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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Asked by MR COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasurer and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Economic Management, Output 4.1

In relation to Extension of the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme:

1. How many ACT residents have used the Lifetime Care to cover work related injuries?
 - a. How long will this scheme continue for?
 - b. What is the criteria for extending the scheme?
2. What are the costs involved with the scheme?
 - a. What are the total costs?
 - b. Please provide a detailed breakdown of these costs.

Mr BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. a. The Lifetime Care and Support (LTCS) Scheme was extended to cover private sector employees injured in work accidents on or after 1 July 2016 as part of the National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) reforms. The Scheme covers the treatment and care needs for catastrophically injured workers covered by the Workers' Compensation Act 1951 in the ACT. The scheme is ongoing indefinitely.

The Scheme has to date received only one application from an injured worker that is currently being assessed. The extremely small size of the Scheme means that volatility is to be expected as participant numbers can be highly variable from year to year.

- b. The extension of the LTCS Scheme to cover workers applies the same catastrophic injury categories covered for motor vehicle accidents, that is, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injury, amputations, severe burns and permanent blindness consistent with the NIIS national minimum benchmarks.

Just as the LTCS Scheme applies to motor vehicle injuries that occur in the ACT, in relation to work injuries, the LTCS Scheme covers work injuries where the ACT is the Territory of connection in relation to the worker's employment.



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2. The LTCS Scheme is a single scheme that covers both motor vehicle and worker catastrophically injured participants. Details of the costs involved with the LTCS Scheme are set out in the 2016-17 Lifetime Care and Support Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements, from page 197 of Volume 2.2 Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Annual Report.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA