

Answers to questions

Mental health services—patient deaths (Question No 506)

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for Mental Health, upon notice, on 8 October 2021:

How many deaths in care (within the meaning of the section 3BB of the Coroners Act 1997), (a) occurred and (b) were referred to the coroner, (i) in 2018-19, (ii) in 2019-20, (iii) in 2020-21 and (iv) from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

Ms Davidson: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

(1)

ACT Policing reports all deaths in care, as defined in section 3BB of the *Coroners Act 1997*, to the ACT Coroner.

The number of such deaths reported in each year requested is as follows.

(i) in 2018-19	Two deaths of persons subject to mental health orders were reported to the ACT Coroner.
(ii) in 2019-20	Seven deaths of persons subject to mental health orders were reported to the ACT Coroner.
(iii) in 2020-21	Five deaths of persons subject to mental health orders were reported to the ACT Coroner.
(iv) from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021	To 30 September 2021, two deaths of persons subject to mental health orders were reported to the ACT Coroner.

Environment—Healthy Waterways project (Question No 583—revised answer)

Ms Lawder asked the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

Further to the response to question on notice No 232, can the Minister provide (a) the Healthy Waterways progress reports, including final and evaluation reports, (b) the Healthy Waterways Business Case, (c) Model for Urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation (MUSIC) models for assets, as supplied to the Government according to the 2016 Alluvium report, (d) detailed design MUSIC models and (e) the Healthy Waterways Operation and Maintenance manuals.

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

- (a) These reports are still being finalised and will be released on their completion, before the end of this financial year. The Final Report will be posted on the Healthy Waterways website and the Evaluation Report will be made available either directly or via the ACT Government's Open Access Information Portal.
- (b) The Healthy Waterways Business Case ('Final Supplementary Report - 9 Feb 2016') was released to you as a part of Freedom of Information (FOI) request 21/42215.

- (c) As provided previously, the Government does not hold the MUSIC models for the preliminary designs of assets. The models supplied to the Government in the preliminary design phase ('Phase 1') were for the seven subcatchments. These can be made available upon a request to my office directly.
- (d) The MUSIC models underpinning detailed designs of assets ('Phase 2') can be made available upon request to my office directly.
- (e) The Operation and Maintenance manuals are being assessed by documentation officers against criteria for Open Access.

Officers within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development have consistently provided information on request on the Healthy Waterways program. This has included data, music models, business cases; and in response to a broad Freedom Of Information request. These continued requests are creating a significant diversion of Government resources. My officials remain available if there is a specific concern to be addressed, however continued broad requests may be seen as an excessive diversion of resources.

Government—grants programs (Question Nos 588, 590, 597, 606, 610)

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for the Arts; the Minister for Business and Better Regulation; the Assistant Minister for Economic Development, the Minister for Human Rights and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory ("administered" within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.
- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient

making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.

- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Ms Cheyne The answer to the member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A - E

Attachment A

Question 588: Minister for the Arts

- (1) Public reporting in ACT Government Annual Reports includes the type, monetary value and recipients of Grant funding:

- a. Publications - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (act.gov.au). (CMTEDD)

Further budget information can be found in the ACT Government budget papers.

- b. ACT Budget - Treasury

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Reporting on 2021-22 grant programs will be reported in the 2021-22 annual report, to collate this information now on any of the 2021-22 grant programs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(2)

(a) – (c) Refer to response 1

(d) Most of the grants are expensed through CMTEDD's Controlled accounts, and are funded using Controlled Recurrent Payments appropriation.

(e) Identifying the number of applications received against each program is an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(f): Specific funding guidelines/criteria and assessment process for each grant program were developed for the information of potential grant applicants. Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources not readily available in this format.

(g)-(h): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(i): Refer to (f) above.

(3)

(a): See response provided under Question 1 and 2.

(b)-(e): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(4) Refer to response 1. To collate any further information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Information regarding funding recipients is publicly made available through related media activities and detailed in the Annual Report. The conditions attached to these grants are generally not disclosed publicly other than via the general applicant information which is contained within the published grant funding guidelines for each program.

Attachment B

Question 590: Minister for Business and Better Regulation

(1) Nil.

(2) Nil.

(3) Nil.

(4) Nil.

(5) Nil.

(6) Nil.

Attachment C

Question 597: Assistant Minister for Economic Development

(1) Public reporting in ACT Government Annual Reports includes the type, monetary value and recipients of Grant funding:

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(a): See response provided under Question 1 and 2.

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(5) Not applicable.

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Attachment D

Question 606: Minister for Human Rights

There are no grant programs funded under the Human Rights portfolio.

Attachment E

Question 610: Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Answering this question to the level of detail required would require the diversion of significant resources.

For the period requested links have been provided to published information about grant programs.

1)(a) Portfolio arrangements and administration of grants have changed over time. There are currently 2 grant programs administered in the Multicultural Affairs portfolio.

The Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program promotes community participation and cohesion, cultural diversity and social inclusion in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

The National Multicultural Festival (NMF) Grants Program Grant provides funding for projects that highlight and promote community participation, cultural diversity, and social inclusion at the annual Festival.

The outcome of these grants is reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly from the following sites:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

(b) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(c) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(d) These grants are paid through the territories controlled accounts and are therefore not accounted for as administered items.

(e) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(f) Grants are assessed through a panel arrangement; the panel is comprised of government and community members. All panel members are required to sign a conflict of interest declaration to ensure that there are no conflicts with grant applicants. Once recommendations are put forward by the panel, these are approved by the panel Chair and the relevant delegate within CSD. There are feedback and complaints mechanisms provided to applicants regarding the grant process.

(g) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(h) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(i) There are Grant Guidelines available for each grant program and these are published on the CSD website here: [Grants, Scholarships and Awards - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](#) when grant rounds are open.

2)(a) Recipients of the Participation (Multicultural) Grants and the NMF Grants are published on the CSD Grants Website [Grants | Multicultural - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](#).

(b) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(c) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(d) This information is published on the CSD website as at 2(a).

(e) There are sometimes conditions placed on successful recipients the Participation (Multicultural) Grants and the NMF Grants where there are specific requirements of the grant that needs to be met. This could include the requirement to obtain the proper insurance for an event. The conditions placed on these grants vary broadly and depend upon the nature of the grant, the recipient who has applied and the project being funded. Generally, there is no condition placed on a recipient of the Participation (Multicultural) Grants and the NMF Grants regarding making public comment.

3) Information about the broad range of grants outside the competitive grant programs, including grants delivered in response to COVID-19, are reported in the CSD annual report and is available at:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

4) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

5) The outcome of grants is reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly at the websites provided in question 1(a). Any conditions a grant applicant are included in the individualised Letter of Offer provided to successful applicants, which are not published.

Government—grants programs (Question Nos 589, 592, 601, 622)

Mrs Jones asked the Attorney-General; the Minister for Consumer Affairs; the Minister for Gaming and the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was is the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.

- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

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

Please refer to the Attachments A – D

Attachment A

Question 589: Attorney-General

Information provided at **Attachment A.1** responds to the following components of the question:

- Question 1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)
- Question 2 (a), (b) and (c) (first occurring); and
- Question 4.

In response to Question 2(c) (second occurring), none of the grant programs listed in Attachment A.1 were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory. Trust Grants programs were accounted for in the Confiscated Asset Trust account.

In response to Question 6, some information about grants administered in the portfolio and the recipients of those grants is published in one or more of JACS annual reports for the relevant years, budget papers, media statements and the legislation register. Although there is not currently a single approach taken to publication, any conditions on an individual grant recipient are not published.

Otherwise, answering all components of this question to the level of detail sought would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(A copy of the attachment is available at the Chamber Support Office).

Attachment B**Question 592: Minister for Consumer Affairs**

There are no grant programs funded under this portfolio.

Attachment C**Question 601: Minister for Gaming**

Information provided at **Attachment C.1** responds to the following components of the question:

- Question 1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)
- Question 2 (a), (b) and (c) (first occurring); and
- Question 4.

In response to Question 2(c) (second occurring), the *Voluntary surrender of Gaming Machine Authorisations* grant program and *ACT Government COVID-19 Economic Survival Package and DSSF* grant programs listed in Attachment C.1 were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory.

In response to Question 6, some information about grants administered in the portfolio and the recipients of those grants is published in one or more of JACS annual reports for the relevant years, budget papers and media statements. Although there is not currently a single approach taken to publication, any conditions on an individual grant recipient are not published.

Otherwise, answering all components of this question to the level of detail sought would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(A copy of the attachment is available at the Chamber Support Office).

Attachment D**Question 622: Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction****1. What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?**

The following grants are administered by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD):

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)		Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Community Zero Emissions Grants		Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Climate Change Community Partnership		Active	Active	Active	Active	Active

We have excluded any subsidies provided which do not meet the definition of a grant. Please note that the above grants are not disclosed as part of the annual report.

The above excludes payments made by EPSDD which are classified for Financial Statement purposes as grants and purchased services but do not meet the traditional definition of a grant.

2. For each grant program referred to in part (1),

a. Purpose of the grant program

Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (REIF)	The funding is provided by industry successful in the ACT Government's renewable energy auctions to fund innovative projects that grow the renewables industry. To test the market and provide flexible, early-stage funding to support a diversity of new and emerging technologies and ventures, with the potential to support the development of the ACT as an export-oriented hub for renewable energy innovation. It incorporates direct grants and clean tech funding.
Community Zero Emissions Grants	The Community Zero Emissions Grants program is designed to provide funding for diverse projects that inform and education the community on how to reduce emissions. Please refer to the Everyday Climate Choices website for information on the purpose of the grant program, available at https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/community-zero-emissions-grants .
Climate Change Community Partnership	To provide financial assistance to the Conservation Council, Canberra Environment Centre and See-Change Inc. This is a non-competitive grant.

b. How much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22

EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

c. How much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)	46,800	2,280,541	2,244,108	1,646,081	3,943,427
Community Zero Emissions Grants*	0	140,910	144,258	157,603	128,534
Climate Change Community Partnerships	0	359,775	368,769	377,989	387,438

*Zero Emission Grants include grants provided which were ultimately returned to ACT due to non-delivery of milestones.

2021-22 financial year is yet to be completed and data will be available following 30 June.

(d) Was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1050)

No grants detailed in this document are territorial in nature.

e. How many applications were received for the grant program

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)	Unreasonable diversion of resources, given that Renewable Energy Innovation Fund consists of several grant programs.				
Community Zero Emissions Grants	N/A	19	17	21	16
Climate Change Community Partnerships	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2021-22 financial year is yet to be completed and data will be available following 30 June.

f. Who decided, approved or rejected the grant applications?

Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)	The REIF Business Advisory Board determines the outcome of grant applications.
Community Zero Emissions Grants	The program is run through a competitive grants process. A cross-directorate panel is convened to assess the applications and select the successful projects. The final decision is signed off by the Deputy Director-General of Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction.
Climate Change Community Partnerships	This is a contribution targeted to specific organisations which is ongoing.

g/h. What percentage of the applications were approved/rejected?

Provision of this data would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

i. What criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program?

Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)	A request for proposal were developed for this grant. There was also a deed of grant based on the ACT Government template.
Community Zero Emissions Grants	Please refer to the Everyday Climate Choices website and the ACT Climate Change Strategy 2019-25 for information pertaining to this question.
Climate Change Community partnerships	This is a contribution targeted to specific organisations which is ongoing.

3. For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the

recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment?

Provision of this data would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

4. Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?

All climate change and energy grants are provided under the above grant categories.

5. For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant?

Refer to answer for question 4. Any other details are an unreasonable diversion of resources.

6. Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants?

Renewable Energy Innovation Fund (grants)	Successful grant recipients have been announced publicly. The conditions of the grants are outlined in the Deed of Grant with each prospective recipient.
Community Zero Emissions Grants	Yes. The grant amount, recipient and round are published on the publicly available Everyday Climate Choices website. The conditions of the grant are outlined in the Deed of Grant template which is provided upon request.
Climate Change Community Partnerships	No, we do not disclose this contribution.

Government—grants programs (Question Nos 591, 596, 619, 621)

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for Climate Action; the Minister for Economic Development; the Minister for Tourism and the Treasurer, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
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Mr Barr: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A – D.

Attachment A

Question 591: Minister for Climate Action

- (1) The Minister for Climate Action portfolio was established in November 2020. No grant programs have been operated or administered by the Minister for Climate Action portfolio to date.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) N/A
- (6) N/A

Attachment B

Question 596: Minister for Economic Development

(1) Public reporting in ACT Government Annual Reports includes the type, monetary value and recipients of Grant funding:

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(d) Most of the grants are expensed through CMTEDD's Controlled accounts, and are funded using Controlled Recurrent Payments appropriation.

(e) Identifying the number of applications received against each program is an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(f): Specific funding guidelines/criteria and assessment process for each grant program were developed for the information of potential grant applicants. Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources not readily available in this format.

(g)-(h): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(i): Refer to (f) above.

(3)

(a): See response provided under Question 1 and 2.

(b)-(e): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(4) Refer to response 1. To collate any further information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Information regarding funding recipients is publicly made available through related media activities and detailed in the Annual Report. The conditions attached to these grants are generally not disclosed publicly other than via the general applicant information which is contained within the published grant funding guidelines for each program.

Attachment C

Question 619: Minister for Tourism

(1) Public reporting in ACT Government Annual Reports includes the type, monetary value and recipients of Grant funding:

- a. Publications - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (act.gov.au). (CMTEDD)

Further budget information can be found in the ACT Government budget papers.

- b. ACT Budget - Treasury

*NOTE portfolios and priorities have changed since 2016, whilst reporting of these grant programs is currently in the CMTEDD Annual Reports now, they may have been reported in other ACT Government Annual Reports previously:

https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/annual-reports

Reporting on 2021-22 grant programs will be reported in the 2021-22 annual report, to collate this information now on any of the 2021-22 grant programs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(2)

(a) – (c) Refer to response 1

(d) Most of the grants are expensed through CMTEDD's Controlled accounts, and are funded using Controlled Recurrent Payments appropriation.

(e) Identifying the number of applications received against each program is an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(f): Specific funding guidelines/criteria and assessment process for each grant program were developed for the information of potential grant applicants. Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources not readily available in this format.

(g)-(h): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(i): Refer to (f) above.

(3)

(a): See response provided under Question 1 and 2.

(b)-(e): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

- (4) Refer to response 1. To collate any further information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Information regarding funding recipients is publicly made available through related media activities and detailed in the Annual Report. The conditions attached to these grants are generally not disclosed publicly other than via the general applicant information which is contained within the published grant funding guidelines for each program.

Attachment D

Question 621: Treasurer

(1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?

The ACT Revenue Office administers the First Home Owner Grant (program commenced 1 July 2000) and the Homebuilder Grant (program commenced 4 June 2020). Payments of the First Home Owner Grant ceased in the ACT on 1 July 2019. The ACT Revenue Office continues to administer the Grant however for transactions entered into on or before 30 June 2019.

COVID-19 Hardship Payments were administered in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Please note while the annual report discloses grants for COVID-19 Quarantine Costs they are not traditional grants, as they are cost recovery reimbursements made to other jurisdictions for COVID-19 quarantine accommodation for ACT residents.

(2) For each grant program referred to in part (1):

First Home Owner Grant

(a) what was is the purpose of the grant program?

The First Home Owner Grant program provides financial assistance to eligible persons buying their first home.

The HomeBuilder Grant is a national program that provides support to the residential construction sector as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ACT Revenue Office administers the program in relation to eligible ACT properties for the Commonwealth.

(b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

This information is comprised in ACT Budget Papers <https://www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/previous-act-budgets>. For ease of reference, the amounts have been tabled below:

Year	FHOG ('\$000)	Homebuilder ('\$000)
2016-17	11,352	N/A
2017-18	8,790	N/A
2018-19	8,776	N/A
2019-20	7,000	N/A
2020-21	6,000	N/A
2021-22	5,000	39,755

(c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The following amounts were expended in respect of the First Home Owner and Homebuilder Grants:

Year	FHOG ('\$000)	Homebuilder ('\$000)
2016-17	12,450	N/A
2017-18	15,250	N/A
2018-19	7,864	N/A
2019-20	4,826	N/A
2020-21	3,034	6,885
2021-22 (YTD Jan '22)	630	9,420

(d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050)?

Yes, the First Home Owner and Homebuilder Grant programs were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory. The Commonwealth reimburses the ACT for expenditure on the Homebuilder Grant.

(e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The number of applications received:

Year	FHOG ¹	Homebuilder ²
2016-17	1,051	N/A
2017-18	1,531	N/A
2018-19	947	N/A
2019-20	640	N/A
2020-21	422	437
2021-22	81	354

¹ Payments of the First Home Owner Grant ceased in the ACT on 1 July 2019. The ACT Revenue Office continues to administer the Grant in respect of transactions entered into on or before 30 June 2019.

² Complete applications received YTD January 2022.

(f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants?

The Commissioner for ACT Revenue (and the Commissioner's delegates) are responsible for administering the First Home Owner and Homebuilder grants subject to applicants meeting eligibility requirements.

(g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The percentage of applicants approved:

Year	FHOG (%) ¹	Homebuilder (%) ²
2016-17	99	N/A
2017-18	99	N/A
2018-19	99	N/A
2019-20	98	N/A
2020-21	97	89
2021-22	100	91

¹ FHOG percentages are current to February 2022.

² Homebuilder percentages are current to January 2022.

(h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The percentage of applicants rejected:

Year	FHOG (%) ¹	Homebuilder (%) ²
2016-17	1	N/A
2017-18	1	N/A
2018-19	1	N/A
2019-20	2	N/A
2020-21	3	11
2021-22	0	9

¹ FHOG percentages are current to February 2022.

² Homebuilder percentages are current to January 2022.

(2)(i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program?

First Home Owner Grant – refer to the ACT Revenue Office website:

<https://www.revenue.act.gov.au/home-buyer-assistance/home-buyer-concession-scheme/first-home-owner-grant>

Homebuilder Grant – refer to ACT Revenue Office website:

<https://www.revenue.act.gov.au/covid-19-assistance/homebuilder-grant>

COVID-19 Hardship Payments***(a) what was is the purpose of the grant program?***

The Hardship Payments provide financial support for eligible Canberra workers who are unable to work as a result of complying with public health orders and guidelines (including the requirement to isolate while waiting on COVID-19 test results).

(b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The Hardship Payments are funded from the CMTEDD Hardship Fund that has a budget of \$750,000, with a funding profile of \$436,000 in 2020-21 and \$314,000 in 2021-22.

(c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The amount expended on Hardship Payments (excluding administration costs) under the program was \$12,690 in 2020-21 and \$80,967 in 2021-22 up to 28/02/2022.

(d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050)?

No. The Hardship Fund is Controlled Recurrent Payments.

(e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The number of Hardship Payment applications received was 92 in 2020-21 and 1,221 in 2021-22 up to 28/02/2022.

(f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants?

Applications were approved or rejected at the Executive Branch Manager or Senior Director level within Finance and Budget Group, Expenditure Review Branch. The Executive Group Manager, Finance and Budget provided a review function when required.

(g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The percentage of Hardship Payment applicants that were approved was 54 per cent in 2020-21 and 24 per cent in 2021-22 up to 28/02/2022.

(h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

The percentage of Hardship Payment applicants that were rejected in 2020-21 was 45 per cent. In 2021-22, 53 per cent were rejected for not meeting eligibility requirements, while a further 21 per cent were assessed as likely being eligible for Commonwealth COVID-19 support payments in 2021-22 (including the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment and COVID-19 Disaster Payment) and as result were referred to Services Australia for financial support. The Hardship Payment was not available for people who could access Australian Government COVID-19 support payments.

(i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program?

ACT Government COVID-19 Hardship Payment Guidelines available on ACT Government COVID-19 website https://www.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1621627/ACT-Government-COVID-19-hardship-payment-guidelines.pdf

(3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment

N/A

(4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.

N/A

(5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant?

N/A

(6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants?

N/A

**Government—grants programs
(Question Nos 593, 607, 611, 612)**

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for Corrections; the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety; the Minister for Planning and Land Management and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was is the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of

Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.

- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Mr Gentleman: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A – D.

Attachment A

Question 593: Minister for Corrections

Information provided below responds to the following components of the question:

- Question 1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)
- Question 2 (a), (b) and (c) (first occurring); and
- Question 4.

In response to Question 2(c) (second occurring), none of the grant programs listed below were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory.

In response to Question 6, some information about grants administered in the portfolio and the recipients of those grants is published in one or more of JACS annual reports for the

relevant years, budget papers and media statements. Although there is not currently a single approach taken to publication, any conditions on an individual grant recipient are not published.

Otherwise, answering all components of this question to the level of detail sought would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2016-17

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid	Budget Amount
Throughcare - Reducing prisoner recidivism	Grants paid to eligible detainees released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre	Various	87,181.12	89,000

2017-18

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid	Budget Amount
Throughcare - Reducing prisoner recidivism	Grants paid to eligible detainees released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre	Various	55,742.63	90,000

2018-19

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid	Budget Amount
Throughcare - Reducing prisoner recidivism	Grants paid to eligible detainees released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre	Various	57,108.32	90,000

2019-20

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid	Budget Amount
Throughcare - Reducing prisoner recidivism	Grants paid to eligible detainees released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre	Various	58,507.47	90,000

Justice Housing Program/Justice Housing Portfolio	This provides short-term accommodation options to help ensure bail granted by the courts is safe and sustainable.	Roman Catholic Church as Trustees for CatholicCare	163,303.00	163,303
Total			221,810.47	253,303.00

2020-21

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid	Budget Amount
Throughcare - Reducing prisoner recidivism	Grants paid to eligible detainees released from the Alexander Maconochie Centre	Various	59,619.11	90,000
Justice Housing Program/Justice Housing Portfolio	This provides short-term accommodation options to help ensure bail granted by the courts is safe and sustainable.	Roman Catholic Church as Trustees for CatholicCare	780,582.77	780,582.77
Total			840,201.88	870,582.77

Attachment B

Question 607: Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety

(1) Under the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety portfolio no grants programs are administered by Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate in the financial years stated in this question.

(2) Refer the response to question 1 above, no grants programs are administered.

(3) Refer the response to question 1 above, no grants programs are administered.

(4) While no grant programs were administered in the relevant financial years, a single individual grant was executed with the Trades and Labour Council of the ACT Inc. (UnionsACT) known as the WHS Liaison Grant.

(5) The Trades and Labour Council of the ACT Inc. (UnionsACT) known as the WHS Liaison Grant supports activities to:

- raise and increase awareness of work health and safety issues and resources in Territory workplaces
- facilitate access to work health and safety training for employers and employees
- provide other work health and safety services, advice and support to employers and employees; and
- undertake research into work health and safety and related matters.

This grant was executed in August 2019 and execution of the grant is reported publicly on page 158 of the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate's Annual Report for 2019-20, including the total amount of the grant.

UnionsACT was provided the grant following an assessment of the following in line with the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Grant Administration Policy:

- whether it is in the public interest to raise awareness about health and safety; and if so,
- whether UnionsACT is a suitable organisation to provide awareness raising services, and
- whether UnionsACT has experience or infrastructure that would make it more effective than other organisations in doing so.

There is no condition applied under the grant that prevents UnionsACT as the recipient of the grant from making public comment about the grant.

(6) Refer the response to question 4 above, the WHS Liaison grant executed in August 2019 is recorded on page 158 of the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate's Annual Report for 2019-20, including the total amount of the grant.

Attachment C

Question 611: Minister for Planning and Land Management

No grants were made for Minister for Planning and Land Management over the period.

Attachment D

Question 612: Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Information provided at **Attachment D.1** responds to the following components of the question:

- Question 1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)
- Question 2 (a), (b) and (c) (first occurring); and
- Question 4.

(A copy of the attachment is available at the Chamber Support Office).

In response to Question 2(c) (second occurring), none of the grant programs listed in Attachment D.1 were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory.

In response to Question 6, some information about grants administered in the portfolio and the recipients of those grants is published in one or more of JACS annual reports for the relevant years, budget papers, and media statements. Although there is not currently a single approach taken to publication, any conditions on an individual grant recipient are not published.

Otherwise, answering all components of this question to the level of detail sought would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Government—grants programs (Question Nos 594, 608, 609, 614)

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for Disability; the Minister for Justice Health; the Minister for Mental Health and the Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.
- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the

recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.

- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Ms Davidson: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A – D

Attachment A

Question 594: Minister for Disability

Answering this question to the level of detail required would require the diversion of significant resources.

For the period requested links have been provided to published information about grant programs.

1(a) Portfolio arrangements and administration of grants have changed over time. There are currently two grant programs in the Disability portfolio.

The Disability Inclusion Grants provide funding for local clubs, groups, community organisations and small businesses to promote social inclusion for people with disability through the removal of barriers to participation.

The I-Day Grants provides funding to individuals and community groups to develop a program or event to celebrate the International Day of People with Disability (I-Day) held annually on 3 December.

The outcome of these grants is reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly from the following sites:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

(b) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(c) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(d) These grants are paid through the territories controlled accounts and are therefore not accounted for as administered items.

(e) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(f) Grants are assessed through a panel arrangement; the panel is comprised of government and community members. All panel members are required to sign a conflict of interest declaration to ensure that there are no conflicts with grant applicants. Once recommendations are put forward by the panel, these are approved by the panel Chair and the relevant delegate

within CSD. There are feedback and complaints mechanisms provided to applicants regarding the grant process.

- (g) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.
- (h) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.
- (i) There are Grant Guidelines available for each grant program and these are published on the CSD website here: [Grants, Scholarships and Awards - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au/grants-scholarships-and-awards-community-services) when grant rounds are open.

2)(a) Recipients of the Disability Inclusion Grants and I-Day Grant programs are published on the CSD Grants Website at [Grants and Awards | Disability - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au/grants-and-awards-disability-community-services).

- (b) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.
- (c) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.
- (d) This information is published on the CSD website as at 2(a).
- (e) There are sometimes conditions placed on successful recipients of the Disability Inclusion Grants and I-Day Grants where there are specific requirements of the grant that needs to be met. This could include the requirement to obtain the proper insurance for an event. The conditions placed on these grants vary broadly and depend upon the nature of the grant, the recipient who has applied and the project being funded. Generally, there is no condition placed on a recipient of the Disability Inclusion Grants and I-Day Grants regarding making public comment.

3) Information about the broad range of grants outside the competitive grant programs, including grants delivered in response to COVID-19, are reported in the CSD annual report and is available at:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

- 4) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.
- 5) The outcome of the Disability Inclusion Grants and I-Day Grants are reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly at the websites provided in question 1(a). Any conditions on a grant applicant are included in the individualised Letter of Offer provided to successful applicants, which are not published.

Attachment B

Question 608: Minister for Justice Health

There are no grant programs funded under the Justice Health portfolio.

Attachment C**Question 609: Minister for Mental Health**

- (1) Details of grant programs are provided in the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) and Canberra Health Services (CHS) Annual Report each year. Annual reports dating back to the 2009-2010 financial year are available on the ACTHD website:
<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/data-and-publications/reports/annual-reports>
- (2)
- a) Details of grant purposes are provided in ACTHD and CHS annual reports each year.
 - b) Details for grant related budget and expenditure are detailed in Financial Statements included in the Annual Report.
 - c) Details for grant related budget and expenditure are detailed in Financial Statements included in the Annual Report.
 - d) Territorial Grants have consistently been accounted for and reported as ‘administered’ or as ‘expenses on behalf of the Territory’ within the ‘Territorial Financial Statements’ in line with AASB 1050 dating back to the 2016-2017 financial year. Other types of grants (e.g. health promotion grants, research grants) are not accounted for as ‘administered’ items.
 - e-f) It has been assessed that answering this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (3) It has been assessed that answering this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (4) Details of all grants are made publicly available through the Annual Report each year.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Details on grant recipients are within ACTHD and CHS annual reports. Recipients sign a Deed of Grant which specifies the obligations of both the grant recipient and the ACT Government. ACTHD does not publicly disclose these deeds. It is a condition of all ACT Government funding programs that grant recipients provide a final report to the funding Directorate. Final reports must include a description of project outcomes and an acquittal of how the grant was used. ACT Government funding programs also require grant recipients to acknowledge ACT Government support in material produced as a result of that funding. These conditions are further detailed on the ACT Government Grants webpage: <https://www.act.gov.au/grants/home>

Attachment D**Question 614: Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services**

Answering this question to the level of detail required would require the diversion of significant resources.

For the period requested links have been provided to published information about grant programs.

1 (a) Portfolio arrangements and administration of grants have changed over time. There are currently 2 grant programs within this portfolio, the Seniors Grants and Veterans Grants.

The Senior's Grant is to provide funding for innovative projects that promote seniors as valued members of the ACT community and enable their active participation in community life; has a particular emphasis on supporting projects which address the areas of elder abuse, enhanced social inclusion, and those that address the needs of diverse seniors, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders and culturally and linguistically diverse seniors.

The Veteran's Grant is to support veterans and their families' wellbeing and social inclusion. To best meet the needs of the veteran community, a focus on older veterans, contemporary veterans and veterans' families might be considered collectively or separately as the focus of the grant application.

The outcome of these grants is reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly from the following sites:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

(b) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(c) This information is provided at the websites in question 1(a).

(d) These grants are paid through the territories controlled accounts and are therefore not accounted for as administered items.

(e) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(f) Grants are assessed through a panel arrangement; the panel is comprised of government and community members. All panel members are required to sign a conflict of interest declaration to ensure that there are no conflicts with grant applicants. Once recommendations are put forward by the panel, these are approved by the panel Chair and the relevant delegate within CSD. There are feedback and complaints mechanisms provided to applicants regarding the grant process.

(g) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(h) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(i) There are Grant Guidelines available for each grant program and these are published on the CSD website here: [Grants, Scholarships and Awards - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](#) when grant rounds are open.

2) (a) Recipients of the Seniors Grants and Veterans Grants are published on the CSD Grants Website

[Grants | Seniors - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](#) and [Grants | Veterans - Community Services \(act.gov.au\)](#)

(b) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(c) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

(d) This information is published on the CSD website at 2(a).

(e) There are sometimes conditions placed on successful recipients of the Seniors or Veterans Grants where there are specific requirements of the grant that needs to be met. This could include things like the requirement to obtain the proper insurance for an activity or project. The conditions placed on these grants vary broadly and depend upon the nature of the grant, the recipient who has applied and the project being funded. Generally, there is no condition placed on a recipient of the Seniors or Veterans Grants regarding making public comment.

3) Information about the broad range of grants outside the competitive grant programs, including grants delivered in response to COVID-19, are reported in the CSD annual report and is available at:

- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2017-18](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2020-21](#)

4) Providing this level of detail would require the diversion of significant resources.

5) The outcome of grants is reported in the annual report and this information is available publicly at the websites provided in question 1(a). Any conditions on a grant applicant are included in the individualised Letter of Offer provided to successful applicants, which are not published.

Government—grants programs (Question Nos 599, 603, 604, 618)

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for the Environment; the Minister for Heritage; the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services and the Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

(1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?

(2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of

Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.

- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Ms Vassarotti: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A – D

Attachment A

Question 599: Minister for the Environment

1. What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?

In the Environment portfolio, the following grants are administered by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD):

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Community Garden Grants (CGG)	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active

ACT environment grant program	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
ACT Rural Resilience Grants			Active	Active	Active	Active
ACT rural grants	Active					

2. For each grant program referred to in part (1),

a. Purpose of the grant program?

Community Garden Grants (CGG)	The purpose of the grants program is to provide funding for the building or extension of community gardens across the city. Full purpose of the grant is published for the community at: https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/community-garden-grants
ACT environment grant program	The ACT Environmental Grants Program supports and empowers the community to fulfil a stewardship role. The program provides an opportunity for the community to address environmental issues they are concerned about, to restore and conserve natural places that are special to them, and to engage other community members to do the same.
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	Support landholders dealing with the pressure of a changing environment, including addressing threats by weeds and pests and in the past drought resilience.
ACT rural grants	Support landholders to implement innovative sustainable farming practices.

b. How much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

c. How much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22?

As published in the annual report, the following was provided under each grant program:

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Community Garden Grants (CGG)	50,000	40,000	40,002	50,231	39,387
ACT environment grant program	185,000	203,005	192,460	218,138	202,884
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	0	0	141,700	159,307	182,530

ACT rural grants	72,799	0	0	0	0
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2021-22 financial year is yet to be completed and data will be available following 30 June.

d. Was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1050)?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Community Garden Grants (CGG)	Not Territorial				
ACT environment grant program	Territorial	Territorial	Territorial	Territorial	Territorial
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	Not Territorial				
ACT rural grants	Not Territorial				

2021-22 financial year is yet to be completed and data will be available following 30 June.

e. How many applications were received for the grant program?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Community Garden Grants (CGG)	6	20	20	22	27
ACT environment grant program*	10	9	11	12	9
ACT Rural Resilience Grants*		0	24	18	25
ACT rural grants*	10	0	0	0	

*Represents number of grants approved

2021-22 financial year is yet to be completed and data will be available following 30 June.

f. Who decided, approved or rejected the grant applications?

Community Garden Grants (CGG)	The program is run through a competitive grants process. A cross-directorate panel is convened to assess the applications and select the successful projects. The delegate is the Deputy Director-General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction.
ACT environment grant program	The program is run through a competitive grants process. A panel is convened to assess the applications and select the successful projects. The delegate is the Deputy Director-General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction.
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	The program is run through a competitive grants process. A panel is convened to assess the applications and select the successful projects. The delegate is the Deputy Director-General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction.
ACT rural grants	The program is run through a competitive grants process. A panel is convened to assess the applications and select the successful projects. The delegate is the Deputy Director-General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction.

g/h. What percentage of the applications were approved/rejected?

EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources; all grant programs are over subscribed.

i. What criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program?

Community Garden Grants (CGG)	<p>As published on the website available at https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/community-garden-grants.</p> <p>Guidelines for applicants for 2021-22 are available at https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1749202/2021-22-Community-Gardens-Grants.pdf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align with the funding priorities • Demonstrate sound project planning, including achievable milestones, timelines, and project outcomes • Establish that the project is feasible and represents good value for money • Demonstrate relevant stakeholder and community support.
ACT environment grant program	<p>As published on the website available at https://www.environment.act.gov.au/act-nrm/grants-and-support-packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with funding priorities • Feasibility and effectiveness • Demonstrate sound project planning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soundness of project budgeting and value of money • Level of community engagement and reach.
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	<p>As published on the website available at https://www.environment.act.gov.au/act-nrm/grants-and-support-packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the project is sound and represents value for money • Demonstrate alignment with management of invasive species (when targeted in year) • Enhances biodiversity, conservation and sustainable agriculture • Matching grant funding with either cash or in-kind contributions.
ACT rural grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the project is sound and represents value for money • Enhances biodiversity, conservation and sustainable agriculture • Matching grant funding with either cash or in-kind contributions.

The ACT Government commissioned a review of the ACT Environment Grants in 2019. This review investigated the long-term benefits of the program, including unexpected non-financial benefits such as community building. A copy of this review can be found on the [ACT Environmental Grants Program Website](#).

Copies of previous grant program guidelines related to ACT Environmental Grant Program, ACT Rural Resilience Grants and ACT Rural Grants, that were publicly available during the associated round, are included in [Attachment AA](#).

3. For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.

Community Garden Grants (CGG)	<p>a. Please refer the Everyday Climate Choices website for information on grant recipients for all rounds.</p> <p>b. Each recipient would have applied during the application period during each round, which is usually a 6–8 week period following the official launch of the grant round. Providing specific dates for each application is an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p> <p>c. Each recipient would have received the grant after the official announcement made by the Minister that their application had been successful. Providing specific dates for grant funding payment is an unreasonable diversion of resources, however it is generally within months of the announcement depending on the community groups timing to have the deed signed.</p>
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ACT environment grant program	<p>d. Please refer the Everyday Climate Choices website for information on grant funding amount for all rounds.</p> <p>e. A standard ACT Government Deed of Grant (DoG) agreement is used within the CGG program. This document does not prevent public comment on any specific issue.</p> <p>EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p>
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	<p>EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p>
ACT rural grants	<p>EPSDD believes that providing this level of detail will be an unreasonable diversion of resources.</p>

4. Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.

- Grants are provided to the ACT’s three water catchment groups (\$125,000 per group per annum) – Funding is provided to water catchments groups to assist in improving water quality.
- Rebates and other subsidies which are not a specific grant, including National On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure in 2019-20.

5. For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.

Refer to the answer for question 4. Providing any other details are an unreasonable diversion of resources.

6. Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Community Garden Grants (CGG)	<p>Grants are disclosed as part of the annual report. They are also disclosed on the Everyday Climate Choice website.</p>
ACT environment grant program	<p>Grant recipients are disclosed as part of the EPSDD annual report and on the EPSDD website 2021-22 ACT Environment and Nature in the City Grants - Successful Projects - Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Environment.</p>
ACT Rural Resilience Grants	<p>Grant recipients are disclosed as part of the EPSDD annual report and on the EPSDD website 2021-22 ACT Environment and Nature in the City Grants - Successful Projects - Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Environment.</p>

ACT rural grants	Grant recipients are disclosed as part of the EPSDD annual report and on the EPSDD website 2021-22 ACT Environment and Nature in the City Grants - Successful Projects - Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - Environment .
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Attachment B**Question 603: Minister for Heritage**

- (1) ACT Heritage Grants Program has been administered over many years and consistently been open and accountable in its approach.
- (2) The ACT Heritage Grants Program assists the community to conserve and promote the heritage of the ACT. Information on the program including the past recipients and their funded projects from 2018 to 2021, and the 2021/22 Grant Guidelines can be found on the grants webpage, available at https://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage-and-the-community/heritage_grants_program. To provide further information on years prior to 2018 as well as the further information requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (3) The information requested is either not applicable to the ACT Heritage Grants Program, is answered in question (2) above, or would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (4) An unreasonable diversion of resources would be required to answer this question.
- (5) This cannot be answered as it relates to question (4).
- (6) Information on the recipients of ACT Heritage Grants, their projects and the amount funded is available on the ACT Heritage Grants webpage for the year they are current. Details of the Deed of Grant including special conditions is not publicly available.

Attachment C**Question 604: Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services**

This question has been responded to by the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, under QON 605, as the Minister responsible for financial matters within the social housing and homelessness portfolios.

Attachment D**Question 618: Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction**

There are no grants provided under Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction portfolio.

**Government—grants programs
(Question Nos 615, 616, 620)**

Mrs Jones asked the Minister for Skills; the Special Minister of State and the Minister for Transport and City Services, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by your portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22?
- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory (“administered” within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.
- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

Mr Steel: The answer to the member’s question is as follows:

Please refer to the Attachments A – C.

Attachment A

Question 615: Minister for Skills

(1)

Public reporting in ACT Government Annual Reports includes the type, monetary value and recipients of Grant funding:

- a. Publications - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (act.gov.au). (CMTEDD)

Further budget information can be found in the ACT Government budget papers.

- b. ACT Budget - Treasury

*NOTE portfolios and priorities have changed since 2016, whilst reporting of these grant programs is currently in the CMTEDD Annual Reports now, they may have been reported in other ACT Government Annual Reports previously:

https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/report/annual-reports

Reporting on 2021-22 grant programs will be reported in the 2021-22 annual report, to collate this information now on any of the 2021-22 grant programs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(2)

(a) – (c) Refer to response 1

(d) Most of the grants are expensed through CMTEDD's Controlled accounts, and are funded using Controlled Recurrent Payments appropriation.

(e) Identifying the number of applications received against each program is an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(f): Specific funding guidelines/criteria and assessment process for each grant program were developed for the information of potential grant applicants. Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources not readily available in this format.

(g)-(h): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(i): Refer to (f) above.

(3)

(a): See response provided under Question 1 and 2.

(b)-(e): Information is not readily available for this question and would require a significant diversion of resources.

(4) Refer to response 1. To collate any further information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(5) Not applicable

(6) Grant recipients are listed in the Annual Reports – refer to response 1. The conditions attached to these grants are generally not disclosed publicly other than via the general applicant information which is contained within the published grant funding guidelines for each program.

Attachment B

Question 616: Special Minister of State

Information provided below responds to the following components of the question:

- Question 1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)
- Question 2 (a), (b) and (c) (first occurring); and
- Question 4.

In response to Question 2(c) (second occurring), all grants listed below were accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory.

In response to Question 6, some information about grants administered in the portfolio and the recipients of those grants is published in one or more of JACS annual reports for the relevant years, budget papers and media statements. Although there is not currently a single approach taken to publication, any conditions on an individual grant recipient are not published.

Otherwise, answering all components of this question to the level of detail sought would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2016-17

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid (\$'000)	Budget Amount (\$'000)
Racing development support funding	Racing development support	CMTEDD	4,134	0

2017-18

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid (\$'000)	Budget Amount (\$'000)
Racing development support funding	Racing development support	Canberra Racing Club Canberra Harness Racing Club Inc	7,358	7,603

2018-19

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid (\$'000)	Budget Amount (\$'000)
Racing development support funding	Racing development support	Canberra Racing Club Canberra Harness Racing Club Inc	7,487	7,487

2019-20

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid (\$'000)	Budget Amount (\$'000)
Racing development support funding	Racing development support	Canberra Racing Club Canberra Harness Racing Club Inc	7,637	7,637

2020-21

Grant Name	Purpose of Grant	Recipient of Grant	Amount Paid (\$'000)	Budget Amount (\$'000)
Racing development support funding	Racing development support	Canberra Racing Club Canberra Harness Racing Club Inc	7,713	7,713

Attachment C**Question 620: Minister for Transport and City Services**

1) The following grants fall under my Transport and City Services portfolio responsibilities.

Road Safety Grants - In late 2020 management of the ACT Road Safety Fund moved from the Justice and Community Safety Directorate to Transport Canberra and City Services.

Adopt A Park - TCCS delivered Adopt-A-Park Community Grants program in 2019-20 and the program will again be delivered in 2021-22.

Street Art Grants – Grants were provided in 2020 and 2021.

(2) a) Information on the Road Safety Grants and Adopt a Park are available on the City Services website. The Street Art Grant Program was delivered to provide support to worthy street art projects around the ACT.

b) Information on the money budgeted for the Road Safety Grants is available on the City Services website.

The following was budgeted for the Adopt a Park grants program.

2019-20	\$183,989
2021-22	\$200,000

The following was budgeted for the Street Arts Grants program.

2019-20	\$300,000
2020-21	\$19,300
2021-22	\$159,000

c) The Road Safety Fund Grants are listed on the City Services website.

The following funding was expended under the Adopt a Park program

2019-20	\$183,989
2021-22	TBC

The following funding was expended under the Street Art program

2019-20	\$218,713
2020-21	\$19,300
2021-22	\$141,000*

* Two grant recipients returned their grant to the ACT Government.

d)

Road Safety Grants – Yes

Adopt A Park - No, TCCS does not provide any Territorial Grants.

Street Art - No, TCCS does not provide any Territorial Grants.

e)

Road Safety Grants

The ACT Road Safety Advisory Board Term Report 2015-18 outlines the number of applications received in 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19

https://justice.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-09/190228_-_ACT_Road_Safety_Board_End_of_Term_Report_2019_Access.pdf

The end of Term report 2019-21 outlines the number of applications received in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 [Road Safety Advisory Board End of Term report \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/road-safety-advisory-board/end-of-term-report)

Adopt A Park

2019-20	56
2021-22	Grants not awarded yet

Street Art

2019-20	27
2020-21	1
2021-22	16

f)

Road Safety Grants

The Road Safety Grants Assessment Framework and Guiding principles documents are available on the City Services website. The documents outline the role of the ACT Road Safety Advisory Board in recommending applications to the Minister for Transport and City Services for funding.

Adopt A Park

An assessment panel is formed to assess and rate the applications against the criteria.

Street Art

An assessment panel was formed to rate the merits of each proposal.

g-h)

		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
% of applicants approved	Road Safety Grants	24%	25%	47%	23%	21%	34%
	Adopt a Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	59%		
	Street Art	N/A	N/A	N/A	92%	100%	100%

		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
% of applicants rejected	Road Safety Grants	76%	75%	53%	77%	79%	66%
	Adopt a Park				41%		
	Street Art				8%	0%	0%

j)

Road Safety Grants

The criteria, policies, and guidelines applied to the Road Safety Grants program are in the Assessment Framework and Guiding Principles are available on the City Services website.

Previous Adopt-a-Park and Street Art Grants guidelines are provided at [Attachment C.1](#) and [Attachment C.2](#). (Copies of the attachments are available at the Chamber Support Office).

(3)

a)

Road Safety Grant and Adopt a Park recipients are available on the City Services website. The Street Art grants in 2019-20 were delivered to individuals and are not published on the website. Details are provided under (d) below.

In 2020-21 a street art grant was delivered to the Tuggeranong Community Arts Centre.

In 2021-22 the following grants were provided –

1	Community grant to support street art festival ("Satellite Art Slam")	Weston Creek Citizen Council
2	Community grant to support street art festival	Woden Community Service
3	Community grant to support street art festival	People Lab
4	Community grant to support street art festival	Localjinni
5	Community grant to support street art festival	Meridian
6	Community grant to support street art festival	Project Beats
7	Community grant to support street art festival	Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres
8	Community street art grant	Northside Community Service
9	Community street art grant	Blue Gum Community School
10	Community street art grant	Weston Creek Citizen Council
11	Grant to support street artists during COVID-19	Woden Community Service
12	Community street art grant	Communities@work
13	Community street art grant	Farrer Community Association
14	Community street art grant	Greening Australia
15	Community street art grant	Play Activation Network

b)

Road Safety Grants

The 2021 grant round opened 8 April 2021 and closed for applications 12 May 2021

The 2020 grant round opened 3 April 2020 and closed for applications 12 May 2020

The 2019 grant round opened 12 April 2019 and closed for applications 31 May 2019

The 2018 grant round opened 9 April 2018 and closed for applications 23 May 2018

The 2017 grant round opened 9 May 2017 and closed for applications 23 June 2017

The 2016 grant round opened 30 May 2016 and closed for applications 15 July 2016

Adopt A Park

2019-20 – Were open to applications from 16 August 2019 - 13 September 2019.

Street Art

2019-20 – Open to applications from 4 June - 18 June 2020

2020-21 – Open for applications in July 2020

2021-22 – Open for applications from May - June 2021

c)

Road Safety Grants

The 2021 grant round was approved 29 July 2021

The 2020 grant round was approved 29 June 2020

The 2019 grant round was approved 10 August 2019

The 2018 grant round was approved 27 September 2018

The 2017 grant round was approved 6 October 2017

The 2016 grant round was approved 16 December 2016

Adopt A Park

2019-20 - Grants were provided to groups as projects were shovel-ready.

Street Art

2019-20 – Granted June 2020

2020-21 – Granted August 2020

2021-22 – Granted June 2021

d)

The Road Safety Fund Grants page on the City Services website lists how much money was provided to each grant. Information on the successful Adopt a Park projects is available on the City Services website. The value of the grants program for 2019-20 was \$183,989.

The Street Arts Grants Program grants for 2019-20 are provided below.

No.	Grant
1	\$10000
2	\$10000
3	\$9000
4	\$10000
5	\$10000
6	\$10000
7	\$5000
8	\$10000
9	\$8857.5
10	\$9700
11	\$10000
12	\$10000
13	\$10000
14	\$9570
15	\$7000
16	\$10000
17	\$5,444.91
18	\$8,900
19	\$9360
20	\$10000
22	\$10000
23	\$4074.2
25	\$4755
26	\$10000
27	\$7,051

The following Street Art grants were provided in 2021-22

No.	Grant Provided
1	\$10,000
2	\$10,000
3	\$9,000
4	\$6,000
5	\$10,000
6	\$10,000
7	\$10,000
8	\$15,000
9	\$13,000
10	\$8,000
11	\$10,000
12	\$8,000
13	\$15,000
14	\$10,000
15	\$15,000

e) There were no conditions attached to any of the grant programs recipients to prevent them from making public comment.

(4) No.

(5) See response to question 4.

(6) The successful ACT Road Safety Fund Grant recipients are published in the Annual Report and on the City Services website. Conditions associated with the grants are not published.

The list of successful grant applicants for Adopt a Park can be found on the City Services Website. The conditions are not published post the grant closing.

A public register is not available for Street Art Grants program. The conditions are not published post the grant closing.

Mental health services—Dhulwa Mental Health Unit (Question No 647)

Mrs Kikkert asked the Minister for Health, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all staff currently engaged at Dhulwa Mental Health Unit (Dhulwa), including number of staff, job title, work classification, employment type and workload.
- (2) How many patients are currently being treated at Dhulwa.
- (3) How many incidents of assault on a staff member by a patient/s have been reported in each year for the past three years.
- (4) How many staff have taken personal or medical leave due to an incident of assault by a patient, and what has been the total period of leave taken for this reason in each year for the past three years.
- (5) How many staff have left their employment at Dhulwa in each year for the past three years.
- (6) How many staff have left their employment due to have experienced assault or stress from dealing with aggressive patients.
- (7) How are patients managed where there is not enough staff available to keep regular care standards at each of the following units, ie patient lockdown.
- (8) What kind of training is provided to staff so that they can safely and effectively manage aggressive behaviour in patients.
- (9) Which staff receive this training, ie nurses, wardsmen etc.
- (10) Is ongoing and/or higher-level training provided to staff; if so, how often and what kind of training is provided to what staff.
- (11) How are patients who have committed acts of aggression and assault towards staff members managed, ie medicative, punitive, therapeutic, policy measures etc.

- (12) How many patients currently have work or school commitments that are accommodated by their treatment plan.

Ms Davidson: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

- (1) The Full Time Equivalent of staff employed at Dhulwa Mental Health Unit (Dhulwa) is detailed in the table below. Details related to workload are not able to be provided.

Classification	Casual FTE	Temporary FTE	Permanent FTE	Total
Assistant In Nursing (AIN)	0	2	2	4
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	0.6	0	1	1.6
Registered Nurse (RN)	0.7	0	42	42.7
Psychiatrists	0	0	1	1
Psychiatry Registrars	0	0	1.6	1.6
Total	1.3	2	47.6	50.9

In addition to the FTE allocation below Canberra Health Services (CHS) provides support services to Dhulwa including but not limited to, security services, food services, administrative services including reception and cleaning services.

- (2) As of 14 February 2022, 16 consumers are admitted to Dhulwa

- (3)

Financial Year	Number of RiskMan classified as Physical OV
2019/20	133
2020/21	99
2021/22 (up to 2 March 2022)	70

- (4)

Year	Number of Lost Time Incidents entered as a Staff Incident onto RiskMan
2019	1
2020	15
2021	14
1 January to 3 March 2022	7

- (5) In the past three years, 20 Dhulwa staff have resigned, one staff member retired and 11 staff left when their contracts ceased.

- (6) This information is not routinely captured and unable to be reported.

- (7) There are no patient lockdowns at health facilities. CHS endeavour to always meet safe staffing levels to ensure care standards are maintained.
- (8) New approved Occupational Violence (OV) Training commenced in 2021.

Components of the training include:

- a) All Staff Mandatory eLearning Modules – provides information about situational awareness and de-escalation. As of March 2021, CHS Education and Training Procedure was endorsed, and new education added to the Mandatory training framework. This requires all CHS staff to complete these modules. Current completion rates for all staff are 79 percent (6524 staff). MHJHADS completion rate is 81 percent. Dhulwa completion rate is 96 percent.
- b) Face to face training includes practical modules which cover situational awareness, de-escalation, protection strategies and restraint. The training is aimed at inter-professional teams learning and practicing effective de-escalation and protection techniques and effective response to escalating violent behaviours. MHJHADS staff also receive training on restraint techniques.
- (9) All frontline responders from medical, nursing, allied health, administration, ward services, Peer Workers, Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALO) and consumer consultants and security are receiving face to face training as part of a planned roll-out. The level of training is determined by clinical role. Current staff who have received previous training are being refreshed with new information and techniques in a one-day program. All new staff undertake two full days of training, determined by role.

To date, 30 staff at Dhulwa have completed the refresher program. This number includes Assistants in Nursing, Enrolled Nurses and Registered Nurses (25 nurses) along with a Psychologist, ALO and three administration staff.

- (10) As at 4 March 2022 there are now four dedicated trainers at Dhulwa certified to provide the new OV training program. In addition to face-to-face programs, education is embedded with regular scenario-based training sessions. These sessions allow local area teams to practice scenarios together, improving teamwork, coordination and reducing risk of injury to staff and consumers. This approach is working effectively in Adult Acute Mental Health Unit and is planned to be commenced at Dhulwa once 80 percent of staff have received the new training. Dhulwa is the area of priority for training over March and April 2022.
- (11) Behaviour Support Plans have been developed for individual consumers to support therapeutic engagement and rapport building. As per the *Mental Health Act 2015*, CHS are required to use the least restrictive approach to care. The clinical team administer medication as clinically indicated; they do not punish patients. Staff members are supported by Employee Assistance Program (EAP), OV leave and supported to develop necessary skills.
- (12) All consumers at Dhulwa are supported to undertake distance learning if they wish. Computers are available for consumer use, or they can use their own personal devices under supervision. Currently there is up to three people studying.
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**Canberra Hospital—Adult Mental Health Unit
(Question No 648)**

Mrs Kikkert asked the Minister for Health, upon notice, on 11 February 2022
(redirected to the Minister for Mental Health):

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all staff currently engaged at the Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU) at the Canberra Hospital, including number of staff, job title, work classification, employment type and workload.
- (2) How many patients are currently being treated at AMHU.
- (3) How many incidents of assault on a staff member by a patient/s have been reported in each year for the past three years.
- (4) How many staff have taken personal or medical leave due to an incident of assault by a patient, and what has been the total period of leave taken for this reason in each year for the past three years.
- (5) How many staff have left their employment at AHMU in each year for the past three years.
- (6) How many staff have left their employment due to have experienced assault or stress from dealing with aggressive patients.
- (7) How are patients managed where there is not enough staff available to keep regular care standards at each of the following units, ie patient lockdown.
- (8) What kind of training is provided to staff so that they can safely and effectively manage aggressive behaviour in patients.
- (9) Which staff receive this training, ie nurses, wardsmen etc.
- (10) Is ongoing and/or higher-level training provided to staff; if so, how often and what kind of training is provided to what staff.
- (11) How are patients who have committed acts of aggression and assault towards staff members managed, ie medicative, punitive, therapeutic, policy measures etc.
- (12) How many patients currently have work or school commitments that are accommodated by their treatment plan.

Ms Davidson: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

- (1) The Full Time Equivalent of staff employed and offering services to Adult Mental Health (including Access Mental Health team, Central Management, Adult Mental Health, Adult Acute Mental Health Service, Adult Mental Health Unit, Home Assessment Acute Response Team and Police, Ambulance, Clinician Emergency Response, Mental Health Consultation Liaison team and Mental Health Short Stay Unit) is detailed in the table below. Details related to workload is not able to be provided.

Classification	Casual FTE	Temporary FTE	Permanent FTE	Total
Administration	0	4.2	16.5	20.7
Allied Health Assistant	0	0	2	2
Health Professional Officer	0.8	4.7	14	19.5
Assistant In Nursing	0	1	2.8	3.8
Enrolled Nurse	0	0	1	1
Registered Nurse	0	0	49.5	49.5
Psychiatrists	0	0	2.8	2.8
Psychiatry Registrars/Resident Medical Officer/Junior Medical Officer	0	0	8	8
General Services Officer	0	1	3	4
Total	0.8	10.9	99.6	111.3

In addition to the FTE allocation below Canberra Health Services (CHS) provides support services to AMHU including but not limited to, security services, food services, administrative services including reception and cleaning services.

(2) As of 14 February 2022, 39 consumers are admitted to Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU)

(3)

Financial Year	Number of RiskMan classified as Physical OV
2019/20	174
2020/21	143
2021/22 (up to 2 March 2022)	93

(4)

Year	Number of Lost Time Incidents entered as a Staff Incident onto Riskman
2019	6
2020	15
2021	19
1 January to 3 March 2022	6

- (5) In the last three years, two AHMU staff have been dismissed, 61 resigned, 10 retired and 16 left when their contracted period ceased.
- (6) This information is not routinely captured and unable to be reported.
- (7) There are no patient lockdowns at health facilities. CHS endeavour to always meet safe staffing levels to ensure care standards are maintained.
- (8) New approved Occupational Violence (OV) Training commenced in 2021.

Components of the training include:

All Staff Mandatory eLearning Modules – provides information about situational awareness and de-escalation. As of March 2021, CHS Education and Training Procedure was endorsed, and new education added to the Mandatory training framework. This requires all CHS staff to complete these modules. Current completion rates for all staff is 79% (6524 staff). MHJHADS completion rate is 81%. AAMHU completion rate is 83%.

Face to face training includes practical modules which cover situational awareness, de-escalation, protection strategies and restraint. The training is aimed at inter-professional teams learning and practicing effective de-escalation and protection techniques and effective response to escalating violent behaviours. MHJHADS staff also receive training on restraint techniques.

- (9) All frontline responders from medical, nursing, allied health, administration, ward services, Peer Workers, Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALO), ward services staff and security are receiving face to face training as part of a planned roll-out. The level of training is determined by clinical role. Current staff who have received previous training are being refreshed with new information and techniques in a two-day program. All new staff undertake two full days of training, determined by role.

To date, 75 staff at AAMHU have completed the refresher program. This number includes Assistants in Nursing, Enrolled Nurses and Registered Nurses along with a Psychology Registrars and administration staff.

- (10) As of 4 March 2022, there are now five dedicated trainers at AHMU certified to provide the new OV training program. In addition to face-to-face programs, education is embedded with regular scenario-based training sessions. These sessions allow local area teams to practice scenarios together, improving teamwork, coordination and reducing risk of injury to staff and consumers. This approach is working effectively in the AAHMU.
- (11) Behaviour Support Plans have been developed for individual consumers to support therapeutic engagement and rapport building. As per the Mental Health Act 2015, CHS are required to use the least restrictive approach to care. The clinical team administer medication as clinically indicated; they do not punish patients. Staff members are supported by Employee Assistance Program (EAP), OV leave and supported to develop necessary skills.
- (12) Consumers admitted to AMHU are generally too unwell to attend to work or school commitments.

**Carbon emissions—reduction by households
(Question No 651)**

Ms Castley asked the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, upon notice, on 11 February 2022 (*redirected to the Minister for Climate Action*):

- (1) In relation to Budget Outlook p 124, what is the funding allocation of 2021-22 in \$319,000, 2022-23 in \$261,000, 2023-24 in \$137,000 and 2024-25 in \$139,000, for and can the Minister provide a breakdown of specific activities and policies this money is being used for
- (2) How many staff in the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate work on the activities and policies funded by this budget item.

Mr Barr: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

- (1) This funding allocation is for strategic communications and behaviour change related initiatives that support the ACT Government's ambitious climate action agenda.

This funding comprises:

- a. A total of \$556,000 in recurrent staffing costs over four years; and
- b. A total of \$300,000 over two years from 2021-22 to deliver communications education and awareness-raising campaigns to support key Government climate action initiatives.

The primary activity that this money is being used for is the [Everyday Climate Choices](#) website. The [Everyday Climate Choices](#) website provides the most up-to-date, scientifically validated information about climate change and tailored resources to help individuals, households and businesses reduce their carbon footprint and adapt to the effects of climate change.

- (2) Staffing arrangements funded by this budget item are as follows:
 - a. One non-ongoing Senior Officer Grade C from 2021-22 and one ongoing Administrative Services Officer 6 from 2023-24. The non-ongoing Senior Officer Grade C position was recruited and filled in February 2022.
 - b. Both positions are housed within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD). There are no staff within the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) covered under this funding.
 - c. Communications and Engagement Group, CMTEDD collaborate with EPSDD on the activities outlined above.

**Education—Chromebooks
(Question No 662)**

Ms Castley asked the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, upon notice, on 11 February 2022:

- (1) When were Chromebooks introduced into government schools, in terms of every student receiving one.
- (2) Why were Chromebooks introduced and what was the information technology (IT) system that existed before Chromebooks, for example, was there a set number of computers per classroom for students to use.
- (3) Which students receive Chromebooks, ie, in what year levels.
- (4) How much does each Chromebook cost the ACT Government.
- (5) How many Chromebooks are there and how many have been given to ACT students.
- (6) Does the Education Directorate (the Directorate) offer parents insurance for Chromebooks; if so, how does this system work.
- (7) What is the Directorate's policy for lost, damaged or stolen Chromebooks.
- (8) If a Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged, are parents liable to pay for it and how much must they pay.
- (9) What is the policy for parents who cannot afford to pay for a lost, damaged or stolen Chromebooks.
- (10) How long must a student wait on average to receive a new or repaired Chromebook if it is lost, stolen or damaged.
- (11) What are the Directorate's costs to repair and replace Chromebooks.
- (12) How do government schools repair and service Chromebooks.
- (13) Do schools employ IT support; if so, can the Minister provide the details for each school.
- (14) Have schools had to employ extra IT resources since Chromebooks were introduced; if so, can the Minister provide a breakdown for each school.
- (15) Are schools required to report all repairs as well as lost/damaged Chromebooks to the Directorate; if so, how many repairs have there been since Chromebooks were introduced into schools.
- (16) How many Chromebooks have been (a) lost and (b) damaged, since Chromebooks were introduced.
- (17) What is the cost of the lost and damaged Chromebooks referred to in part (16) and can the Minister provide a breakdown for each school.
- (18) How many staff are employed by the Directorate to work on the Chromebook program.

Ms Berry: The answer to the member's question is as follows:

- (1) Secondary students started receiving a Chromebook in February 2018 (following the Election Commitment of the 2016 Election (EC LAB 028)).

- (2) Chromebooks were introduced to allow equity of access to devices for students. Chromebooks offer a common platform that allows use of familiar tools by students and teachers. Prior to the introduction of Chromebooks, devices and access varied across and within schools. A BYOD approach existed in high schools and colleges. There is more information on the [ACT Education - Future of Education – Digital Access and Equity Program webpage](https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/learn-anywhere-ict-for-students/future-of-education-digital-access-and-equity-program) - <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/learn-anywhere-ict-for-students/future-of-education-digital-access-and-equity-program>
- (3) Students enrolling in ACT public high schools (years 7 to 10) and colleges (years 11 and 12) can opt-in during enrolment to receive a Chromebook.
- (4) The actual cost of a Chromebook is commercial-in-confidence and will not be disclosed.
- (5) Over 22,000 Chromebooks have been distributed to secondary students through the Technology Enabled Learning Program and the Digital Access and Equity Program since February 2018. More than 14,000 further Chromebooks have been distributed to primary schools as part of the 1 device per 3 student program.
- (6) The devices are owned by the ACT Government. There is no insurance on individual Chromebooks as this is not financially viable based on the value of the device against the cost of insurance and the risk of loss. Chromebooks are covered by a three-year warranty against faults.
- (7) The Directorate's policy is in line with the ACT Government's Policy in these areas:
 - a. "lost" - Students and parents fill in and sign a statutory declaration form outlining where the device was possibly lost. Schools can request a replacement device through the Directorate program officers. A loan device will be provided while this is being resolved.
 - b. "stolen" - Same as for lost but the ACT Police are informed and can start an investigation to find the device.
 - c. "damaged" - Students return the damaged device to the school and sign a statutory declaration form outlining how the device was damaged. Schools can determine:
 - i. **if the damage was deliberate by the student who used the device** – the school will determine whether:
 1. The device can be fixed OR
 2. The student will be given a replacement Chromebook OR
 3. The student has to wait for the refresh program to get a new device (or choose to purchase their own device outside the program) OR
 - ii. **if the damage was caused by another person or by accident** - the school can arrange through the Directorate a replacement device.
- (8) Parents can pay for replacement or repairs; or they can choose to purchase a device outside the program.
- (9) The Directorate does not have a policy where the parent is required to pay.
- (10) Please see question 7.

- (11) If a device is deemed repairable, there is a standard flat rate non-warranty “call-out fee”, then charges for individual part fixes (eg screen, keyboard, CPU board etc). If damage is extensive, the device is recycled responsibly.
- (12) Schools report Chromebook service requests through a central service, managed by the Directorate and they are serviced through the contracted supplier.
- (13) The Directorate requests that each secondary school employs an IT Officer and for all other schools an ICT contact officer be nominated, as the ICT Coordinator for the school. The total number of IT Officers that are employed is 27, and there are also 77 IT Coordinators (Attachment A).
- (14) Schools have not needed to employ extra resources for the distribution or management of the Chromebooks. The Chromebooks are distributed and the dedicated ITO is responsible for distributing the Chromebooks to students in high schools. Overall management is undertaken by the Directorate.
- (15) All repair requests are centrally reported to and logged and managed by the contracted device supplier. Approximately 7,600 Chromebooks have been repaired under warranty since February 2018 (including a large number due to a widespread hinge fault). Around 250 devices have been repaired outside of warranty.
- (16) Lost devices are reported to the Directorate so they can be remotely disabled. Chromebooks that are damaged and not able to be repaired are returned to the Directorate and are disposed of responsibly through IT hardware recyclers. Around 2,500 devices have been deprovisioned since the start of the program, because they were lost or damaged beyond repair.
- (17) Please see question 4.
- (18) The Digital Access and Equity Program is responsible for Chromebook management and employs the following staff:
- a. 1 x SOG C (full-time)
 - b. 2 x ASO 4 (full-time)

(A copy of the attachment is available at the Chamber Support Office).

Transport—Woden to Civic bus services (Question No 672)

Mr Parton asked the Minister for Transport and City Services, upon notice, on 25 March 2022:

What was the pre-COVID hourly maximum capacity of bus services from Woden to Civic of all services while running a full timetable.

Mr Steel: The answer to the member’s question is as follows:

Transport Canberra currently operates six bus services between Woden and the City. These services include three rapid services (4, 5, 6) and three local services (57, 58, 59).

Under a ‘full’ / pre-COVID timetable, the following maximum hourly capacities are possible between Woden and the City.

Table 1: Direct services running between Woden and the City (via Adelaide Ave):

Route (direct)	Services per hour (peak period)	Average bus capacity (licenced for standing / sitting)	Maximum hourly capacity (passengers / hour)
4	12	105 (e.g. articulated or steer tag bus)	1,260
5	7	105	735
		TOTAL	1,995

Table 2 : Other services that run indirectly between Woden and the City (via alternate routes):

Route (indirect)	Services per hour (peak period)	Average bus capacity (licenced for standing / sitting)	Maximum hourly capacity (passengers / hour)
6	5	65 (e.g. standard bus)	325
57	3	65	195
58	3	65	195
59	4	65	260
		TOTAL	975

The four routes identified in Table 2 use indirect routes which take in multiple suburbs and locations between Woden and the City. For example, the Rapid 6 service travels from Woden via Garran, Narrabundah, Griffith, Kingston, Barton and Parkes before arriving at the City.

When light rail commences on Canberra’s southside this will be closely integrated with the bus network. This is expected to see a range of bus services continue to operate between Woden and the City.