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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2015-16

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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

**SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE
ACT BUDGET 2015-16
PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 2 JUNE 2015**

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it to committees@parliament.act.gov.au by **12.00pm Friday 5 June 2015**. If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please append additional comments.

1. **Full name of group/organisation: Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation ACT Branch**

2. **Name of contact person for this survey and their telephone number and email address:**

Jenny Miragaya, Branch Secretary, (02) 62829455, anmfact@anmfact.org.au

3. **Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the ACT Budget that it would like to submit to the Committee?**

 Yes (If yes, please email it to the Committee Secretariat with your completed survey and analysis.)

x No

4. **Please list, in order of priority, your three key priority areas regarding the ACT Budget 2015-2016 (you can expand on these in Question 5):**
 - a. Provision of high quality public health care services in the ACT
 - b. Provision of high quality public education within the ACT
 - c. Provision of suitable and affordable housing in the ACT

- 5. Please detail your views on the ACT Budget in relation to your three priority areas?**
- a. Health Care Services - the ANMF welcomes the ACT Government's commitment to maintain and increase health care funding in this budget and for the next four years to address capacity and access issues not just in the acute care sector but also within primary and preventative health care services, and the ongoing commitment to building health infrastructure. The ANMF is particularly pleased to acknowledge this commitment in light of the continued threats to Medicare and the provision of universal public health care services by the Abbott Federal Government.
 - b. Education - The ANMF considers that unless there is access to good quality public education, which provides the basis for improved employability and associated socioeconomic stability, as well as health literacy, improvements in job and health opportunities could be lost. The ANMF is therefore supportive of the educational expenditure outlined in the budget.
 - c. Housing - As secure and affordable housing makes up the third pillar of the social determinants of health, - ie access to affordable health care, education and housing, the ANMF is broadly supportive of the budget commitments which will lead to an improvement in access to affordable and safe housing and considers that access to housing will contribute to quality education and health outcomes for the ACT community.

6. Are there any other particular issues with the ACT Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment/attach further details:

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

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

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

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment

The ANMF considers that the ACT Government has focused on the cornerstones of a fair and equitable and socially responsible community in the maintenance and ongoing support of health, education and housing, particularly its commitment to renewing public housing stocks.

9. Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on Friday 12 June 2015, at the Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra.

Yes x No

If you indicate yes, and the Committee decides to invite you to appear at the hearing, the Committee Support Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 10 June 2015 to confirm arrangements. Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations.

Thank you for contributing to the inquiry.
