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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**ACT Government's response to the Report on the Independent Review of the
Investment in ACT Community Language Schools**

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No.	Recommendation	ACT Government response
Recommendations to the ACT Government (Office of Multicultural Affairs)		
1	Encourage greater recognition of the value of languages, and the role of community language schools in promoting languages, across the ACT Government and the broader community.	<p>AGREED</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees to this recommendation. This will be considered in the development of the Multicultural Recognition Act.</p>
2	Develop a clear program goal, objectives and outcomes.	<p>AGREED</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees to this recommendation and will develop a clear program goal, objectives and outcomes for the future of community language schools in the ACT.</p>
3	Strengthen accountability of ACT Community Language Schools Association (ACTCLSA) by linking ongoing funding with program performance.	<p>AGREED</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees to this recommendation and will strengthen future contracting arrangements with the ACTCLSA to improve accountability of the ACTCLSA by linking ongoing funding with program performance.</p>
4	Engage with the Education Directorate more actively on its community use policy.	<p>AGREED</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees to this recommendation and the Office for Multicultural Affairs will engage with the Education Directorate on its community use policy.</p>
5	Strengthen support for teacher professional development through engagement with the Sydney Institute for Community Language Education (SICLE).	<p>AGREED IN PRINCIPLE</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees this recommendation in principle and will engage with SICLE and investigate other potential opportunities with CIT to strengthen support for teacher professional development.</p>
6	Pilot new targeted funding mechanisms – start-up grants and resource development grants.	<p>AGREED IN PRINCIPLE</p> <p>The ACT Government agrees this recommendation in principle and will investigate new targeted funding mechanisms for consideration, noting funding decisions are a matter for future consideration.</p>

Recommendations for the ACT Community Language Schools Association (ACTCLSA)		
7	In line with recommended development of program objectives, work with members to develop a 12-month workplan to ensure the ACTCLSA meets program objectives.	AGREED The ACT Government agrees this recommendation and will work with the ACTCLSA to develop a 12-month workplan.
8	Hold annual members feedback forum.	NOTED The ACT Government notes this recommendation and will work with and support ACTCLSA to establish systems for ACTCLSA to hold annual members feedback forums.
9	Encourage recognition of participation in community language schools by students' regular schools.	NOTED The ACT Government notes this recommendation and will work with and support ACTCLSA to encourage recognition of participation in community language schools by students' regular schools.
Recommendations for the community language schools		
10	Discuss rights and responsibilities under the new license agreements with host school.	NOTED The ACT Government notes this recommendation and will work with and support community language schools to understand the rights and responsibilities under the new license agreements with host schools.
11	Proactively build relationships with host school – promote the school.	NOTED The ACT Government notes this recommendation and will work with and support community language schools to proactively build relationships with host schools and promote the schools.
12	Build relationships nationally and with local institutions.	NOTED The ACT Government notes this recommendation and will work with and support community language schools to build relationships nationally and with local institutions.