. The list shows 759 tasks across 173 separate roads. Many of these were in isolated locations where access was limited by the storm damaged roads themselves.

Most importantly the result at the end of 2012/13 showed all the storm damage had been completed, apart from 49 low priority tasks; while at the same time TAMS delivered over 655 km of other fire trail related activities across the ACT Parks estate. All the roads where these 49 tasks lie are fully trafficable and it is envisaged that there is only approximately 11 machine days required to complete the full list of storm damage.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 8 October 2013 page 101

In relation to:

You also talk on page 85 about fire infrastructure development and say there were 19 projects of which 17 were completed. Could the committee be provided with a list of the 19 projects and which two were not completed?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The 2012/13 TAMS Bushfire Operations Plan is approved by the Commissioner of the Emergency Services Agency and is placed on the TAMS website at the following link http://www.tams.act.gov.au/parks-recreation/bushfire_management/bushfire-operations-plan. The full list of infrastructure projects is identified in that publicly available document.

The two projects that were not completed were the proposed lining of a dam with clay and the placement of signs on a fire trail in Namadgi. The wet weather meant the dam was full and could not be accessed and there was a delay in delivery of the signs. Both these tasks will be completed in 2013/14.

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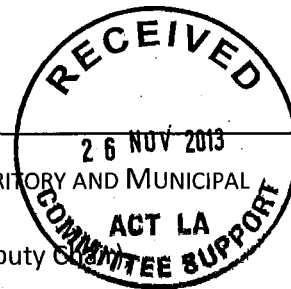
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Brendan Smyth MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 104

In relation to:

- 1) Who made the decision to remove the tanker from Tidbinbilla?
- 2)
 - a) So what resources [fire fighting vehicles] are available to the staff at TNR?
 - b) Where did that vehicle go?
 - c) So RFS directed the removal of this unit from TNR?

Mr Rattenbury : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1) A review is undertaken between the Parks Service and the ACT RFS whenever equipment is replaced to ensure it is most appropriately located to meet the fire risk in the ACT. The tanker at Tidbinbilla was scheduled for replacement and in defining the location of its replacement a number of things were considered including overall risk, access, fuel type and location in the landscape.

The decision to move the tanker from Tidbinbilla was made by ACT Parks and Conservation Service in conjunction with the ACT RFS and both the ACT Parks Service and the ACT RFS are comfortable that the fire risk is adequately addressed by the current resourcing arrangements in this vicinity.

It should be noted that ACT Parks operationally move vehicles around the ACT on a daily basis both during and outside the declared fire season as they implement activities under the approved BOP.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Brendan Smyth on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 105

In relation to:

Does Tidbinbilla nature reserve have a key to the Tidbinbilla volunteer brigade shed?

Mr Rattenbury : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve (TNR) does not currently have access to the Tidbinbilla Volunteer Shed and does not require access in the foreseeable future. The resources crewed by the ACT Parks Brigade at TNR are well suited to initial attack on the winding and steep tracks and trails that are in that vicinity.

The ACT RFS are responsible for fire suppression in the ACT and any subsequent request for bulk water or larger tankers would be made by the ACT RFS on a strategic basis and come from available resources in that vicinity and at their disposal. This may include the tanker at the Tidbinbilla volunteer shed or tankers from other brigade sheds including Southern who are located nearby at Tharwa.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Chris Bourke MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 111

In relation to:

Is there a curfew at Belconnen skate park or are the lights turned off at some stage during the night or at a particular time? How does that work?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

There is no curfew at the Belconnen skate park. The lights are programmed, through the use of a timer, to turn off at 10pm or 11pm during daylight savings time. There is also some safety lighting for pedestrians which are on all night.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 18 October 2013 : Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 113

In relation to

The money that was allocated for Red Hill and other shopping centres being shifted across to Downer.

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

No funds from the \$8 million Shopping Centre Upgrade Program have been allocated to the Downer shopping centre.

The program to date has delivered upgrades to shopping centres in Lyons and Scullin; is in the final stages of completion of upgrade to shops in Farrer, Red Hill and Waramanga; is yet to commence a full upgrade at Chapman shops and minor upgrades at Banks, Charnwood, Theodore and Griffith local shops.

Forward Designs have been completed as part of the Shopping Centre Upgrade Program for public spaces at shops in Scullin, Chapman, Lyneham, Charnwood, Theodore, Cook, Griffith and Torrens.

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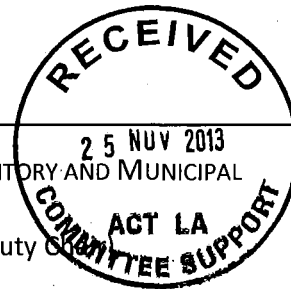
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 113

In relation to:

Part 1: With regard to the assessment of local centres, what are you looking for in terms of the criteria that have to be substandard before it gets invested in?

Part 2: Have you, in effect, assessed every local centre and put them into a priority list?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Part 1:

The assessment criteria used to determine the priority of the local shopping centres has two parts. Firstly all centres on public land were assessed in 2012 using a visual assessment method. This assessment determined a priority list of centres that required more detailed assessment. The centres listed as priority were then reassessed using the following criteria:

- the age and condition of infrastructure;
- relevant current health and safety issues;
- compliance with current Australian and ACT Standards and accessibility requirements;
- business activity and occupancy levels;
- usage levels (visitation to the centre); and
- the extent of Government owned land / assets.

Part 2:

Yes.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Chris Bourke MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 114

In relation to:

What capability has your directorate got to do something about the state of the Aranda Shops?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

All of the shopping centre buildings including the car park, terrace and the surrounding areas of grass and trees are located within the boundary of Block 20 of Section 14 which are leased.

Any upgrades would be the responsibility of the leaseholder.

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Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 18 October 2013: Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 18 October 2013 page 115-116

In relation to:

- 1) Announcement made by Mr Bill Shorten at Gungahlin Library - details of the approval processes and circumstances of the visit.
- 2) If any person wants to do a political announcement inside a library, am I able to just rock up there and put out the alert?

Mr Rattenbury : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) The visit you referred to occurred on Monday 23 September 2013. Libraries ACT received a phone call earlier on that day from the Economic Development Directorate's Business Development area. They had been contacted by Senator Kate Lundy's office with a request to visit the ACT Digital Hub that afternoon to make a media announcement.

Libraries ACT immediately sought advice from the TAMS Communications section, who then contacted my office. My office advised TAMS was that the event could proceed, provided that staff did not make comment. Libraries ACT staff also advised their Executive Director of the request and advice from my office.

I understand the reason for this request was because Gungahlin Library is the location of the ACT Digital Hub, which is part of the Federal Government's Digital Hubs program. This was funded through what was then the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE).

As a result of the agreements involved with that program, Libraries ACT is also required to notify the DBCDE of any potential media attention. They did this by phone and were asked to make sure filming and photography did not take place in front of anything that referred to the Digital Hub program.

Rather than use the ACT Digital Hub space, when they arrived the media asked to set up their cameras in an area of the library which had plenty of space and was empty at that time.

Two senior library staff attended the library for the afternoon and met the media and politicians in the foyer as they arrived from around 2 pm. The politicians present were Andrew Leigh, Kate Lundy and Bill Shorten. They made their way to the designated area where the statement and questions took place. The entire process was complete by about 3 pm, by which time everyone had left.

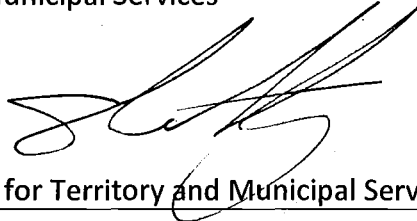
- 2) Our libraries are public places and this same process would have been followed for any of the parties, should they have made a similar request.

Any groups or individuals are able to access the public libraries, including politicians. Users are asked not to disrupt other users.

Requests for use of library community rooms (meeting/training rooms) for programs, events and other community activities are made using an official booking form and set terms and conditions.

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