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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder

Ref: Community Services Directorate, seniors, 2.3

In relation to: 2017-17 GRANTS - COTA

- 1) How many seniors were reached by the GRIT- getting right into technology funding?
- 2) Where computers provided for this training?
- 3) How was the training conducted?
- 4) Where was the training conducted?
- 5) Who performed the training?
- 6) How is this difference to the Nationals seniors' grant?
- 7) How is this not an inefficient use of money to be supplying two grants to two different organizations to do virtually the same work?
- 8) Has the government considered funding a specific organisation to provide this service to a range of organisations across the ACT?

Minister Ramsay: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1-5) Information on outcomes of the grant funding are provided through the grant acquittal process. The grant acquittal for this project is not due until January 2019.
- 6) The two programs provide services to different audiences with different needs. COTA's GRIT program is a basic beginners' computing course designed for absolute beginners above 65 years of age. The National Seniors' Australia North Canberra program is for their members over 55 years to enable them to use computers effectively as a means of communication, to conduct research on the internet, to access ebooks at ACT libraries and to create word documents.
- 7) There are many organisations supporting our older citizens to best meet particular needs at venues and times that are suitable to them.
- 8) The funding was provided as part of the 2017-18 seniors grants round, responding to the particular needs as discerned with seniors groups.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

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By the Minister for Seniors and Veterans, Minister Gordon Ramsay