



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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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, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Property Services,
Output 9.7

In relation to Upgrades to childcare centres and use of Flags and Banners:

1. Please provide an outline on the upgrades and external works conducted on 26 childcare centres across the territory:
 - a. Were any of these necessitated because of health and safety concerns, or because of the materials used?
 - b. Please provide a consolidated list of the childcare centres and schools that works were undertaken at.
2. What were the total costs for flags and banners in 2016/17
 - a. What sort of events have dedicated flags erected?
 - b. Does the directorate cooperate with the NCA to help minimise costs?
 - c. Please provide a breakdown of:
 - i. The number;
 - ii. The type, and;
 - iii. The cost of the flags that the Government currently owns?

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

1. Upgrades included carpet and floorcovering replacement, electrical, fencing, kitchens, HVAC, landscaping, painting, plumbing, roofing and security.

(a) Upgrades were undertaken for health and safety reasons, general wear and tear and removal of hazardous materials used in original construction of the centres.

(b) The list of 26 childcare centres that works were undertaken at the table below. Works at schools is the responsibility of the Education and Training Directorate.

Manuka Childcare Centre
Narrabundah Children's Cottage
Lollipop Children's Centre
Nimbin Street Cottage
Ginninderra Early Childcare Centre
Tuggeranong Early Childhood Centre



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Richardson Childcare and Education Centre
Belconnen Community Centre
Civic Early Childhood Centre
Spence Children's Cottage
Weston Creek Children's Centre
Chinese-Australian Early Childhood Centre
Salem Children's Centre
Campbell Cottage Childcare Centre
Treehouse on the Park Early Learning Centre
Condor Community House
Noah's Ark Resource Centre
Tuggeranong Community Centre
Cooinda Cottage
Holder Early Childhood Centre
Apple Tree House Childcare and Education Centre
KU Braddon
Stirling Childcare and Education Centre
Gungahlin Childcare Centre
Gordon Early Childhood Centre
Majura Early Childhood Centre

2. The flags and banner program is a fee for service which earned total revenue of \$106,890 in 2016/17. The team that raises flags and banners has a range of other functions and as such the cost of the flags and banner program is not tracked at this level.

- a. Flags are raised to recognise visiting dignitaries, such as Presidents and Prime Ministers, on an official visit to Australia. The raising of flags for these events is co-ordinated by the Commonwealth's Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet who also co-ordinates the half-masting of flags when required.

Other events involving flags include Floriade, NAIDOC week, ACT Government Citizenship ceremonies and campus displays at CIT. The banners program is used to promote events. All costs associated with this program, including the cost of banners is borne by the promotor of the event. The charge we levy is for the raising and removing of banners.

EDUCATION DIRECTORATE: The type of events held at schools vary. For official government events additional National, Territory, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags may be flown at locations in the school, most often in the assembly hall. These flags are usually provided by the organisation conducting the event. Other events may be for a community organisation, and any flags and associated banners are also supplied by those holding the event.

- b. The flags program is co-ordinated by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. It also owns the Flags used when celebrating a state visit. We have no relationship with the NCA in



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relation to Flags and Banners, but are aware that the NCA maintains its flagpoles within the Parliamentary Triangle.

c. (i) and (ii)

Directorate	Number	Type
Health	Nil	Nil
EPSDD	Nil	Nil
TCCS	Nil	Nil
CMTEDD	55 42 51 6 6 101 2	Rainbow Flags State & Territory Flags Australian Flags Aboriginal Flags Torres Strait Islander Flags Floriade CBR Flags
CSD	3 2 2 1 50 3	Australian Flags Aboriginal Flags Torres Strait Islander Flags ACT Flags International Flags Banners - portrait of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Commonwealth Coat of Arms, Community Services Directorate.
Education		Flags and banners are held by individual schools and not collected centrally.
JACS		Numerous flags are held by JACS including Australia, ACT, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and service specific flags across its emergency stations, correctional facilities and courts.

(iii) It is estimated that the cost of the flags the ACT Government currently owns is approximately \$80,700. Note that CMTEDD maintains a store of flags which are loaned to the community groups and individuals on request. These flags were purchased some time ago and the cost of the original purchase is unknown.

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

Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA

