



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
15 November 2019

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA:

In relation to: List of Charities and Organisations That Have Been Involved in the Scheme.

MS LEE: And have you got—because I know that when it was being introduced there was some, I suppose, hope that some of the local community groups, like, you know, Scouts or work, might use this as a bit of a fundraising type of activity. Have you got any feedback on whether that take-up has happened, and if so, you know, how that is going?

Mr Steel: Yes, absolutely. It is—a whole range of organisations have been involved in the scheme. There is all the charities that are actually formally signed up to actually receive deposits and get deposits effectively through the scheme. Then there is organisations that are collecting the bottles and deriving a revenue source through that. And then there is the individuals, and we have—there is one particular young man by the name of James that has been out there knocking on doors in his community asking his neighbours to provide him with bottles, and he has been going around and collecting those regularly and providing a bit of pocket money for him to buy a saxophone. So there is really great stories that are coming out of the scheme, and we are hoping more community organisations will get on board, but you might have some further—

Mr Haraldson: The numbers of—we may have some of the numbers, not right here right now.

MS LEE: Yes.

Mr Haraldson: But yes, as the minister has said, there is a number of organisations get the actual redemptions, but also lead—they also help with the collection points, so they provide employees to assist with the redemptions as well.

MS LEE: Yes, okay. So are you able to provide on notice just a list of the charities that are signed up to receive the donations, and then the organisations, the groups that have been collecting it?

Mr Haraldson: Yes, signed up?

Mr Corrigan: Yes, we can do that. We just—we will have to go through Return It, because Return It operate the scheme, so it will take a bit of time.

MS LEE: Sure, yes, no worries. Thank you.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Vinnies, Salvos, Anglicare and LEAD are directly involved in the operation of collection points across the ACT CDS network.

Return-It, the ACT CDS Network Operator, does not track donations that customers make to other charities on a private basis (i.e. where Return-It makes a payment in cash or via EFT to a private account, and then the customer transfers that money to someone else), and nor do they track whether a customer who sets up a new account is associated with a charitable or community based organisation.

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By the Minister for Recycling and Waste Reduction, Chris Steel MLA