Late to lunch

Have some sympathy for the head DOJ(er) Richard Coates.

Trying to get to lunch at the Hanuman, the laconic Coatesy was held up somewhat by a group of protestors who were, wait for it, being very vocal about the NT Government's tough on drugs policies.

Muster Room doesn't know if he was recognised by the pro-marijuana mob but needless to say he did make it to lunch albeit a tad late and a tad bemused.

Congratulations

To Sophie Cleveland from McQueens on her bouncing baby boy. Mother and son (named Leo) are both doing well. And to David Farquhar from Cridlands who turned 50 recently. Happy belated birthday, David.

Catfish anyone?

Muster Room has a brilliant idea. Many of you would know that the Territory Wildlife Park (a personal favorite visiting spot of Muster Room) has introduced a program aimed at ordinary folk sponsoring an animal at the Park.

Called the Territory Ark Wildlife Sponsorship program, it has five levels ranging from \$50 and there's a veritable plethora of animals.

Given the current president's penchant for catfish, it's been suggested that the Society should sponsor one in his name. And here's the best part: for a sponsorship of \$250 or more you get "a private animal encounter" with your chosen species.

What a photo THAT would make. Mind you, some wag pointed out that since the Society is a "bunch of lawyers", it would be more appropriate for it to sponsor a False-water Rat, a Brown Tree Snake or a Sooty Grunter (fish).

Other smart-mouthed suggestions: the pollies sponsor a Strawman (fish), the journos sponsor a Black-footed Tree Rat, the Governor-General sponsors a Mudskipper and Wayne Carey sponsors a Red-faced Emydura Turtle. For details about the program, contact the Territory Wildlife Park on 8988 7200.

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The Muster Room

If you'd like to make a donation towards the Society sponsoring a catfish send it to:

Muster Room's Sponsor the President GPO Box 2388, Darwin NT 0801.

Any free passes we get for our sponsorship, we'll put in a competition for those who come up with the best suggestion of who should sponsor what.

But we need to raise at least \$250 so dig deep. It is, after all, a good cause.

PEOPLE AND THE LAW

Movement at the station(s)

Gloria Richardson is leaving Hunt and Hunt for Adelaide.

Peggy Turner has left Cridlands for a break.

John Tedford, he of the Orderlies section at the Magistrates Court, has retired. Good luck to him and his lazy days on the golf course.

James McEwen from Morgan Buckley has been promoted to Associate and has moved to the firm's Alice Springs Office to head their commercial practice. James' new postal address is PO Box 3870, Alice Springs NT 0871.

Score!

Danny Masters from Cridlands is thinking of giving up law and becoming the manager of his son Shannon who plays for the very successful Palmerston Magpies. (Yuk, yuk, yuk) ①

Who's moving? Who's leaving? Who's come in? Who's doing what? What's your goss? All contributions are treated confidentially (but they are crosschecked, just to make sure). All contributions are

welcome. Photos get extra points.

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