



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA: To ask the Minister for Women

Ref: The Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD), Budget paper B, page number 22 output class 1: Government Strategy

In relation to: Gender Economy

1. COVID-19 has had great social and economic impacts on minority communities, including women. Could the Chief Minister please outline how this budget supports gender equity from a strategic whole-of-government point of view?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Women's Budget Statement is a tool for the ACT Government to update the community on its gender responsive policies and highlight its work to improve the wellbeing of women and girls in the ACT.

It is prepared annually as an action under the First Action Plan 2016-19 of the ACT Women's Plan 2016-26. This year's Women's Budget Statement outlines government initiatives that support women and girls in the ACT. It showcases existing ACT Government programs and services; and identifies where new investment in the 2021-22 Budget is expected to expand on efforts to improve the wellbeing of women and girls.

The 2021-22 Women's Budget Statement is available here: [ACT Budget Women's Statement 2021-22](#)

The ACT Budget 2021-22 commits \$3.2 million over four years to proceed with the next stage of the Wellbeing Framework, including to support the development of an evidence base of wellbeing data in the ACT and to enable more effective targeting of Government policies, including through reporting on the wellbeing of specific groups and work towards progressing gender responsive budgeting.

The Framework and the data collected against the domains is an important tool to measure the wellbeing of women and girls in the ACT, and will be an important mechanism to track and inform our investments and progress over time.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy Gender and Economic Equality

Signature:

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By the Minister for Women, Yvette Berry MLA.