



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Jo Clay MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by JO CLAY MLA:

[Ref: P139 of Budget Outlook]

In relation to: FOI Funding

Why is there no recurrent funding for "maintaining accountability and transparency of government" for the JACS, CSD, EPSDD, Education and TCCS Directorates for the next 4 years?

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

All Directorates have ongoing funding for the administration of their agencies including meeting obligations under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

The 2021-22 budget continued additional recurrent funding of \$3.586 million over two years to support ACT Government directorates to deliver on the principles of open and transparent government promoted by the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), and ensure all Canberrans have timely access to their own information, or information that would enable them to participate more effectively in government processes.

During this period ACT Government directorates will continue to monitor the levels of demand from the public for accessing government information and consider further resourcing needs as part of future budget processes to ensure requirements under the Act continues to be met to a high standard.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

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Date:

28/10/21

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA