



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE  
 Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 4 November 2021

**Asked by Mrs Giulia Jones MLA on 4 November 2021: Ms Cheryl Garrett took on notice the following question(s):**

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In relation to:

**Ms Garrett:** Good afternoon. Cheryl Garrett, Acting Executive Branch Manager, Mental Health Policy, and I acknowledge that I have read and understand the privilege statement. As Rebecca said, all of the contracts, the deeds of grant with all of the organisations for the \$260,000, have been executed. We will receive reports and financial acquittals of those as the contracts come to an end which is until the end of this year. There are further contracts and deeds of grant that have been executed as part of the September 2021 further \$3.6 million investment and all of those have also been executed with all NGOs that received funding.

**MRS JONES:** On notice can I please be supplied with the list of the grants that have been agreed to?

**Ms Garrett:** Yes.

Emma Davidson, Minister for Mental Health: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As an initial response to the ACT COVID-19 lockdown in August, the ACT Government announced on 31 August 2021 the provision of \$260,000 to extend a range of existing mental health support services and support the mental health of the community. This funding included funding for community non-government organisations (NGOs) and to services in Mental Health, Justice Health, Alcohol and Drugs Services (MHJHADS). The NGO services that have received funding are listed in the below table:

Recipient
Perinatal Wellbeing Centre
Meridian ACT
CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn
Carers ACT
Woden Community Services
MIEACT

Building on this previous funding commitment, on 21 September the ACT Government announced a \$3.6 million Community and Mental Health COVID-19 support package. This Support package was made up of a

\$2.125 million Mental Health and Disability Advocacy Package and a \$1.542 million Community Support Package.

The \$2.125 million Mental Health and Disability Advocacy Package included \$760,000 in funding for community NGOs. Deeds of Grant have been executed for all NGOs funded in this package as per the below table:

<b>Recipient</b>
ACT Disability, Aged & Carer Advocacy Service Inc. (ADACAS)
Advocacy For Inclusion (AFI)
Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation
Yeddung Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service
Menslink ACT
OzHelp Foundation ACT
Mental Illness Education ACT (MIEACT)
Woden Community Services
Parentline ACT
CatholicCare/Marymead
Canberra Business Enterprise Centre
Lifeline ACT
Eating Disorders Families ACT
Multicultural Hub Canberra
A Gender Agender
Perinatal Wellbeing Centre
CARE Financial Counselling

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Signature: *Emma Davidson*

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson