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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
REPORT NO 2**

REPORT ON ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS 2012-2013

**Presented by
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Government Response

Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs Report No 2 – Report on Annual and Financial Reports 2012-2013

Introduction

The Annual Reports of All ACT Government agencies are referred to the Standing Committees of the ACT Legislative Assembly for examination and report.

The Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs reviewed annual reports for:

- ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority;
- Canberra Institute of Technology
- Community Services Directorate (Arts, Children and Youth);
- Cultural Facilities Corporation;
- Education and Training Directorate; and
- University of Canberra.

The Committee made 6 recommendations.

Response to Committee Recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.7 The Committee recommends that, in addition to providing detailed updates and profile of the expected demands and performance requirements of the ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority, that the Authority continue to give an updated account of the challenges facing its client industries, particularly in a time of changing building, construction and engineering activities.

Government Response

Agreed in principle.

The ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority agrees to continue to provide an updated account of the challenges facing its client industries, noting that although the Authority is not industry, it will convey best available information obtained from industry sources in the course of its performance requirements.

Recommendation 2

3.15 The Committee recommends that CIT and the Minister ensure that CIT's annual report provides a comprehensive, stand-alone section which provides an updated account on how the steps being taken to resolve any outstanding staffing issues, including all matters considered by the Kefford inquiry process for former and existing staff at CIT, are being implemented and assessed for effectiveness .

Government Response

Noted.

Findings from the work of the Commissioner for Public Administration into the management of staff issues will be included in the CIT 2013 annual report. CIT operates within a model of continuous improvement in all aspects of its business operations and accordingly all improvements, including those to the management of staff issues, are reported in the annual report.

Recommendation 3

3.18 The Committee again recommends that CIT continue to provide an updated detailed account of its role in vocational education in the ACT in its annual report.

Government Response

Noted.

CIT's annual report complies with the Chief Minister's Annual Report Directions and includes comprehensive information regarding the provision of vocational education and training in the ACT.

Recommendation 4

4.7 The Committee recommends that the Education and Training Directorate (ETD) maintain a high level of public information on the development and implementation of the Australian curriculum in future annual reports due to the high level of interest and implementation of the Curriculum in the ACT.

Government Response**Agreed.**

The Directorate publishes information about the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Section A of its Annual Report. The Directorate will continue to maintain a high level of information about the development and implementation of the Australian Curriculum in future annual reports.

Recommendation 5

4.12 The Committee recommends that ETD annual report detailed annual reviews of the outcomes of its professional development and career planning for teachers in the ACT, including results of more recent planning and professional development and career planning changes affecting pre-school teachers.

Government Response**Noted.**

The 2012/13 ETD Annual Report provided significant detail about the outcomes resulting from the range of professional development opportunities being undertaken by ETD employees, particularly teachers. The Directorate will continue to strengthen and support opportunities for professional development and career planning for all employees including pre-school teachers.

Recommendation 6

5.8 The Committee recommends that CSD annual reports continue to provide full and updated details of outcomes on the administration of youth justice services, and particularly provide full details of the implementation of the Blueprint for Youth Justice.

Government Response**Noted.**

In addition to the CSD Annual Report, an annual progress report is complete and available online at

<http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/the-blueprint-for-youth-justice-in-the-act/blueprint-for-youth-justice-in-the-act-annual-progress-report>