



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

1. Name of organisation Technical Aid to the Disabled (ACT) Inc [TADACT]
2. Name of contact person & telephone and email contact details Bob Sawyer [Chair].
3. Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT 2011-2012 Budget?
 1. No apparent provision to support the administrative costs of small not for profit community organisations
 2. No apparent provision for equipment to support people with disabilities of all ages
 - 3.

Comment Many small not for profit community organisations have much of their community support undertaken by volunteers but have large administration costs associated with such things as wages, insurance, staff development, etc. ie. the normal costs of running a business. Without support for administration costs these services will not be available. The loss of these organisations will result in huge costs to the ACT community.

The provision of equipment to support the lifestyle and increase the independence of people with disabilities assists with the participation and inclusion of these people into the life of the community. The need for this equipment does not stop after age 65.

4. Did you provide a budget submission to the Government?
 Yes (go to question five) No (go to question six)
5. Do you think that the Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?
 Yes No Comment The Budget does not seem to address these concerns.
6. What are your views on the Budget in relation to your priority areas listed in question three?
Comment The Budget does not seem to address these concerns.
7. Are there any particular issues you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?
 Yes No

8. Please provide a brief outline of the issue/s, in order of priority. As per the comments in Question 3.
See attached document
[Please append your organisation's budget analysis if available]
9. Does your organisation want to attend a hearing on 13May 2011?
 Yes
 No

If you have indicated yes, the Committee Office will contact you by COB Tuesday 10 May to confirm details. (Please note however, that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups).

Please return by 12.00 noon, Monday 9 May 2011

Thank you
