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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Inquiry into Micro, Small, and Medium Businesses in the ACT Region

The Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality will inquire into and report on matters relevant to both public and private businesses across the ACT, including:

1. business conditions for:
 - a. non-employing; and
 - b. small to medium businesses between 1-200 employees in the ACT region;
2. factors which encourage or discourage micro, small, and medium businesses in providing their goods and services in the ACT;
3. factors which encourage or discourage women-led micro, small, and medium businesses in providing their goods and services in the ACT;
4. factors which encourage or discourage micro, small, and medium businesses to employ people with disabilities;
5. ACT Government initiatives, taskforces, programs, and budgets which assist Canberra businesses, with a particular focus on:
 - a. the statistics of businesses applying for government grants, programs, and initiatives;
 - b. the statistics of businesses that are the recipients of government grants, programs, and initiatives; and
 - c. the feedback from businesses on the effectiveness of these grants, programs, and initiatives, in promoting and growing Canberra businesses;
6. ACT Government regulatory practices and their effects on promoting and growing Canberra businesses;
7. comparisons with the regulatory environment for micro, small, and medium businesses in other Australian jurisdictions;
8. ACT Government promotions of Canberra businesses, both domestically and internationally; and
9. any other related matters.

For the purposes of this inquiry, the Committee defines micro, small, and medium businesses as any business which employs up to 200 people and whose headquarters are based in the ACT region.

Whilst the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality is mindful of the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has had on small and medium businesses across the ACT, this particular aspect **WILL NOT** be a part of the Terms of Reference for this inquiry, as the [Select Committee on the COVID-19 2021 pandemic response](#) has inquired into and reported on those matters in detail.