



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2012-2013

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**SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE ACT BUDGET 2012-2013,
TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 5 JUNE 2012**

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it completed to
committees@parliament.act.gov.au, by 9.30AM Tuesday 12 June 2011.

If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please feel free to
append your comments in an extra page. In any appended pages, please give your
comments after you state what question/s you are addressing.

1. **Full name of group/organisation: Advocacy for Inclusion**

2. **Name and honorific (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc.) of your organisation's/group's contact person
for this survey and their telephone number and email address:**
Ms Christina Ryan,

3. **Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the Budget that it
would like to submit to the Committee?**
 Yes (If yes, please email it to the Committee Secretariat with your completed
Survey.)
 No

4. **Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT
Budget 2012-2013:**
 - a. Lack of preparation of people with disabilities for the NDIS, particularly given
that it was identified as a major risk to the ACT in the overview of the Budget.
Particular concerns are raised around the need to prepare people with disabilities
for the proposed individualised funding model of the NDIS and the increased
decision making, choice, and autonomy that is connected to this.

 - b. The expectation that advocacy organisations will be in a position to complement
any community visitor (or Official Visitor) scheme when the ACT is one of only 2
jurisdictions in Australia to NOT fund individual advocacy services for people
with disabilities.

 - c. The complete stasis in disability service funding when the Productivity
Commisison has clearly identified the level of extra funding that is urgently needed
to support people with disabilities in their daily lives. In real terms this will mean a
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reduction in respite, community access, accomodation and other related services.
This is not acceptable.

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5. **What are your views on the Budget in relation to your priority areas?**

It doesn't support any of them and, at best, is disappointing.

6. **Are there any other particular issues with the Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?** If so, please append a brief outline of the issue/s, in order of priority.

Yes No

If yes, please comment:

7. **Did you provide a budget submission to the Government?**

Yes (go to question 8) No (go to question 9.)

8. **Do you think that the Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?**

Yes No

Comment (if you wish):

9. **Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on 15 June 2012, at the Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra.**

Yes No unfortunately we have been unavailable for this date.

If you indicate yes, and the Committee decides to invite you to appear at the hearing, the Committee Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 13 June 2012 to confirm arrangements for your appearance . Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations who indicate that they wish to appear.

Thank you.
