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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability;

In relation to: Community Partnerships [page 71]

1. Three community organisations are funded: SEE Change, the Canberra Environment Centre and the Conservation Council ACT.
 - a. Are these the only organisations eligible for funding?
 - b. If not, how are organisations selected for funding?
 - c. What amounts are given each year?
 - d. What has been the funding allocations for each of the organisations that have received funding, for the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and the current financial year?
 - e. How are those amounts determined and over what period of time is the funding provided?
 - f. How are the funds acquitted?

SHANE RATTENBURY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

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 - a. Yes. Through the Community Partnerships for Sustainability and the Environment Program, the 2009–10 Budget (Budget Paper No.3, page 88) provided funding for three community organisations - Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre, the Canberra Conservation Council and SEE Change ACT. This program is an initiative to strengthen partnerships between the sector, community and Government to promote the environment and sustainability. This commitment was reiterated in the 2015-16 Budget (Budget Paper Fact Sheet: *A Sustainable Territory*), and through ongoing appropriations for the program.
 - b. See a.
 - c. See d.
 - d. Funding allocations for the years 2015-16 through 2018-19 are in the following table:

Organisation	Funding provided			
	2015-16 ex GST	2016-17 ex GST	2017-18 ex GST	2018-19 ex GST
Conservation Council	\$142,000.00	\$142,000.00	\$145,550.00	\$149,188.74
Canberra Environment Centre	\$107,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$109,675.00	\$112,416.88
SEE- Change	\$102,000.00	\$102,000.00	\$104,549.10	\$107,163.74
Total funding	\$351,000.00	\$351,000.00	\$359,774.10	\$368,769.36

- e. Funding amounts are provided to support the operational requirements of each community organisation to fulfil their objectives in the ACT community. Current funding agreements run until June 2019.
- f. Funds are acquitted as part of Individual Service Funding Agreements (SFA) with the Community Partners which include regular reporting to ensure consistency with stated objectives of the SFA.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, Shane Rattenbury MLA