



# Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2025–2026 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2025–2026

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

Reference: CED - Budget

Hearing: 7 August 2025

In relation to: Environmental Organisation Funding

Question received: 15 August 2025

Answer Due: 22 August 2025

For each of the following organisations, can you set out

- 1) how much ACT Government funding they received in the 2024-25 budget;
  - 2) how much ACT Government funding they received in the 2025-26 budget;
  - 3) any forward estimate ACT Government funding you can advise of; and
  - 4) how much Commonwealth funding they received in the 2024-25 year?
- a) Landcare
  - b) Conservation Council
  - c) Canberra Environment Centre
  - d) Ginninderra Catchment Group
  - e) Southern ACT Catchment Group
  - f) Molonglo Catchment Group
  - g) Water Watch
  - h) Frog Watch

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Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government does not have oversight of any funding arrangements made directly by the Australian Government and community environmental organisations.

The ACT Government receives funding from the Australian Government under the Urban Rivers and Catchment Program, which it administers as ACT Government funds to community groups, including Landcare ACT. The ACT Government also receives funding from the Australian Government under the Regional Delivery Partnership Program; some of this funding is administered as ACT Government funds to Landcare ACT to deliver program outcomes.

In answering this question, 2025-26 and forward estimate figures only include funds committed as of 16 September 2025. Additional funding may be allocated in 2025-26 and forward estimates, based on the outcomes of future funding programs.

All figures below are exclusive of GST.

- a) Landcare ACT
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$1,317,823
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$931,156
  - Forward estimates: \$849,312 (2026-27; 2027-28)
  
- b) Conservation Council
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$179,564
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$185,580
  - Forward estimates: \$0
  
- c) Canberra Environment Centre
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$184,410
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$139,836
  - Forward estimates: \$0
  
- d) Ginninderra Catchment Group
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$468,926
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$362,686 (ex. any Environment Grants which are yet to be announced)
  - Forward estimates: \$213,916 (2026-27)
  
- e) Southern ACT Catchment Group
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$291,462
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$265,866 (ex. any Environment Grants which are yet to be announced)
  - Forward estimates: \$114,192 (2026-27)
  
- f) Molonglo Catchment Group
  - ACT Government funding received in 2024-25: \$346,459
  - ACT Government funding committed in 2025-26: \$265,866 (ex. any Environment Grants which are yet to be announced)
  - Forward estimates: \$114,192 (2026-27)
  
- g) Water Watch

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- Water Watch is an annual program funded by the ACT Government. The budget for 2025-26 is \$332,598 and distributed evenly across the three catchment groups. Forward funding is indexed and contracts are in place with the catchment groups until 2026-27.

h) Frog Watch

- Frog Watch is an annual program funded by the ACT Government and delivered by the Ginninderra Catchment Group. The budget for 2025-26 is \$96,820. Forward funding is indexed and a contract is in place with the Ginninderra Catchment Group until 2026-27

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Signature:

Date: 16/09/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Suzanne Orr MLA