



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

In relation to: Total expenditure in the 2025-26 budget on Environment sector organisation funding?

Hearing: 05/03/2026

Transcript provided: 11/03/2026

Answer Due: 24/03/2026

1. What is the total expenditure in the 2025-26 budget on Environment sector organisation funding?

2. What is the funding at 1) broken down by:

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| a. Conservation Council | o. Conservation Volunteers Australia |
| b. SEE Change | p. Friends of the Australian Botanic Gardens |
| c. Canberra Environment Centre | q. Friends of Grasslands |
| d. Waterwatch | r. Friends of Tidbinbilla |
| e. Frogwatch | s. Greening Australia Capital Region |
| f. Ginninderra Catchment Group | t. Kosciuszko 2 Coast Project |
| g. Southern ACT Catchment Group | u. National Parks Association |
| h. Molonglo Catchment Group | v. Park Care |
| i. Landcare | w. Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee |
| j. Australian Native Plant Society Canberra | x. ACT Wildlife |
| k. Canberra Indian Myna Action Group | y. Any other community environment group not listed here (please name and give figure) |
| l. Canberra Organic Growers Society | |
| m. Canberra Ornithologists Group | |
| n. Clean Up Australia | |

3. For each at 5a-y, please indicate if the funding is:

- a. grant funding;
- b. multi-year funding;
- c. contracted service funding; or
- d. something else not listed (please indicate)?

4. Is there any other environment, landcare or water funding, not already listed above, that the ACT Government considers "Environment sector organisation funding"?

5. Is there any other environment, landcare or water funding, not already listed above, that the ACT Government considers “Environment funding”?

MS SUZANNE ORR MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. What is the total expenditure in the 2025-26 budget on Environment sector organisation funding?

The Environment sector organisations listed in question 2 received \$2,751,172.15 in 2025-26.

2. What is the funding at 1) broken down by:

Environment sector organisation	2025-26 budget funding \$ (excl. GST)	a. grant funding; b. multi-year funding; c. contracted service funding; or d. something else not listed
a. Conservation Council	\$220,530.00	Multi-year grant funding and multi-year contracted service funding.
b. SEE Change	\$213,012.77	Multi-year contracted service funding.
c. Canberra Environment Centre	\$141,336.00	Multi-year contracted service funding.
d. Waterwatch	\$332,598	Multi-year Government funded program, splitting between Southern ACT Catchment Group, Molonglo Conservation Group and Ginninderra Catchment Group to deliver the program.
e. Frogwatch	\$96,820	Multi-year government funded program. Grant funding to Ginninderra Catchment Group to deliver the program.
f. Ginninderra Catchment Group	\$358,851.00	Multi-year grant funding.
g. Southern ACT Catchment Group	\$305,753.09	Multi-year grant funding and multi-year contracted service funding.
h. Molonglo Conservation Group	\$412,667.00	Multi-year grant funding and multi-year contracted service funding.
i. Landcare ACT	\$816,212.75	Multi-year grant funding and multi-year contracted service funding.
j. Australian Native Plant Society Canberra	\$0	N/A
k. Canberra Indian Myna Action Group	\$0	N/A
l. Canberra Organic Growers Society	\$2,334.32	Payment for water usage.
m. Canberra Ornithologists Group	\$0	N/A
n. Clean Up Australia	\$0	N/A

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o. Conservation Volunteers Australia	\$0	N/A
p. Friends of the Australian Botanic Gardens	\$0	N/A
q. Friends of Grasslands	\$16,162.00	Grant funding and membership payment.
r. Friends of Tidbinbilla	\$0	N/A
s. Greening Australia Capital Region	\$24,399.74	Payment for goods and services.
t. Kosciuszko 2 Coast Project	\$0	N/A
u. National Parks Association	\$45,051.00	Multi-year grant funding, multi-year contracted service funding and payment for goods.
v. Park Care	N/A	Government program.
w. Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Committee	\$44,562.48	Contracted service funding.
x. ACT Wildlife	\$150,300.00	Multi-year grant funding.

4. Is there any other environment, landcare or water funding, not already listed above, that the ACT Government considers “Environment sector organisation funding”?

The ACT Government’s Environmental Grants Program provides funding to environment sector organisations. Past recipients are published online:

- Environment Grants stream: <https://www.act.gov.au/money-and-tax/grants-funding-and-incentives/funding-to-help-enhance-protect-and-promote-the-local-environment>
- Volunteer Assist Grants: <https://www.act.gov.au/money-and-tax/grants-funding-and-incentives/funding-to-support-environmental-volunteer-groups-to-build-their-capacity>

The ACT Government occasionally enters into grants with local, environment-focused community groups to support key environmental work that falls outside of other grants programs. This information is published quarterly: <https://www.act.gov.au/open/supplementary-environment-grants>.

5. Is there any other environment, landcare or water funding, not already listed above, that the ACT Government considers “Environment funding”?

Information on the Government’s environment funding is available in the 2025-26 Budget papers: https://www.treasury.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2869836/2025-26-Budget-Statements-E.pdf

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

Signature:

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By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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