



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
20 October 2021

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 20 October 2021: Tara Cheyne MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: the number of individual engagements with local business people that have taken place.

THE CHAIR: I have one more supplementary on this—around the workshops with the business sectors, not the peak bodies. How many of those have you held and how many actual business owners would you say you have spoken to?

Mr Engele: We have had a number of workshops. I might get my colleague Dr Clapham, who ran a number of those for me, to see if he has the individual business numbers that he can provide.

Dr Clapham: I acknowledge the privilege statement. As Sam said, we have a total number of around 100 business stakeholders that we have engaged with across a number of workshops. They include focuses on the night-time economy and the entertainment sector. I will have to come back to you with individual breakdowns of attendees at those workshops, but I should be able to get those within the period of this hearing. There was also a focus on the innovation and start-up sector; a couple of different engagements focused on SME procurement; and additional workshops focused on precinct groups, local business precinct organisations. There were workshops facilitated through the Canberra Business Chamber with their kindred members; workshops facilitated through the Canberra Region Tourism Leaders Forum; and engagement with the clubs industry through the Community Clubs Ministerial Advisory Council. They are the sorts of group workshops that we have engaged with. There were a range of other individual engagements with business owners as well.

THE CHAIR: It is the individual engagements that I am interested in. I understand there are lots of engagement with the peak bodies, but could you give us a clear outline of which local businesspeople—people, not bodies—you guys have spoken to? I would really appreciate that.

Ms Cheyne: We can do that. We will get that to you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. I will put that question on notice then.

Ms Cheyne: We will try and get back to you during this hearing.

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

The Better Regulation Taskforce has undertaken and supported approximately 132 engagements with individuals representing 114 businesses as a part of its Discovery Phase. These numbers are approximate, as some businesses may have attended multiple group sessions.

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Tara Cheyne MLA