



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Asked by MR COE MLA:

Chief Minister, Treasurer and Economic Development Directorate 2016/17 Annual Report, Government
Policy Reform, Output 1.1

In relation to Digital Agenda:

1. In relation to the ACT Governments digital agenda being represented by the directorate at various international forums, please provide a consolidated breakdown of:
 - a. The number of delegates who attended each forum;
 - b. The location of the forum;
 - c. The name/theme of the forum;
 - d. A breakdown of the cost of sending these delegations;
 - e. What was achieved at each forum?
2. Please outline the ACT Digital Account, and what will it be used for?
 - a. Will the Digital Account link in with Access Canberra for payments made there, or is it more focussed on payments to the revenue office?
 - b. Can the ACT Digital Account be linked with a MyWay card to avoid the BPay issues and delays?
 - i. Has this been considered?
 1. If not, why not?
 - c. What accreditation of the ACT Digital Account is being sought from the Federal Government and what are the implications of this?
3. The AR states on page 31 that in the future you will “develop regulatory arrangements for combat sports activities”:
 - a. What sports will this apply to?
 - b. What issues are trying to be addressed?
 - c. How will these issues be addressed at a regulatory level?
 - d. What community or stakeholder engagement will be undertaken?
 - e. Will this be applied to just professional combat sports, or amateur competitions as well?
 - f. What is the timeframe for implementation?



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CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1.

- a. The Office of the Chief Digital Officer (OCDO) participated in one international forum held overseas during 2016-17. One delegate, the Chief Digital Officer, represented the ACT Government and delivered the keynote address at the CxO Disrupt Conference held on 7 March 2017.
- b. The CxO Disrupt Conference was held in Wellington, New Zealand.
- c. The CxO Disrupt Conference was one of the "Disrupt Series" that looked to explore the technologies underwriting digital transformation. The conferences showcased new ways in which technology and innovation were implemented at a strategy level, with participants' giving practical examples of harnessing technological innovation to drive change.
- d. There were no costs to the ACT Government associated with the Chief Digital Officer's attendance at this conference. Flights and accommodation were covered by the conference organisers.
- e. Delivering the keynote address at the conference was an opportunity to highlight the ACT Government Digital Strategy as well as expanding networks and raising awareness of the digital transformations happening in the ACT.

2. The ACT Digital Account was developed to enable verification of a citizen's identity online. This is a shared technology platform that all directorates can access to enable more services to be made available digitally.

- a. The payment services within the account are designed to enable all ACT Government Directorates and services, and will therefore include Access Canberra services over time.
- b.
 - i. Payments for the MyWay card via the ACT Digital Account is under consideration, subject to their requirements and timeframes.
 - ii. N/A
- c. The Office of the Chief Digital Officer is working closely with the Federal Government, Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) to align with its Trusted Digital Identity Framework. The DTA is currently establishing the policy for a Trust Framework Accreditation Process. It is too early to tell from the DTA consultation process what the full implications will be but the intent is to make it easier for citizens to identify and transact with both state and federal government.

3.

- a. In its September 2016 Position Paper, the ACT Government outlined its proposed definition that will be covered under the new regulatory framework. This definition won't necessarily name particular sports or activities, but rather cover those where the intent is to strike, hit, grapple, throw and punch (full contact combat sports). Only 'contests' would be covered by regulation; everyday activities and training would not fall under the scope of this framework.
- b. The intent of the new regulation is to promote safety and integrity in the sports.
- c. As considered in the 2016 Position Paper, the regulation framework will allow the Government to set standards and expectations for all participants in combat sports contests. Responsibilities of certain participants will be made clear through regulation.



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- d. Stakeholders have been engaged, and will continue to be engaged, regarding the regulatory framework for combat sports.
In December 2015, the ACT Government released a discussion paper on combat sport regulation in the ACT for community consultation. A Position Paper was then released in September 2016 outlining the Government's proposed directions for legislative change and regulation.
The local industry will continue to be engaged as the framework is being developed. For example, in late 2017 the Government will be consulting with stakeholders on interim measures under current arrangements.
Other jurisdictions are also being approached, including through the national Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials.
- e. As considered in the 2016 Position Paper, it is expected that the framework will accommodate for both amateur and professional environments. Its application will utilise an evidence and risk based approach to determine the most appropriate means of regulating the amateur and professional settings.
- f. This is yet to be determined, however the ACT Government intends to introduce new legislation into the Assembly in 2018, and provide a transition period to allow the industry time to adjust to the new regulation prior to its commencement.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA

