



Speaker

Mr Chris Steel MLA
Treasurer
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
Via email: steel@act.gov.au

Officers of the Assembly—Draft budget and recommended appropriation

Dear Treasurer, *Chris,*

Pursuant to s 20AB of the *Financial Management Act 1996* (FM Act), I write to provide advice to you in relation to the draft budgets and recommended appropriations (recommended funding level in the case of the Ombudsman) for officers of the Assembly.

The recommended appropriation/recommended funding level is: base funding + applicable technical adjustments + funding required to meet the full costs associated with submitted budget proposals (whether the expenditure review committee has agreed to them or not).

The recommended appropriations for the officers are as follows:

- **Electoral Commission** - \$5.445m comprising of:
 - baseline funding (2025-26 Budget), budget policy and budget technical adjustments (\$4.982m) and a one-off capital injection (\$0.463m).
- **Auditor-General** - \$4.627m
- **Integrity Commission** - \$8.911m comprising of:
 - base funding - \$7.948m, budget policy decisions – (\$0.020m), technical adjustments - \$0.983m

The recommended funding level for the **Ombudsman and Inspector of the Integrity Commission** is: \$5.733m.

Draft budgets for each officer, containing information required under s 12 of the FM Act (and equivalent budget information in the case of the Ombudsman/Inspector of the Integrity Commission), are attached.

I will table this letter and attachments at the upcoming sitting of the Assembly.

If the amount proposed for appropriation is less than the recommended appropriation, you are required to table a statement of reasons for the departure in the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA

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ACT Legislative Assembly

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