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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2015-16 –
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 65**

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE - RECOMMENDATION 65

The Committee recommends that the ACT Government provide reports on the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Community Recovery, Office for Ageing, youth engagement, Office for Women and Office of Multicultural Affairs, including the exact costings of the programs and projects run by each sub-unit, by the last sitting week in October 2015.

Agreed

A report will be provided to the Committee that provides greater detail for Output Class 3 Community Participation by the last sitting week of October 2015. The report will provide further detail on the costings and programs included in this Output.

The Community Participation Group brings together a number of functions under one umbrella. The Group includes the functions Community Recovery, Youth Engagement, Office for Ageing, Office for Women and the Office for Multicultural Affairs. Within the same Output 3.1 is the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, the Community Development Grant Scheme and previously Community Facilities.

The Community Participation Group has changed over the last few years based on organisational needs, but has also aligned with a general theme of optimising community participation and community engagement. As outlined during the Estimates Hearings the resources are largely pooled and this is found to be an effective use of resources given that the policy work and engagement activities can be episodic.

For this reason the figures provided for the Community Participation subunits are notional because staff in each area of the Community Participation Group work across other program areas on an as needs basis. Therefore these numbers are difficult to compare across the years.

For example the most significant movement in resourcing over the last few years has been the transfer of community facilities properties to CMTEDD and the movement of the community recovery function into the Community Participation Output Class. Greater detail regarding activities of this Output Class is provided in the CSD Annual Report.

2015-16 Budget				
Output 3.1 Community Participation	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	Comments
Community Development	10.13	11.60	12.10	Community Development Grants \$10.52m Community Sector Reform \$ 0.48m Better Services Framework \$ 1.10m
Community Facilities	5.13	5.20	0.61	Transfer properties to CMTEDD
Community Recovery			0.29	Formerly part of Corporate
Youth Engagement			0.38	Formerly part of Office of Children, Youth
Office for Ageing			0.68	
Office for Women			1.20	
Office For Multicultural Affairs			3.81	
Office of ATSIA			2.45	* Newly established unit
Overheads			0.11	
Community Participation Group	8.11	8.51	8.92	
Total	23.37	25.31	21.63	

Listed below is the range of programs undertaken by the Community Participation Group and the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. This information is provided in the Community Services Directorate Annual Report.

Office for Ageing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age-friendly Business, Employer and Community Awards • Age-friendly City Survey • Abuse Prevention Referral Information Line (APRIL) • Funding supplied to Council of the Ageing – ACT –for ACT Senior Week • Funding supplied to Council of the Ageing – ACT - for Seniors Card • Grandparents Week • Life’s Reflections • Mature Age Workers Strategy – IRT and ACT Government/Job Health Check Expo • Ministerial Advisory Council for Ageing • Participation (Seniors) Grants • Retirement and Lifestyle Expo • Seniors E-News Bulletin • Seniors Health Forum • Seniors Portal Online Information Services (www.seniors.act.gov.au) • World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)
Community Recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Recovery Exercise • Development of relicence building awareness strategies • Multicultural “Grab and Go Emergency Guides”
Office for Women
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Days of Activism / White Ribbon Day • ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Women • ACT Prevention of Violence Strategy Governance Group

- ACT Partners in Prevention Awards
- ACT Women's Awards
- ACT Women's Grants
- Audrey Fagan Enrichment Grants
- Audrey Fagan Leadership Program
- Home Business Seminars
- International Women's Day celebrations
- Ministerial Advisory Council on Women – ACT Women's Plan - facilitated workshops to ensure their advice on the next Women's Plan
- Return to Work Career Development Program
- Return to Work Grants
- Women ACT Website
- Women's Information Service
- Women's Plan Implementation Group
- Women's Sponsorships

Office of Multicultural Affairs

- ACT Multicultural Awards
- ACT Services Access Card ACT
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Community Interpreter Preparation Program
- Diwali celebrations
- Funding supplied to Multicultural Youth Service Inc –Responding to the needs of multicultural youth
- Funding supplied to ACT Community Language Schools Assoc Inc - Promotion of, and support for, language programs
- Migrants Support Services Program funded by ACT Government
- Multicultural E-News Bulletin
- Multicultural Youth Program
- National Multicultural Festival
- Participation (Multicultural) Grants
- One Canberra Reference Group – One Canberra Report Implementation of Programs/Projects
- Overseas Qualifications
- Ramadan Dinner
- Refugee and Asylum Seekers Humanitarian Committee
- World Refugee Day/Week – awareness program
- Work Experience Support Program

Youth Engagement

- National Youth Week
- Youth Advisory Council
- Young Canberra Citizen Awards
- Youth Coalition National Youth Week - Achievement of outcomes as outlined in Service Funding Agreements
- Youth Conference

- Youth Interact Grants
- Youth Interact Scholarships
- Youth Interact Website and Facebook Page

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ)

- ACT Government's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) Advisory Council

Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Grants Program
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Grants Program
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Grants Program
- Secretariat support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body
- Secretariat support for the United Ngunnawal Elders Council
- Secretariat support for the Murranga Murranga Staff Network
- Development of the *ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2015-2018*
- Coordination of the Review of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008*.
- Coordination of the ACT Genealogy Project.
- Development of the ACT Traditional Custodians Project – Community Kitchen Table consultations.
- Coordination of bookings for the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre.
- Organisation of annual NAIDOC Week Flag Raising.