



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 70

In relation to: Staff Movements

Please provide a reconciliation of FTEs in's and outs (Arboretum, P&CS etc).



Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The following table provides a reconciliation of FTE "ins and outs" arising from Administrative Arrangement changes and affecting the 2016-17 FTE budget for TCCS.

Transfer out:	FTE
Parks and Conservation to Environment & Planning Directorate from 1 July 2016	(186.34)
National Arboretum Canberra to CMTEDD 22 January 2016	(18.1)
	<u>(204.44)</u>
Transfer in:	
Capital Metro Agency Staff from 1 July 2016	<u>52.5</u>
Net Movement is a reduction of	(151.94)

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Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 71

In relation to: ACTION

Why did we not meet our patronage targets? Can we please have a breakdown?

Meegan Fitzharris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Patronage figures can be lower than targeted due to several factors, including a reduction in student travel influenced by them engaging in active travel options.

Overall, patronage has increased slightly in 2015-2016 due to increases in adult/ tertiary travel.

Attachment A provides a breakdown of the patronage data.



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Ticket Type	Passenger	2014/15	2015/16	Change
MyWay	Adult	6,593,741	6,734,322	140,581
	Current Employee	23,876	20,926	-2,950
	Over 70	613,648	654,677	41,029
	Past Employee	30,261	28,005	-2,256
	Pensioner	899,223	954,902	55,679
	Senior	482,021	499,969	17,948
	Student	3,807,945	3,637,875	-170,070
	Student Transport Program	272,313	264,450	-7,863
Paper Ticket	Tertiary	2,290,068	2,629,917	339,849
	Adult	453,007	395,454	-57,553
	Companion Card	8,335	9,426	1,091
	Concession	1,027,145	924,037	-103,108
	TPI	18,921	19,509	588
	Transfer	1,037,718	983,220	-54,498
	Vision Impaired	38,748	37,262	-1,486
Welfare	45,810	46,636	826	
Total		17,642,780	17,840,587	197,807



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Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 71

In relation to: ACTION

What is the Government subsidy of ACTION per boarding?

Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The budgeted subsidy per ACTION bus passenger boarding in 2016-17 is \$6.07.

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Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 74

In relation to: ACTION

Where will the electric motor be manufactured?

Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Contract negotiations are currently underway with the preferred tenderers.
Specific details of vehicle components may be available when the contract is finalised.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Joy Burch on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 77

In relation to:

Please provide the committee with a list of the Active schools as announced in the budget.

Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The schools that will be targeted for the Active Streets for Schools program include:

- Ainslie School;
- Amaroo School and Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School;
- Aranda Primary School and St Vincent's Primary School;
- Calwell Primary School;
- Caroline Chisholm Primary School;
- Chapman Primary School;
- Charnwood-Dunlop School;
- Curtin Primary School and Holy Trinity Primary School;
- Evatt Primary School;
- Garran Primary School;
- Harrison School and Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School;
- Hughes Primary School;
- Lyneham Primary School and Brindabella Christian College Junior School;
- Maribyrnong Primary School;
- Melrose High School and Sacred Heart Primary School;
- Palmerston District Primary School;
- Richardson Primary School;
- Telopea Park School; and
- Wanniasa School.



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Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 78

In relation to:

What is the total spend on Active Travel across the ACT Government

Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The ACT Government spend on specific Active Travel initiatives in the Transport Canberra and City Services portfolio is \$74.7m from 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2016. There is an additional \$10.2 in the 2016-17 budget.

A further breakdown of the Transport Canberra and City Services Active Travel related budget initiatives for 2016-17:

Active Travel (TCCS) in the 2016-17 Budget	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Active Travel - For schools and shopping centres	2,800	500	25	55	3,380
Aikman Drive - Shared Path	400				400
Horse Park Drive - Shared Path	1,387				1,387
Ashley Drive - Stage 3	215				215
Cotter Road duplication	2,416				2,416
Active Travel Officer	175				175
Schools Transport Coordinator - Active Travel Office	175	179	182	184	720
Capital Upgrade Program	1,500				1,500
Total	9,068	679	207	239	10,193

In addition, the Government spends on average \$3.9 million each year on footpath upgrades and maintenance.

There are also a range of Active Travel programs delivered through other portfolios e.g. in ACT Health and Active Canberra.

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Asked by Brendan Smyth on Monday 27 June 2016: Meegan Fitzharris took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 page 79

In relation to:

Capital Metro is included as part of the Transport Canberra output funding. Please provide a breakdown of:

- ACTION
- Capital Metro
- TAMS/Corporate



Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Budget paper "H" page 15 presents the recurrent costs and funding for Output 1.1: Transport Canberra:

Output 1.1: Transport Canberra

Transport Canberra includes oversight of the construction of light rail, the Government subsidy paid to ACTION buses, and the strategic oversight of the public transport network, public transport asset management and the Active Travel Office.

Table 3: Output 1.1: Transport Canberra

	2015-16 Estimated Outcome \$'000	2016-17 Budget \$'000
Total Cost ¹	n/a	129,294
Controlled Recurrent Payments	n/a	126,064

Note:

1. Total cost includes depreciation and amortisation of \$2.1 million in 2016-17.

The Controlled Recurrent Payments of \$126.064m are made up as follows:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| • Government Subsidy payment to ACTION | \$93.839m |
| • Public Transport Strategy branch | \$ 9.287m |
| • Support costs (e.g Governance, HR, Finance etc) | <u>\$22.938m</u> |
| | \$126.064m |

This output contains the Light Rail Project, however as direct costs of this project are capitalised the funding is via Capital Injection rather than Controlled Recurrent Payments as shown in Output 1.1.

To prepare financial information that includes full costs of outputs Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) uses an allocation model which distributes indirect costs to outputs on the basis of FTEs. The indirect costs previously in Capital Metro Agency (CMA) have been included into this allocation model, and therefore form part of the \$22.938m referred to above.

As further information 52.5 FTEs from CMA have been merged into the 2016-17 TCCS FTE budget. 26.5 of these FTE are directly attributed to the Light Rail Project (and therefore capitalised) and 26 FTE support the project through such services as Governance, Legal, HR and Finance.

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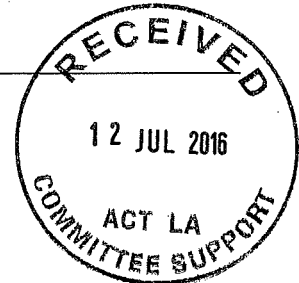
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

ALISTAIR COE MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

ACT Executive, 2016-17 Budget Statement A, page number 1-9

In relation to: the ACT Executive

1. What is the staffing level in each office of the ACT Executive?
2. How many staff have been allocated the following equipment?
 - a. mobile, or smart telephone;
 - b. laptop computer;
 - c. tablet computer?
3. For those staff who have been allocated a mobile, or smart telephone, what is the average cost per month for telephone costs and the average data pack;
4. For those staff who have been allocated a tablet computer, what is the average data pack?
5. How many desktop computers are provided in each executive office?
6. How many staff have been allocated a:
 - a. vehicle; or
 - b. vehicle allowance?
7. For those staff who have been allocated a vehicle, what is the:
 - a. average cost per month for fuel;
 - b. cost of any allocated parking.



ANDREW BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. Staff full-time equivalent numbers as at 29 June 2016:
 - Minister Barr's office – 12
 - Minister Corbell's office – 7
 - Minister Fitzharris' office – 5 (+1)*
 - Minister Berry's office – 5
 - Minister Gentleman's office – 5
 - Minister Bourke's office – 5
 - Minister Rattenbury's office – 7.7

*including 1 staff member performing a handover for a staff member about to commence maternity leave.

2.
 - a. 15 iPhones.
 - b. 50 laptops. The staff FTE numbers in Question 1 include part-time positions.
 - c. 13 iPads.

3. The Government Telecommunications contract with Optus provides a \$15.45 (GST excl) per month capped voice plan which provides unlimited voice, SMS, MMS calls. Data charges are a flat \$15 per month subscription cost which provides access to the ACT Government shared data allowance on the Optus network.
4. Data charges are a flat \$15 per month subscription cost which provides access to the ACT Government shared data allowance on the Optus network.
5. The ACT Executive utilise laptop computers and desktop computers have been phased out.
6.
 - a. Nil.
 - b. The Executive Chief of Staff is remunerated at the Executive 2.4 level, including vehicle entitlements.
7.
 - a. N/A.
 - b. N/A.

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Date: 12.7.16

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA



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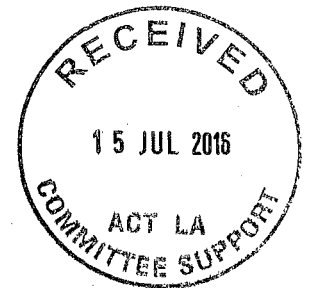
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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question:

Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 Page 52-53

In relation to: Data on services Veterans access

Is it possible to work out how many occasions of service we have provided to veterans?



Mr Simon Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

ACT Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs reconciled payments data for 2014-15 recognised a total of 2,992 occasions of service.

This reconciliation takes into account the eligibility criteria of veteran's for the services provided.

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By the Minister for Health, Simon Corbell MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Steve Doszpot on 24 June 2016, Ms Maureen Sheehan took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #54]]

In relation to: Redevelopment of Canberra Seniors Centre in Turner

Can you provide an update on the latest development on the proposed new location for the Canberra Seniors Centre in Turner?

Dr Chris Bourke: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There is no Government commitment to a proposed new location for the Canberra Seniors Centre. The funding appropriated in a previous Budget was to fund a design and feasibility assessment related to moving the Canberra Seniors from Turner to a new location.

This work has just been completed for the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate and highlighted a number of options. The report has been provided to the Canberra Seniors Centre for their consideration.

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By the Minister for Veterans and Seniors, Dr Chris Bourke MLA

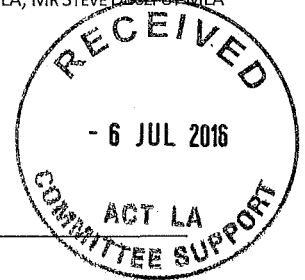


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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS



Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #653-654]]

In relation to: Output Class 2.2 Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Out of the \$28 million, could we have a breakdown of what the FTE that supports is and what are the breakdowns for Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Women's, Multicultural and Youth issues ?

Dr Chris Bourke: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Under *Output 2.2: Community Participation* the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs funding is \$2.6m of the \$28.6m. This includes the budget initiatives of:

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – Improving Indigenous representation	\$149,000
Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – Leadership development and improving career outcomes in the ACT Public Service	\$107,000

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs has 14 full time equivalent (FTE) position with an additional position (at the SOGC level) funded in the 2016-17 ACT Budget (Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples) to manage the communication and engagement program to ensure the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community is properly engaged and ensure full consultation.

Program funding provided by the Office totals \$478,000 as outlined below:

Program	\$
Leadership Grants	60,000
Cultural Grants (General)	39,000
Cultural – UNEC	6,000
Cultural – NAIDOC	15,000
Job readiness (managed through Child, Youth and Family Services Program)	258,000
Scholarship Grants	100,000
Total Grants	478,000

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body is funded through the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. The remuneration for the positions on the Elected Body is determined by the ACT Remunerations Tribunal with remuneration levels set currently by 'Amended Determination 11 of 2014 Part-time Public Office Holders' at:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body	Remuneration (per annum)
Chair	22,925
Deputy Chair	18,345
Member (5 Members)	13,755
Total Remuneration (Exc Superannuation)	110,045

The Elected Body secretariat support is provided by the Office and is included in the Office FTE. There are 2.5 FTE positions supporting the Elected Body (SOGC, ASO4 and ASO6 at 0.5)

STRATEGY, PARTICIPATION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

In the 2016-17 financial year, Strategy, Participation and Early Intervention is allocated \$59,452 million in government payment for outputs, this is nominally allocated accordingly to functions of Community Development (\$13.9 million), Community Participation (\$28.6 million), Early Intervention (\$24.9 million) and Child Development Centres (\$5,985 million).

As previously advised, Community Participation Group is not disaggregated and this allocation covers Community Recovery, Youth Engagement, Office for Ageing, Office for Women, Office of Disability, Multicultural Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

The budget for the Community Participation Group is not disaggregated as the emphasis is to get the team to work across the various policy and engagement areas to obtain greater effectiveness. Accordingly there is no longer any individual breakdown at function level, with an allocation of the following:

FTE allocation for Output 2: Strategy, participation and early Intervention	
Strategy Participation Early Intervention Executive	2.00
Service Design Policy & Accountability	20.00
Regulatory Oversight & Quality Services	13.00
Community Participation Group	28.00
Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Affairs	15.00
Community Development Services	3.50
Child Development Services	31.80
Early Intervention & Prevention	48.00

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
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Asked by Mr Andrew Wall on 24 June 2016, Mr David Matthews took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #661-662]]

In relation to: Gugan Gulwan Accommodation

Has Gugan Gulwan Corporation identified any accommodation options that they consider would work for them?

Dr Chris Bourke: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

No, Gugan Gulwan Corporation has not identified any accommodation options that they consider would work for them. ACT Property Group met with the CEO of Gugan Gulwan in June 2016 regarding their accommodation requirements.

The organisation was asked to submit additional information in writing to ACT Property Group detailing their accommodation needs and preferences. ACT Property Group has not received anything further from the organisation at this time.

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Asked by Mr Andrew Wall on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #666-668]]

In relation to: Output Class 2.2 Youth Programs

What proportion of the funding in output class 2.2 goes towards youth grant programs and scholarship programs, such as the Youth Interact Scholarships and the Youth Advisory Council? Is it possible to get a breakdown of the funding over the budget period for those programs?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The funding that goes towards the 2015-16 Youth Grants/Programs is \$103,000.

The breakdown of funding is as follows:

- Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Awards- \$15,000
- Youth Scholarships- \$25,000
- Youth Interact- \$9,000
- Youth Interact Conference- \$9,000
- Youth Interact Grants- \$25,000
- Ministerial Youth Advisory Council- \$20,000



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By the Minister for Multicultural and Youth Affairs, Ms Yvette Berry MLA



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Asked by Mr Steve Doszpot on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #670-672]]

In relation to: Multicultural Grants for Seniors

Can you tell me what activities, programs or services Multicultural Affairs offers to help the seniors in communities from other cultural and racial backgrounds? List of groups and the amount funded

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The Office of Multicultural Affairs funded 122 groups under the 2015-16 Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program. These groups provide activities, programs and services that people from different cultural backgrounds can be involved in, including seniors. Of these 122 groups, three are specific to seniors from other cultural and racial backgrounds, which are:

- The Indian Seniors Well-Being Group, funded \$1000 in the 2015-16 financial year.
- The Association of the Aged Free Vietnamese in the ACT & Surrounding Districts Incorporated, funded \$1500 in the 2015-16 financial year.
- The Bangladeshi Seniors Club, Canberra Incorporated, funded \$1500 in the 2015-16 financial year.

The Office for Veterans and Seniors supports seniors from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds who are welcome to participate in all seniors activities. In addition, Grandparents Week, held from 19-25 October 2015, specifically included a cross-cultural morning tea.

Multicultural groups were also encouraged to apply for grants under the 2015-16 Participation (Seniors) Grants Program. For example, the ACT Chinese Australian Association Incorporated was funded \$3650 through the 2015-16 grants program.

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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #676-677]]

In relation to: Sponsorship outside of Multicultural grants

Could you provide a list of any 'sponsorships' that have been made for the last 12 months?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

There have been no sponsorship payments outside of the Multicultural Grants programs in the 2015-16 financial year.



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Asked by Mr Steve Doszpot on 24 June 2016, Mr David Matthews took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #690-693]]

In relation to: Budget Statement G, Table 31, page 35 Operating Statements – Supplies and Services

Can you provide a breakdown of Table 31 of employees, super, supplies and services which would include maintenance, depreciation, borrowing costs, grants and purchase services which would include funding going to homelessness services?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

A breakdown of supplies and services total expenditure with explanatory notes is at Attachment A. This summary of expenditure for the 2015-16, 2016-17 and the forward is set out in the Operating Statement on page 35 of the budget papers and complies with the whole-of-government reporting requirements.

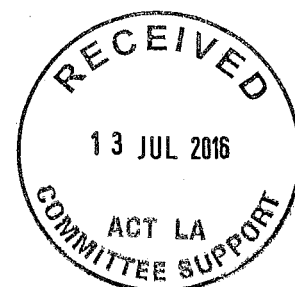
A breakdown of the major expenditure items in the Supplies and Services category of expenditure is at Attachment B. Explanatory notes are also provided to explain these expenditure items.

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By the Minister for Housing, Community Services and Social Inclusion, Ms Yvette Berry MLA



Breakdown of Supplies and Services Expenditure

Item		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Supplies and Services	Notes	Actual \$'000	Est. Outcome \$'000	Budget \$'000
Repairs and Maintenance	1	38,287	40,997	40,971
Rates, Water and Sewerage Rates and Consumption	2	28,857	30,530	31,446
Other Property Expenses	3	3,390	3,439	3,742
Professional Services including consultants/contractors	4	2,637	2,296	2,415
Accommodation	5	2,228	2,174	2,289
Systems Support	6	3,507	3,316	3,615
Insurance Premiums		2,682	2,421	2,494
Other Operating and Administration Expenses	7	3,789	4,023	4,560
Recruitment, Training and Other Staff Costs		230	297	306
Total		85,607	89,493	91,838

Notes

1. Repairs and maintenance includes all costs associated with urgent and priority repairs and maintenance programs for maintaining public housing. It also includes the Spotless costs for managing the delivery of the works. The amount increased in 2015-16 as additional funding was provided to meet the costs associated with managing the properties purchased and transferred under the Public Housing Renewal Program, the properties handed back from community housing and additional works at the Long Stay Park.

2. In addition to **general rates and water and sewerage charges and consumption costs**, Housing ACT pays other statutory charges to the ACT Government, including stamp duty on all property purchases, Building (through its builders) and Development Application fees, lease preparation and lodgement charges and any Change of Use Charge that is payable when it redevelops properties.

In addition, Housing ACT pays all costs associated with purchasing services from other agencies, such as insurance premiums through ACTIA, administrative costs through Shared Services for HR, Finance, Procurement and Information Technology and Communication costs and ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal fees and other legal charges through the Government Solicitor's Office.

3. Other Property Expenses consists of body corporate costs common area lighting, heating and cooling costs, valuations fees and lease and survey costs and other miscellaneous property costs.

4. Professional Services includes expenditure on consultants who are engaged to undertake specialist works and services that are generally not available through in-house resources and contractors who are engaged to replace staff who are on long term leave such as maternity or long service leave and other suitable staff cannot be redeployed or staff who are on transfer elsewhere within Government on a short term assignment. In addition, the legal fees, revenue collection fees and audit fees are reported under this item.

5. Other Operating Costs consist of motor vehicle and other transport costs, tenant relocation, participation and other tenancy costs and tribunal fees as well as postage, printing, stationery and other administrative service costs

6. Systems Support Costs consist of the costs for the Information management services provided by Shared Services, telephone, faxes and other communication costs and software licensing and support costs.

Housing ACT Expenditure Table

Item		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Expenditure	Notes	Actual \$'000	Est. Outcome \$'000	Budget \$'000
Employee Expenses	1	21,566	23,928	26,328
Superannuation		2,964	3,235	3,642
Supplies and Services	2	85,607	89,493	91,838
Depreciation and Amortisation	3	24,283	19,288	32,561
Borrowing Costs	4	3,537	3,247	3,035
Grants and Purchased Services	5	20,059	21,034	20,868
Other Expenses	6	9,767	13,394	5,763
Total		167,783	173,619	184,035

A summary table of the major expense categories is provided on page 35 of the Portfolio Budget papers.

Explanatory Notes

1. Employee expenses consist of wages and salaries, accruals for leave entitlements for annual leave and long service leave, worker's compensation premium and other employee costs such as staff uniforms.

The increase in employee costs is largely the result of the increase in staffing numbers to undertake work associated with the Public Housing Renewal Program and annual wage rises under the Enterprise Agreement.

2. Supplies and Services consist of property ownership costs such as the statutory charges for water and sewerage and general rates, repairs and maintenance and insurance and other property expenses and the administrative costs for managing the public housing operations such as accommodation, information technology and communication costs and shared services costs for HR, procurement and finance and printing stationery, postage and other overheads. See the separate report on the detailed breakdown of these costs.

3. Depreciation of the public housing properties: In 2014-15, the expense also included depreciation of the office fitout and motor vehicles under a finance lease and the make good on the office accommodation. No depreciation for these items was included in 2015-16 as the assets were either fully depreciated or no longer required depreciating. The increase is largely from the accelerated depreciation of the buildings to be transferred to the Land Development Agency under the Public Housing Renewal Program to a nil value prior to their hand over to the LDA.

4. Borrowing costs represent the interest payments on the Commonwealth loans provided under the former Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement to fund housing assistance measures. The amount declines each year in accordance with the agreed repayment schedule.

5. Grants and purchased services include payments for homelessness services, community housing provides, bond loans and other support payments. The expenditure is higher in 2015-16 as amounts payable in 2014-15 were paid. Service purchase payments includes \$19.248m for homelessness and other support services, \$0.803m for community housing and support services, \$0.767m for One Human Services Gateway costs and \$0.050m for grants for bond loan recipients.

6. Other expenses consist of the property demolition and write off costs, asset transfer/loss and impairment costs such as the impairment of receivables (debt write-offs) and any compensation or other costs.

The major variance in costs each year mainly relates to variances in property transfer and write-off costs as depend upon the number of properties transferred to the community sector.



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder on 24 June 2016, Ms Louise Gilding took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #696-697]]

In relation to: Woden Community Services recruitment - Employees moving from First Point to the Human Services Gateway

From the recruitment round run by Woden Community Services how many positions were advertised in total? How many of the existing First Point staff were successful?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Woden Community Service advertised 11 positions: 2 Practice Leaders, 8 Intake Officers, and 1 administrative position. Four First Point staff applied, two subsequently withdrew as they had secured other positions, and the remaining two were successful in securing Intake Officer positions in the new Human Services Gateway, which were the positions they applied for.

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MS LAWDER: Thank you. You mentioned the gateway. With respect to what was previously handled by First Point are any employees from what was at First Point moving over to work in the new gateway?

Ms Gilding: Louise Gilding, Executive Director, Housing and Community Services. Yes, the Woden Community Services ran a recruitment process and the existing First Point staff were certainly invited to apply for those positions and, look, I understand that two have been successful in terms of transitioning. So, yes, there have been opportunities for the staff to continue on.

MS LAWDER: How many positions were to be filled?

Ms Gilding: I do not have that. That is for Woden Community Services in terms of their business model but, look, certainly we could ask Woden Community Services.

MS LAWDER: Thanks.

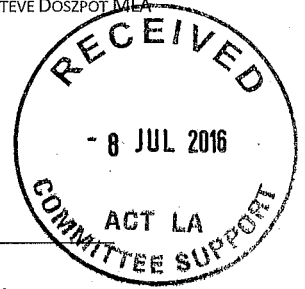
THE CHAIR: Mr Doszpot, a new question.



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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder on 24 June 2016, Ms Natalie Howson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 24 June 2016 [PAGE #707-711]]

In relation to: ACT homelessness comparison to other jurisdictions -2006 and 2011 ABS census

How did the ACT compare to other jurisdictions in relation to rough sleepers in the ABS 2006 and 2011 census?

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Rough sleepers in the ACT (Census)

The ACT had the lowest number of people who were living in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out as compared to other jurisdictions in the last two Censuses (2006 and 2011).

There were 29 people in the 2011 Census who were living in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out in the ACT (down 43% from the 51 people in 2006) (Table 1). This was 1.6 per cent of the total homeless population in the ACT in 2011 (5% in 2006). Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory were the other jurisdictions where the total number of rough sleepers reduced between the last two Censuses.

Table 1. Persons in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out in the ACT (Census)

Persons in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out in the ACT		ACT Ranking	Australia
2011	29	Lowest	6,813
2006	51	Lowest	7,247

2049.0 Census of Population and housing: Estimating homelessness, 2011- table 3 Released at 11:30am (Canberra time) Mon 12 Nov 2012 Available at <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/2049.02011?OpenDocument>

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Table 2. State and Territory of usual residence, Proportion of homeless persons (by State and Territory homelessness population) in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out (2011, 2006)

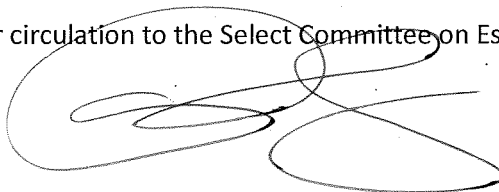
Persons in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT
2011	6.8%	4.8%	8.0%	4.3%	9.6%	9.9%	5.5%	1.6%
2006	7.2%	4.5%	10.7%	7.8%	12.3%	10.7%	7.9%	5.4%

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ABS acknowledge the fact that rough sleepers and people staying in supported accommodation for the homeless are at risk of being under enumerated in the Census. The ABS develops a homeless enumeration strategy for each Census, and works with homeless service providers to maximise the enumeration of these groups on Census night¹. Census figures provide point in time data, and as such may not provide a complete picture of ACT people who are homeless or engaged with homelessness services.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Brendan Smyth on Tuesday 27 June 2016: Simon Corbell, Minister for Capital Metro:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 27 June 2016 [PAGE16]]

In relation to: light rail capital expenditure schedule at BP3 p189

1. Is the \$706.703m the total amount of capital expenditure and if not:
 - a. What other capital expenditures are associated with the project;
 - b. What years are these programmed in; and
 - c. Where do these appear in the budget papers?
2. In relation to the \$706.703m, for each year shown in Table 5.1.2, what are the provisions for:
 - a. Construction and works for the rail lines;
 - b. Construction and works for the 13 stops;
 - c. Construction and works for the depot;
 - d. Other construction and works;
 - e. Prime equipment procurement eg the 14 rail vehicles;
 - f. Project management costs; and
 - g. Project contingency and risk provisions?
3. What does this contingency provision cover?
4. Are there any other provisions for contingency and risk outside the \$706.7m, and if so:
 - a. What are the amounts;
 - b. Where are these shown in the budget papers; and
 - c. What risks or contingencies do they cover?
5. Could we have a table for 2015-16, 2016-17 and the Forward Estimates setting out the total cost provisions for:
 - a. Capital payments (from Table 5.1.2);
 - b. Other capital expenditure associated with light rail development and implementation;



- c. Procurement and delivery expenses including expenses and capital components;
 - d. Expenditure for the former Capital Metro Agency;
 - e. Master Plan development;
 - f. Other contingency and risk provisions covering expenses and capital
 - g. Integrated ticketing development;
 - h. Road works in anticipation of light rail impacts not included in the \$706.703m above;
 - i. Light rail network maintenance and operating costs;
 - j. Interest expenses; and
 - k. Service payments to the PPP provider?
6. In relation to 5. above, where any items from 5.b. to 5k. above are included in the capital expenditure of \$706.703m, could these be indicated as such?
 7. With reference to BP3 p352 Table C. 1 - what are the borrowings for each year that generate the interest expenses shown in this table?
 8. With reference to BP3 p82, what is the:
 - a. Purpose of the \$0.500m for the business partnership program; and
 - b. Nature of the Deed of Agreement with the Canberra Business Chamber and what commitments are made in that agreement?
 9. Is there provision for compensating businesses along Northbourne Avenue and elsewhere whose activity and customer patronage will be disrupted or reduced during the construction period:
 - a. How will compensation be determined;
 - b. Who will administer claims for compensation for loss of income and other impairments; and
 - c. Have any businesses raised this prospect with the government?

Meegan Fitzharris : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The total amount of capital expenditure is \$706.703m.
2. In response to question 2 (a) to (f): The information requested is commercial-in-confidence and cannot be made available.
In response to question 2 (g): The \$706.703m includes \$117m of Territory Retained Risks.
3. This provision covers the Territory Retained Risks under the Project Agreement and as identified in Appendix D of the *Capital Metro Contract Summary*, June 2016.
4. There are no other provisions for contingency and risk outside the \$706.703m.

5. a. Table 5.1.2 in Budget 2016-17, Budget Paper 3, page 189, provides information on the capital expenditure schedules for the project. This does not represent capital payments being made by the Territory. This table outlines the PPP capital expenditure for the Project.

Table 5.1.2: Public Private Partnerships – ACT Law Courts Facilities and Light Rail – Stage 1 – Capital Expenditure Schedule

Project	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	Total \$'000
ACT Law Courts Facilities	19,662	62,027	59,456	19,088	0	160,233
Light Rail – Stage 1 ¹	84,128	357,406	249,626	15,353	190	706,703
Total	103,790	419,433	309,082	34,441	190	866,936

Note:

1. Figures for Light Rail – Stage 1 are pre-financial close estimates.

- b. The total cost provision is nil.
- c. Total costs for procurement and delivery expenses are provided in the tables below.

Table 4: Changes to appropriation—Government Payment for Outputs, Controlled

	2014-15 Estimated Outcome \$'000	2015-16 Budget \$'000	2016-17 Estimate \$'000	2017-18 Estimate \$'000	2018-19 Estimate \$'000
2014-15 Budget	23,535	3,181	3,277	3,324	3,324
2015-16 Budget Policy Adjustments					
Capital Metro – Procurement and delivery	-	4,800	2,300	1,800	5,000
Contribution to Urban Renewal and Access Canberra	-	(96)	(51)	(46)	(78)
General Savings	-	(26)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2015-16 Budget Technical Adjustments					
Cessation – Capital Metro original funding profile	-	-	-	-	(3,324)
2015-16 Budget	23,535	7,859	5,511	5,063	4,907

Table 5: Changes to appropriation—Capital Injections, Controlled

	2014-15 Estimated Outcome \$'000	2015-16 Budget \$'000	2016-17 Estimate \$'000	2017-18 Estimate \$'000	2018-19 Estimate \$'000
2014-15 Budget	96	-	-	-	-
2015-16 Budget Policy Adjustments					
Capital Metro – Procurement and delivery	-	16,137	12,771	11,385	11,484
2015-16 Budget	96	16,137	12,771	11,385	11,484

d. Please refer to below table for the expenditure for the former Capital Metro Agency:

	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated Outcome	Total to 2015/16
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Recurrent Expenditure	8.551	23.696	7.961	40.208
Capital Expenditure	-	-	14.637	14.637
TOTAL	8.551	23.696	22.598	54.845

- e. The Environment and Planning Directorate have spent \$1.4m on the Light Rail Master Plan.
- f. Refer to response to question 4.
- g. The 2016-2017 Budget has provided for \$3m for an integrated ticketing system. Total costs for an integrated ticketing system will not be known until research and development of a preferred approach for ticketing has been finalised. There is also provision in the Budget for further equipment.
- h. All works in anticipation for light rail are included in the \$706.703m.
- i-k. This information is available in 2016-17 Budget Paper 3, pg 352.
- 6. The capital expenditure of \$706.703m does not include the expenses identified in items 5 (b) to (k).
- 7. The information relating to borrowing is commercial-in-confidence and cannot be provided.
- 8. a. The purpose of the \$0.500m for the business partnership program includes improving industry engagement and strengthening local business capacity to participate in the light rail project, through research, information provision,

referral, training and support and identifying and supporting new opportunities through dedicated business forums.

- b. The Capital Metro Business Link Program is one of four approved activities defined to be delivered, in partnership with the government, under a Deed of Agreement between the ACT Government and the Canberra Business Chamber.

The activities committed to be delivered under the agreement include researching the current capacity and alignment of local business to light rail supply chain activities; developing and delivering 'Canberra Local Industry Capacity Program'; developing a 'light rail supplier guide' and hosting a 'meet the contractor' event.

9. There is no provision for compensating business along Northbourne Avenue and elsewhere.
- a. N/A.
- b. N/A.
- c. Yes.

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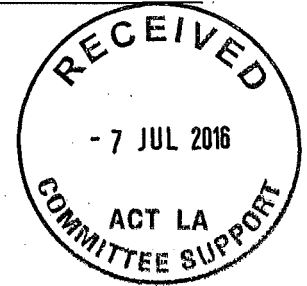
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Steve Doszpot: To ask the Minister for Transport and Municipal Services

In relation to: Age friendly suburbs

1. How were the four suburbs chosen for this project?
2. What kind of suburb improvements can these suburbs expect to receive?
3. When will these be completed?
4. When can other Canberra suburbs expect to see similar improvements?

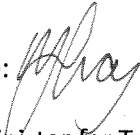


Meegan Fitzharris: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. The four suburbs of Ainslie, Weston, Kaleen and Monash were chosen by Roads ACT, after consultation with the Office of Aging and the Environment and Planning Directorate in consultation with the Council of the Aging (COTA), based on current and projected age demographic profiles and differences in their respective built environments.
2. The improvements that are being implemented in Weston and Ainslie include (at varying locations) construction of new footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, lighting in some underpasses, provision of improved road crossing facilities, verge maintenance and bus stop improvements. The Preliminary Sketch Plans for Kaleen and Monash are due to be completed by the end of July 2016. It is anticipated that the works will be similar to that undertaken in Ainslie and Weston.
3. The construction of improvements in Weston and Ainslie is scheduled to commence in July 2016 and due for completion November 2016. The construction of improvements in Monash and Kaleen is scheduled to commence early next year with completion by April 2017.

4. This is an ongoing program. The learnings of this project will be utilised in future land development and Active Travel projects.

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