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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

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### **Inquiry into ACT Children and Youth health programs and FASD responses** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **Hearing – 2 November 2021**

Asked by MR DAVIS:

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In relation to:

Mr Culhane, in relation to the items that you started with in the answer to the question, were these initiatives (*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Health Canberra Grants*) that the ACT government did as part of its commitment to the national strategy or were these programs and investments that the ACT government made in addition to or to complement commitments we made as part of that strategy?

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The initiatives address both national and local commitments and priorities. The *ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan 2018-2021* (DSAP) is the local action plan to advance the *National Drug Strategy 2017-2026*, and its sub-strategies, including the *National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Strategic Action Plan 2018-2028* (FASD Action Plan). The initiatives are also consistent with the *Healthy Canberra: ACT Preventive Health Plan 2020-2025*.

Action 7 of the DSAP states that the ACT Government will “Implement appropriate actions at the Territory level to support the FASD Action Plan.” However, while the FASD Action Plan outlines priority objectives, it does not provide specific or binding actions for state and territory governments.

The 2019-20 Healthy Canberra Grants round had a focus on projects related to alcohol consumption to advance several commitments under the DSAP with public health education and campaign elements. The applicants could potentially apply to advance Action 7 of the DSAP, or other alcohol-focused actions with public education components.

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Date:

18/11/21

**Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA – Minister for Health**