



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: Domestic Animal Services

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: Domestic Animal Services

Question received: 20 November 2025

Answer Due: **28 November 2025**

The Companion Animal Grant program delivered \$197,500 in grants to support community organisations dedicated to improving animal welfare in the ACT.

1. Does the ACT Government track the community outcomes of these grants?
2. If yes, what can you tell me about them?
3. What the plans for the future of this grant program?

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Groups who are recipients of the grant provide an end of year report that outlines the measures they have implemented.
2. The program is designed to strengthen the capacity of animal welfare organisations and the services they are able to perform for the community. Reporting focuses on outputs (e.g., services delivered) rather than broader community indicators, which would require separate research and monitoring frameworks. Some of those outputs include; improvements in recruitment and retention of foster carers, subsidised desexing procedures, provision of behavioural procedures to reduce rehoming rates, and delivery of educational sessions on responsible pet ownership.
3. Submissions for the 2025-26 program are currently open, running from 7 November to 30 November.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA