



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE COVID-19 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSE  
Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 11 October 2021

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA on 11 October 2021: Chief Minister took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

**THE CHAIR:** Sorry. On the task force, who is on—like, what is the membership of that task force? And do they have a terms of reference?

**Chief Minister:** It is Access Canberra staff who are available to provide assistance to individual businesses. So this is the team that does the outdoor dining permits. So it is not a—I think you are—you are confusing it with like an industry association task force. No, this is people who go out and, you know, say, “Yes, you can have this space. We will approve the permit for you to expand to this space”. So it is Access Canberra.

**THE CHAIR:** Right, okay. So it is all public servants. Are they—how many—what is the size of the team?

**Chief Minister:** I do not know the exact number of staff. I will take that on notice.

**Andrew Barr MLA:** The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

Outdoor Activation Taskforce is being led by Access Canberra consisting of three staff dedicated to Taskforce activities. A further six staff across the following agencies are providing support as needed:

- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate - two staff members
- City Renewal Authority – one staff member
- Transport Canberra City Services - one staff member (with plans for an additional seconded member)
- ACT Health – one staff member
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, Events – one staff member

Complementary support is also being provided within Access Canberra by the Event and Business Coordination, and Liquor Licensing Teams. Jobs for Canberrans staff from within Access Canberra will also be assisting the Taskforce on a part-time basis for two weeks from 18 October 2021.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the COVID-19 2021 Pandemic Response.

Signature: 

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Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA