



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
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### QUESTION ON NOTICE

James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability

Ref: Disability, Budget outlook, CSD books 2022-23, 2021-22 (CSD)

In relation to: Budget total costs (Disability)

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 30/08/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 02/09/2022

#### **Budget total costs**

**(1) For this Output class, why have there been changes in the Budget total costs and controlled recurrent payments from that budgeted last year to this year? Reference CSD books, p. 18 and 19 for each year respectively**

**(a) In which areas was money that was appropriated last year not spent?**

**(b) Why the decrease for the current budget from the forward estimates from last year?**

**(c) You state on p. 20 BO, that there are increases expected in NDIS expenditure. Surely with more people on the NDIS forecast (p. 8) and projected increase in expenditure there should be an increase in spending overall?**

Minister Davidson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) The changes between the budget costs, controlled recurrent payments and the previous budget are outlined below in responses to (a) and (b).

In response to question 1(a):

Two items contributed to the reduced expenses in 2021-22:

- \$222,000 was reprofiled from 2020-21 to 2021-22 for the Disability Justice Strategy. Subsequent to the publication of the 2021-22 Budget, it was confirmed that this funding had been expended in 2020-21.
- \$60,000 was reprofiled from 2021-22 to 2022-23 for the Disability Justice Strategy. This relates to a trial of screening and assessment which was delayed and funding has been reprofiled to meet demand in 2022-23.

In response to question 1(b):

The decrease in the 2022-23 Budget is mainly due to:

- \$222,000 which was reprofiled from 2020-21 to 2021-22 for the Disability Justice Strategy. Subsequent to the publication of the 2021-22 Budget, it was confirmed that this funding had been expended in 2020-21.
- The 2021-22 Budget included ongoing funding for the Integrated Service Response Program, from 2022-23 the \$178,000 funding for this program is provisioned and subsequently not included.

In response to question 1(c):

- There is a projected increase in overall costs and expenditure for the NDIS. The ACT contribution to the NDIS was \$182.6 million in 2021-22 and increases to \$189.9 million in 2022-23, an increase of \$7.3million.

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Date: 9 September 2022

By Minister Davidson [Minister for Disability]

