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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **22 February 2022**

Asked by ELIZABETH LEE MLA on 22 FEBRUARY 2022: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

- 1) MS LEE: Thank you. Chief Minister, just in relation to I think the stats that the Chair quoted about 40 per cent of the expenses being admin. Is that a concern to you in terms of the way that it is compared to some of the other way that travel funds are administered?

Mr Barr: Well, I will not accept that figure on face value. I need to understand some further detail in relation to it and what it entails, so I am not offering any comment on speculative questions that I cannot check the veracity of at this moment. I will check the veracity of it and then provide information to the committee on those.

- 2) MS LEE: Okay. I just want you to confirm that. All right. In terms of the beneficiaries of the Community Support Fund listed on pages 166 to 167 of the CMTEDD report, the recipients of the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund, are they the ones that are from that Chief Minister's Charitable Fund or is there another list somewhere?

Mr Barr: I think you may be conflating the Community Support Fund with the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund. I will check that detail and confirm for you the list of beneficiaries from the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund as distinct from the Community Support Fund, which is a different fund.

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

- 1) The arrangement to manage the CMCF is governed by a funding deed which specifies an amount of funding that can be used for purposes other than charitable distributions.

This was initially set at an amount equivalent to a 30 per cent Expense to Disbursement Ratio (in line with industry norms) with an additional \$100,000 for establishment expenses in the first year of operation.

Following the provision of an additional funding stream for the CMCF under the Gaming Machine Act 2004, the maximum expenses per annum for purposes other than charitable distributions was increased to \$250,000.

- 2) The Community Support Fund recipients listed on pp166-167 of the CMTEDD 2020-2021 Annual Report relate to a different fund.

Information about Chief Minister's Charitable Fund grant recipients is publicly available on the Hands Across Canberra website at <https://handsacrosscanberra.org.au/who-we-are/chief-ministers-charitable-fund/>.

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA