



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**Wednesday, 20 October 2021**

Asked by JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA on 20 October 2021: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR DAVIS: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. It should be a quick one.

Chief Minister, it is obviously a goal of the Capital Equality Grants Program to make sure that those grants are allocated at an intersectional way. Do you have a breakdown of how many of those grants were delivered to people of colour, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, or people with a disability?

Mr Mehrton: I would have to take that on notice, yes.

Mr Barr: Yes, we will take that one on notice. And obviously it is an application-based grants program. So obviously you have to apply in order to receive a grant.

MR DAVIS: Of course. I mean, on that, can I get a bit of advice on what work the office has done to do some specific outreach to ensure that diverse communities within the rainbow family know that the grants are available? And if the office has been in a position to provide any specialist support to organisations or individuals who might need help in submitting a grant application?

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:–

Of the 30 grants provided under the Capital of Equality grants program to date, 10 specifically target the groups of interest to the Member, as follows:

- People of colour – six grants
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – three grants
- People with disability – one grant.

A complete list of past grant recipients is available on the website of the [Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs](#).

Examples of outreach by the Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs to help ensure that our diverse community knows that the grants are available include online and email promotions, meetings with various stakeholder groups and sharing information on the grants with each of the ACT Government diversity officers to promote through their networks.

The Office hosted an online community information session for potential grant applicants in April 2021. The purpose of the session was to raise awareness about the grants and provide

information to organisations or individuals seeking advice on submitting a grant application. A dedicated point of contact within the Office responds to enquiries about the program. Unsuccessful applicants have been offered individual feedback sessions to assist them to increase their capacity in applying for future grants.

The application process was streamlined this year to make the program even more accessible to marginalised cohorts of the LGBTIQ+ community. The Office reduced the application burden by allowing a short expression of interest to be submitted in either text or video format at the start of the process. This decreased the amount of time that applicants needed to invest and was positively received.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion.

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA