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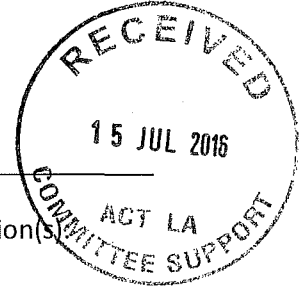


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Asked by Mr Smyth on 1 July 2016: Minister Corbell took on notice the following question(s)

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In relation to accountability indicators for the Conservator:

**THE CHAIR:** It is interesting which bits fall in which areas. Minister, the Conservator of Flora and Fauna has an accountable indicator on page 14, accountable indicator F. This apparently is a new indicator. Why is the target set at 90 per cent and not at 100 per cent?

**Mr Corbell:** Well, I think that reflects the fact that some development application referrals are complex and take longer than the preferred timeframe. That is not unusual for referral agencies. There is there is always a percentage of referrals, DA referrals, made to referral agencies that unfortunately do not meet the timeframes set out in the Planning and Development Act and that is often by agreement between the Planning Authority and the referral agency around further information being required. If I am incorrect or if there is anything to add I am sure the conservator can clarify that.

**THE CHAIR:** And perhaps why this indicator was selected and was not measured previously.

**Mr Corbell:** This is a new indicator.

**Dr Lane:** It is a new indicator so I was not measured previously. I suppose—

**THE CHAIR:** Well, did you keep internal records? Is it something you were measuring anyway but now it is in there as an indicator?

**Dr Lane:** I am not sure whether we were measuring it before or not but I can certainly get that information.

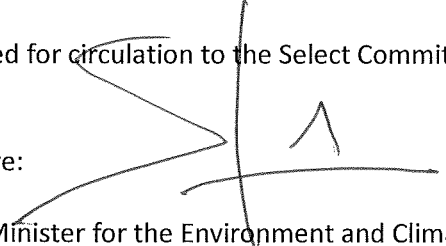
**MINISTER CORBELL:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Internal records have been kept for mandatory referrals of development applications where the site contains a regulated tree to ensure the responses have been submitted within the required 15 day timeframes. It is now intended to also track the response times for other mandatory referrals.

In addition, the Conservator of Flora and Fauna has an Annexed Report in Environment and Planning's Annual Report and this reports on the Conservator's statutory responsibilities in regards to the Nature Conservation Act including Action Plans for listed species and communities; licencing and investigations, as well as decisions under the *Tree Protection Act 2005* and referrals / responsibilities under other provisions of the Planning and Development Act.

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 1 July 2016: Dr Lane took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to threatened species action plans and plant not seen for years:

**THE CHAIR:** How many action plans are there altogether?

**Dr Lane:** I think there are around about 15 at this point but I would like to verify that.

**THE CHAIR:** That is okay. And once the action plan is put in place how long does it exist? Does it exist for all time? Is it reviewed or when the threatened or endangered species is no longer threatened or endangered does the action plan lapse?

**Dr Lane:** They are reviewed regularly and it depends on the species. So if a species has not been sighted or recorded for, I think it is for about 15 years, then the plan would lapse. But meanwhile we need to continue to implement any actions in case it does reoccur or it is rediscovered. So they are reviewed, I think it is every five years or so, and they are reviewed by the Scientific Committee as well.

**THE CHAIR:** In the last 15 years have any plans lapsed because we have not sighted an endangered species?

**Dr Lane:** Not that I am aware of but, again, I will take that one. We do have an example of one at the moment that has not been sighted, I think, for about seven years and that is a plant species which is the high grassland areas, high altitude grassland areas. But we will continue to monitor and look for that one and implement some management actions to maybe encourage its reoccurrence. So we are looking to do some fire management for example because there is a thought that maybe the grass thatch is suppressing emergence.

**THE CHAIR:** So what plant is that?

**Dr Lane:** I only learnt of it for the first time this morning so I would have to get back to you with the name of it.

**MINISTER CORBELL:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

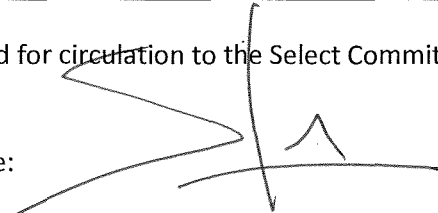
Under recent changes to the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (s 108A), the Minister, based on a review of an Action Plan by the Scientific Committee and a request from the Conservator, can end an Action Plan for a species.

At present, no Species Action Plan has lapsed because the species has not been sighted for 15 years. Currently, all species apart from the Scarlet Robin, listed under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* have an Action Plan associated with them or are included in an ecosystem strategy. An Action Plan for the Scarlet Robin is in final stages of preparation.

The species that has not been sighted for 17 years is the Baeuerlen's Gentian (*Gentiana baeuerlenii*).

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Asked by Mr Smyth on 1 July 2016: Minister Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to kangaroo control:

**Mr Corbell:** I think it is important to stress on this line item that my advice is that this line item of \$702,000, it is not just for the kangaroo fertility control trial. It is also for the continuation of the kangaroo monitoring program itself in terms of maintaining the scientific research into the impact of kangaroos on endangered ecosystems and the science that underpins our assessment about whether or not there needs to be control of kangaroo numbers in certain sites.

**THE CHAIR:** And what is the split on that?

**Mr Corbell:** I do not have that in front of me. I would have to take that on notice.

**MINISTER CORBELL:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

This 2016-17 budget item supports the existing government priorities in protecting endangered ecological communities, and other environmental and social impacts of overabundant eastern grey kangaroo populations.

This budget initiative is a combined program from the Parks and Conservation Service (now in EPD) and the Conservation Research unit of EPD. It includes the 2016-17 delivery of both the operational implementation of kangaroo management (\$538,000) and the research and monitoring component (\$164,000). The initiative will deliver wildlife management in the form of population control of over-abundant species and will provide the monitoring of the current fertility control trial including population counts to support management.



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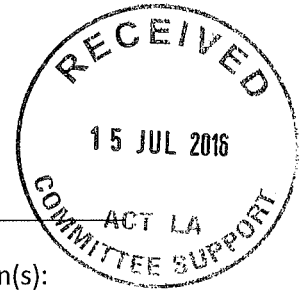


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Asked by Mr Hinder on 1 July 2016: Minister Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to renewable and electricity prices:

**Mr Hinder:** Minister, in April this year there was an article in the *Canberra Times* that said the 100 per cent renewable target will add \$290 a year to the average electricity bill at its peak in 2020. What have all these initiatives added to the cost of living for the people of the ACT per household?

**Mr Corbell:** So at the moment the only projects that have resulted in a price pass-through for consumers are the three solar projects. The Australian Energy Regulator determined the cost pass-through of those projects around two years ago now and I do not have the immediate figure to hand. Maybe Mr Sibley can assist. I will ask him to provide some further information.

**Mr Sibley:** ..... The actual contribution currently to electricity pricing is bundled up in the retail electricity price which is regulated for most small customers in the ACT by the ICRC and it is actually bundled up in the network cost component. We do not have the visibility at this stage for the last price determination of the exact contribution of the renewables. It was very small, it is a couple of per cent overall. So we could take that on notice and come back with a more detailed breakdown.

**Mr Corbell:** Yes, we can certainly disaggregate that with a little bit of time and provide that to you, Mr Smyth. But overall the government's policy cost projections have been consistent with actual outcomes and the estimate, as Mr Sibley says, is under \$5.50 per household per week in the year 2020, declining after that point.

**THE CHAIR:** What is the impact in the coming financial year, '16-17?

**Mr Corbell:** That is the disaggregated figure we will need to provide to you.

**MINISTER CORBELL:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

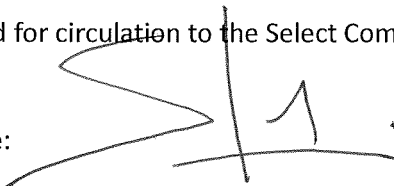
The 2016-17 large-scale feed-in tariff pass through cost is approximately \$25.30 per annum or 48 cents per week. This is the Environment and Planning Directorate's interim estimate of inflation adjusted 2015-16 pass through cost based on advice provided by the AER. It is subject to the outcome of the Federal Court appeal process, which may result in the regulated network charges passed through to ACT electricity consumers in 2016-17 being revised.

The process by which this cost is determined is as follows. Large scale feed-in tariff payments to eligible renewable electricity generators are made by ActewAGL Distribution, the ACT electricity distributor. ActewAGL Distribution recovers the cost of these payments to generators through network charges. Network charges are regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). These network charges are incorporated into the total retail electricity price.

In 2015-16, the AER allowed ActewAGL Distribution to recover \$8.402 million or approximately \$3.41 per megawatt hour (MWh), or approximately \$25 for an average household consuming 7.3 MWh annually. In May 2016, the AER advised that network charges, including jurisdictional scheme costs, would be escalated by inflation (1.51 per cent) only from 1 July 2016. This price adjustment is an interim arrangement due to the ongoing legal challenge in the Federal Court against the Australian Competition Tribunal's decision to revise its broader 2014-19 network pricing determination upon appeal by ActewAGL Distribution.

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Mrs Dunne: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: ACT Local Hospital Network Health Directorate Budget Statement C pp 37-47

In relation to: the University of Canberra Public Hospital

- 1) Why was the decision taken not to use mains electricity on this site and who made this decision?
- 2) What consultation occurred with residents of Kangara Waters retirement village and the Illawarra Retirement Trust (IRT) who operate the facilities at Kangara Waters prior to the decision to install generators?
- 3) What consultation occurred with residents of Joy Cummins Place in Belconnen prior to the decision to use generators?
- 4) How many generators are being used at the site and how long have they been working for?
- 5) What noise testing has been conducted at the University of Canberra Public Hospital site and what has been the outcome of this testing?
- 6) Have official complaints been submitted by the IRT, the IRT Kangara Waters Residents Committee, residents of Joy Cummins Place or other people affected by the noise?
- 7) What efforts have been made to address the concerns of residents and management at Kangara Waters and nearby Belconnen residents?
- 8) How effective have these efforts been in resolving the noise issues at the site?
- 9) How many generators are operating at the University of Canberra Public Hospital and how many hours are they operating for?
- 10) What time do the generators start each morning and when do they finish each night?
- 11) When will the site be connected to mains electricity?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) The University of Canberra Public Hospital (UCPH) site is a greenfield site where there is no existing provision of mains power. The project has ordered the substation for mains power however, in the interim, generators need to be used.
- 2) The UCPH project undertook public consultation as part of the Development Application process, within which Kangara Waters were active participants. No direct consultation was held with Kangara Waters retirement village and the Illawarra Retirement Trust (IRT) on the use of generators as part of the project.
- 3) The UCPH project undertook public consultation as part of the Development Application process.
- 4) There are currently four generators being utilised across the entire 4.8 hectare construction site. The quantity of generators has progressively increased from the one generator that was initially installed in February 2016.
- 5) The Head Contractor, Brookfield Multiplex (BM), has an onsite noise monitor located on the Aikman Drive boundary which monitors and logs noise readings 24/7. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have undertaken three noise level tests on the boundary closest to the generator that operates 24/7 towards Kangara Waters. The first two tests failed to meet the required noise level for this area, the third test has measured compliant noise levels that are below the limit for the area.
- 6) Yes.
- 7) BM met with a representative of the Kangara Waters Residents Committee on 20 May 2016. Subsequent to this meeting ACT Health and BM met with the Chairman of the Kangara Waters Residents Committee on 24 June 2016. BM has actively implemented noise mitigation measures since they were first informed of the noise issues. This includes the construction of an enclosure surrounding the generator along with the application of sound absorbing materials surrounding the generator.
- 8) The EPA has confirmed that the noise levels are now compliant with the required limits.
- 9) On the site of the UCPH, one generator operates 24/7 to run site security & emergency lighting. Three other generators operate within EPA constraints, from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

10) As above.

11) The current date ACTEW have provided for "power-on" is December 2016. ACT Health is actively engaging with ACTEW in an attempt to improve on this date.

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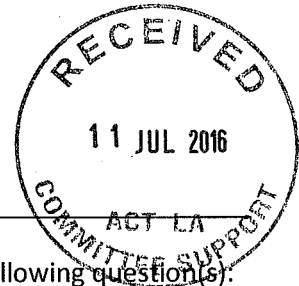


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Asked by MS BURCH on 30 June 2016: MR STANKEVICIUS took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE 26]]

In relation to: Funding support to Kulture Break

**MS BURCH:** So that program—could you take it on notice because it seems to be you are the last minister standing that could possibly take a question on Kulture Break about what government funds have gone to them and if they are on this most recent round given that it is closed now?

**Mr Stankevicius:** We can certainly take that on notice.

**MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Mr Frances Owusu, Chief Executive Officer of Kulture Break, has met with artsACT and received advice about a range of funding opportunities on a number of occasions. In 2009, Mr Owusu received \$4,000 as part of the Artists in Schools Program, administered by artsACT with funding from the Australia Council for the Arts, to work with the Isabella Plains Early Childhood School. In 2012 Kulture Break received \$5,000 through the Special Initiatives Category to support a 10 year anniversary performance at The Playhouse, Canberra Theatre Centre.

The following funding has been provided to Kulture Break from the Education Directorate.

<p><b>\$15,000</b> per year January 2015–December 2017 through a Deed of Grant</p>	<p>Funding is provided to Kulture Break to build teacher capacity to deliver an effective dance program that is aligned to the <i>Australian Curriculum: Arts</i> for students in their school.</p> <p>Payments have been paid to Kulture Break in line with the Deed of Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 January 2015.</li> <li>• 1 January 2016.</li> <li>• Final payment under the Deed is due 1 January 2017.</li> </ul>
<p>Total of <b>\$24,152</b> to support the 2016 Inspire Leadership Conference</p>	<p><b>\$20,650</b> was paid on 24 May 2016 directly to the National Convention Centre to cover venue hire and catering costs for May and October 2016 events.</p> <p><b>\$3,502</b> reimbursed on 14 June 2016 to Kulture Break to cover</p>

	printing costs for conference material
\$990 (2016)	Payments for two Dance Workshops at the Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre were paid on 29 March and 5 April 2016.

Mr Owusu was a member of the peer assessment panel for the 2015 Project Funding category, and would have gained a comprehensive insight into the application and assessment process through his role as a dance peer.

artsACT held an Information Session for the ACT Arts Fund's 2017 Project Funding Category at the Ainslie Arts Centre on 10 May 2016. The session was open to the public. Mr Owusu attended this session. In addition artsACT offered individual consultation sessions at the Ainslie Arts Centre, Belconnen Arts Centre and Tuggeranong Arts Centre. 24 individual face to face consultations took place. Mr Owusu attended one of these sessions and met with two artsACT Support Officers to discuss his project ideas in more detail.

Under the provisions of the Privacy Act, it would be appropriate that Members seek advice from Kulture Break itself, in relation to whether they submitted an application for Arts Project funding.

The ACT Arts Fund is a peer-assessed funding program which is focussed on the development of arts practice, including: self determined artistically interesting and exciting projects; excellence in arts practice across artforms; unique arts development opportunities for artists at all stages of their careers; and quality arts activities in which the ACT community can actively participate. Funding is not available through the Arts Fund for activities undertaken by a school, involving school children during school hours and/or activities that are a part of the school curriculum, or a part of a before or after school-based care program, as these programs are the responsibility of individual schools.

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Asked by MR HINDER on 30 June 2016: Minister for Small Business and the Arts  
Dr Chris Bourke MLA took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE 32]]

In relation to: Tender support for local business

Advice to be provided on how the government supports local business in their attempts to submit tenders.

MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In 2012 the ACT Government launched *Growth, Diversification and Jobs; A Business Development Strategy for the ACT*. In implementing the strategy the ACT Government introduced a new evaluation criterion for goods and services tenders that puts a weighting against whether the tenderer is a local small to medium enterprise (SME) and/or its involvement with local businesses.

From 1 July 2013 a new mandatory weighted evaluation criterion for regional SMEs was applied for all goods and services procurements above \$200,000. The new criterion applies as follows:-

- Where the tenderer is a regional SME a default 5 per cent weighting is applied. This may be increased up to 10 per cent dependent on circumstances.
- Where the tenderer is not a regional SME but will be subcontracting to a regional SME, a weighting from 1 to 5 per cent will be applied based on the proportion of the tendered price (value of work) to be undertaken by the subcontractor. For example, where 50 per cent of the value of the tendered price will be undertaken by a subcontractor, a weighting of 2.5 per cent would be applied. Where 80 per cent of the value of the tendered price will be undertaken by a subcontractor, a weighting of 4 per cent would be applied.
- In situations where the head contractor is not a regional SME but has indicated it will subcontract to a regional SME, confirmation of an arrangement with nominated subcontractors, including an indication of the value of the work that will flow to the subcontractor, must be provided as part of the tender response.

For procurements with a value less than \$200,000 respondents are evaluated on three standard criteria: capability; capacity; and affordability. Once these criteria have been considered, the respondent's SME status or SME involvement is scored based on the same principles as outlined for the >\$200,000 process outlined above.

In addition to these measures, the ACT Government has undertaken further significant initiatives designed to support local businesses looking to engage in government contracts and services through the business development strategy *Confident and Business Ready: Building on Our Strengths* which was launched in May 2015.

These include the appointment in December 2015 of Ms Kate Lundy as the ACT's first Local Industry Advocate (LIA). The LIA has responsibility for ensuring local businesses – covering the ACT and Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CBRJO) - have maximum opportunity to participate in ACT Government procurement contracts. The LIA's primary role is to advocate on behalf of local businesses, and in doing so is available to listen and act on any concerns local businesses may have on procurement matters.

Another important initiative is the establishment of the Small Business Innovation Partnerships (SBIP) program, formally launched in April 2016. The SBIP program is driving change within ACT Government agencies and encourages working collaboratively with industry to co-design solutions to service delivery challenges. The SBIP program is a fundamental part of growing the ACT innovation ecosystem by ensuring that, as far as possible, the ACT Government uses local innovative businesses to deliver products and services for government. This will deliver cutting edge outcomes for government and provide valuable intellectual property and prototype development opportunities for local businesses looking to commercialise products and services to sell interstate and further afield.

The SBIP program assists ACT Government Directorates to engage with the local business community through good quality, facilitated, early industry engagement.

In addition, the LIA is working with the ACT Government to develop the ACT Industry Participation Policy (ACT IPP). The ACT IPP is being developed as a tiered approach to procurement, requiring bidders to submit documentation advising the procuring Territory entity of its contribution to the local economy.

The draft ACT IPP is currently under industry consultation.

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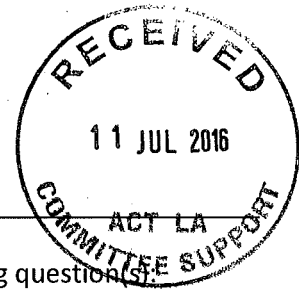


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Asked by MR SMYTH on 30 June 2016: MR HOUSE took on notice the following question(s).

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE.1057-1058]]

In relation to: Reconciliation of arts funding

**THE CHAIR:** In output 8.9, which we are looking at, the total expenditure for this year on arts engagement is \$13.223 million and total expenditure 2016-2017 is \$13.125 million.

**Dr BOURKE:** Let us have a look at that. Which page is that on, chair?

**MR SMYTH:** Budget statement B, Page 27.

**Dr BOURKE:** I will have a look at that.

**MR SMYTH:** I note that the controlled recurrent payment—the old government payment for outputs—goes up \$101,000 but the total expenditure comes down about the same amount—

**Dr BOURKE:** What we are actually looking at is that in the 2015-2016 budget—correct me if I got this wrong, chair—there is a \$12,629,000 budget and in the 2016-2017 year we have got \$13,125,000 budgeted. That seems to be an increase to me, chair.

**MR SMYTH:** Except we do have the budget papers. The estimated outcome for 2015-2016 is \$13.223 million, and it is dropping to \$13.125 million. What is the movement between the \$12 million you quote and the \$13 million, and then why is it going backwards?

**Mr HOUSE:** The decrease of \$.098 million in total costs from 2015-2016 estimated outcome to the 2016-2017 budget is mainly due to revised indexation and savings partially offset by new initiatives, in other words, ins and outs between 2015-2016 estimated outcome and 2016-2017 budget. Happy to provide you with.

**MR SMYTH:** Could we have a reconciliation of the difference between the 2015-2016 budget and the 2015-2016 estimated outcome?

**MR SMYTH:** Yes, of course.

MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Output 9.8 Arts Engagement

The increase of \$0.594 million in total costs from the 2015-16 original budget to the 2015-16 estimated outcome is mainly due to:

- a change in the notional allocation of corporate overhead (\$0.595 million) partially offset by a rollover of funding from 2015-16 to 2016-17 associated with the Kingston Visual Arts Hub (\$0.025 million).

The decrease of \$0.098 million in total costs from the 2015-16 estimated outcome to the 2016-17 Budget is mainly due to:

- revised indexation (\$0.025 million);
- general savings (\$0.028 million); and
- a change in the notional allocation of corporate overhead (\$0.192 million); partially offset by:
  - new initiative funding for Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – Support for arts and culture (\$0.1 million); and
  - a rollover of funding from 2015-16 to 2016-17 associated with the Kingston Visual Arts Hub (\$0.050 million).

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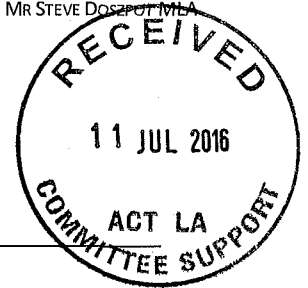


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Asked by MR DOSZPOT on 30 June 2016: MR STANKEVICIUS took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE 27]]

In relation to: Grant funding

**MR DOSZPOT:** A very quick supplementary if I could. Could you give the committee an indication of the exact number of requests or applicants who came in for the funding?

**Mr Stankevicius:** It closed last week.

**MR DOSZPOT:** And also the number that were accepted. You may not be able to tell us who they were but if you could just tell the number of applicants and the number that you actually—I mean, you cannot accept all of them?

**Mr Stankevicius:** No. The peer review process will only be undertaken in about three or four weeks' time, so we will not be able to tell you—

**MR DOSZPOT:** Okay. Well, just the exact number that you have received.

**Mr Stankevicius:** Absolutely, yes.

**MR DOSZPOT:** Thank you.

**MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There were 129 applications to the recent ACT Arts Fund's Project Funding Category for arts projects to be delivered in 2017.

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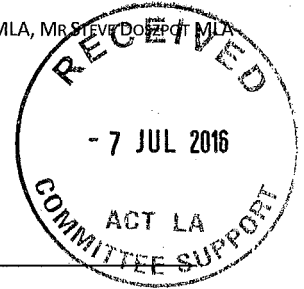


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
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Asked by Mr SMYTH on 20 June 2016 the MR DAWES took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript [30 June 2016] [PAGE 1129]]

In relation to:

**MR SMYTH:** Thank you minister. Minister, in budget paper B, page 26, output class 9.4, table 23, what is the reason for the reduction in spending on sport and rec in this year's budget?

**Ms BERRY:** Thank you for that question. I asked the same question when we were looking at these papers leading up to this. This is about some of the initiatives that Sport and Recreation funded previously ceasing. I might get Mr Dawes to explain a bit more to the committee about what happened there.

**Mr DAWES:** This may fall into a couple of other categories that we have discussed earlier as well with some of the programs that are ceasing. I am more than happy to take that on notice and provide you with a breakdown of where that movement is. It is just that a number of programs are coming to completion and are not funded.

**THE CHAIR:** For both total costs and controlled recurrent payments?

**Mr DAWES:** Yes.

**MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Output 9.4 Sport and Recreation

The decrease of \$2.477 million in total costs from the 2015-16 estimated outcome to the 2016-17 Budget is mainly due to:

- a number of ceasing initiatives and reduction in funding profile (\$4.381 million);
- the transfer of the Brumbies Performance Agreement management (\$1.227 million) to Output 9.5 'Venues';
- a share of the general savings allocation (\$0.827 million);
- adjustments of depreciation as a results of rollover of capital funding; partially offset by:
- new initiative funding of \$1.420 million for:
  - Canberra Capitals Basketball Team – performance agreement extension (\$0.250 million);
  - sportsground irrigation and maintenance funding boost (\$0.450 million);
  - sport and recreation – Asset Repair and Maintenance Scheme - Year four (\$0.2 million); and
  - more operational support for Canberra's pools (\$0.520 million); and

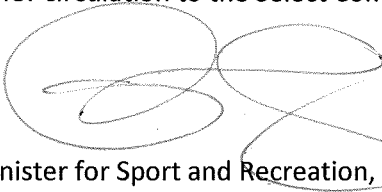
- the impact of the rollover of the grant for development of a new basketball centre and player amenities (\$2.218 million).

The decrease of \$3.846 million in controlled recurrent payments from the 2015-16 estimated outcome to the 2016-17 Budget is mainly due to:

- a number of ceasing initiatives and reduction in funding profile (\$4.381 million);
- the transfer of the Brumbies Performance Agreement management (\$1.227 million) to Output 9.5 Venues;  
partially offset by:
- new initiative funding of \$1.3 million for:
  - Canberra Capitals Basketball Team – performance agreement extension (\$0.250 million);
  - sportsground irrigation and maintenance funding boost (\$0.450 million);
  - sport and recreation – Asset Repair and Maintenance Scheme - Year four (\$0.2 million); and
  - more operational support for Canberra’s pools (\$0.4 million);
- the impact of the rollover of the grant for development of a new basketball centre and player amenities (\$2.218 million).

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

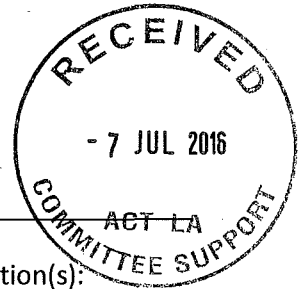


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
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Asked by MR SMYTH on 30 June 2016: MS PRIEST took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript [30 June 2016] [PAGE 1129-1130]]

In relation to: Output class 9.4 – staff numbers

**MR SMYTH:** How many staff worked in sport and rec under the 2015-16 budget and how many will be there under the 2016-17 budget? PROOF  
Estimates—30-06-16 P1130 Ms Y Berry and others

**Ms PRIEST:** Our current FTE count is 44.01. In terms of a breakdown of those actual years I might have to get back to you on those.

**MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

A total of 44.01 full time equivalent (FTE) was accounted for within the 2015-16 Budget for Active Canberra.

The same FTE count (44.01) will be accounted for within the 2016-17 Budget for Active Canberra.

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Asked by MR SMYTH on 30 June 2016: MS PRIEST took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript [30 June 2016] [PAGE 1130]]

In relation to: ACTSport accommodation

Exact dimensions of space provided to ACTSPORT granted under the sublease to be provided.

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The exact dimension of exclusive space within the University of Canberra Sporting Commons provided to ACTSPORT under the sublease was 278m<sup>2</sup>.

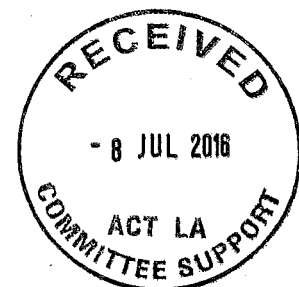
In addition ACTSPORT was entitled to the use of shared space within the facility, including meeting rooms and amenities, and a new home for the Hall of Fame display. The sublease also provided for 31 car parks adjacent to the building for use by the community sport tenants.

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Asked by MR DOSZPOT on 30 June 2016: MR DAWES took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript [30 June 2016] [PAGE 1132]]

In relation to: ACTSport funding

**MR DOSZPOT:** Apparently part of the problem is the sports hub, an excellent concept. The information provided to us is that not only were ACTSport enticed to move from their previous place where they existed quite comfortably in running their activities but they agreed to an amount of money that they were told pays rental. They were told in the end, I think by you, Mr Dawes, that that was not correct. In the interim their funding was cut by \$40,000. While they were paid an early payment on future funding they basically were deprived of the rental income and their funding was cut.

**Ms Priest:** Their funding was cut? When was their funding cut, sorry?

**MR DOSZPOT:** I do not have the figures. I am asking you

**Mr Dawes:** We can provide you the figures. To my knowledge, there were not funding cuts. To be 100 per cent clear I am happy to clarify that for you.

**MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

ACTSPORT received triennial operational assistance through the Sport and Recreation Grant Program (SRGP) from 1996 to 2015. The level of this assistance peaked from 2001 to 2006 at \$145,000 per annum in recognition of the significant industry development programs the organisation was offering at the time. From 2007 and following a reduction in government appropriation for the SRGP, the operational assistance provided dropped to \$81,200, reflective of the cessation of specific ACTSPORT industry development programs in an earlier year. The level of triennial funding remained consistent at \$81,200 from 2007 to 2015.

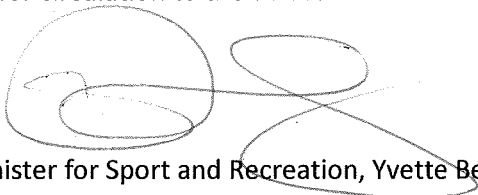
This operational assistance was supplemented by various annual project amounts for project delivery within a specified timeframe (eg Active 2020 Leadership Group and the Small Sports Business Hub).

In summary there was no funding cut to ACTSPORT in recent years.

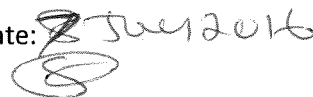
Acceptance of the move from Sports House in Hackett to the Sports Hub within the University of Canberra's Sporting Commons is documented by ACTSPORT's execution of the sublease on 30 June 2014.

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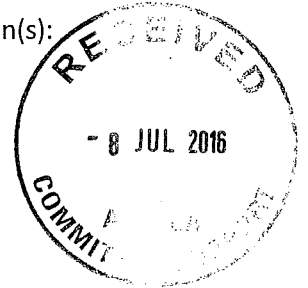
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
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Asked by MS BURCH on 30 June 2016: MS BERRY took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Proof Hansard Transcript [30 June 2016] [PAGE 1137]]

In relation to: Government support to Olympic athletes

How many athletes is the ACT Government supporting to get to Rio?



MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Through each Olympic and Paralympic cycle the ACT Government provides targeted support for local athletes aspiring to represent Australia at the Olympic or Paralympic Games. This support includes elevated levels of one-on-one support from ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) performance service providers as well as direct financial assistance through Olympic and Paralympic Training Grants (Training Grants).

Administered by ACTAS, the 2016 Training Grants have provided direct financial support to thirty local athletes to assist with the heightened costs of training, competition, and equipment as they endeavor to gain selection for the Rio Games. While it is unlikely that all of the athletes supported via the Training Grants will represent Australia at the Rio Games, the financial assistance can be critical in their final push for selection.

Given the dates of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games (5-21 August) and Paralympic Games (7-18 September), the members of the respective Australian teams are not yet finalised. However, as of 5 July 2016, thirteen athletes supported by the ACT Government have been nominated or selected onto Australian Teams for the Rio Games.

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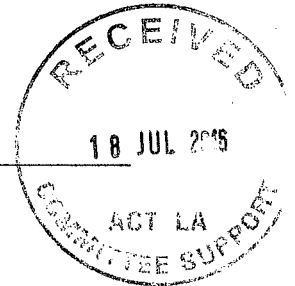


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



Mr Doszpot: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Output Class 1: Health and Community Care

In relation to: Request for Tender # 27610.300 for a panel of suppliers for the Provision of Specialist Health Planning Services on Behalf of Health Directorate

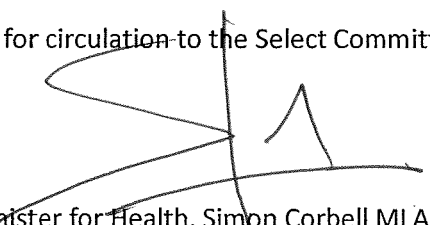
1. What prompted the significant change to weighted criteria as advised in Addendum 6?
  - a. What was the logic behind the original RFT weightings and the revised weightings advised in Addendum 6.
  - b. Who instigated these changes?
  - c. Is it not highly unusual, and in fact not usually permitted under procurement guidelines, for criteria weightings to be changed during the course of a RFT?
2. Why was there no local SME weighting included in the original RFT?
3. What governance was in place for the conduct of this RFT?
  - a. Was a probity adviser appointed to this RFT process?
  - b. Were any concerns or issues raised by the probity adviser during the course of the RFT?
  - c. Why was it necessary to issue 6+ addenda on this process?
  - d. Are there any declared conflicts of interest on this process and how are these being managed?

Minister Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1a. Please refer to the answer to the Question Taken on Notice E16 – 106 from the Minister for Economic Development.
- 1b. Please refer to the answer to the Question Taken on Notice E16 – 106 from the Minister for Economic Development.
- 1c. Please refer to the answer to the Question Taken on Notice E16 – 106 from the Minister for Economic Development.
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- 3a. Please refer to the answer to the Question Taken on Notice E16 – 106 from the Minister for Economic Development.

- 3b. Please refer to the answer to the Question Taken on Notice E16 – 106 from the Minister for Economic Development.
- 3c. All changes to tender documentation and responses to requests for clarification during the Request For Tender (RFT) process were communicated to industry via the issuing of Addenda. A total of 8 Addenda were issued throughout the RFT period in response to industry communications and advice from the ACT Government Solicitor's Office (GSO) and Procurement and Capital Works.
- 3d. For all probity issues, GSO advice was sought and actions were taken to ensure probity was maintained. Any advice provided by the probity advisor is the subject of client professional privilege.

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By the Minister for Health, Simon Corbell MLA

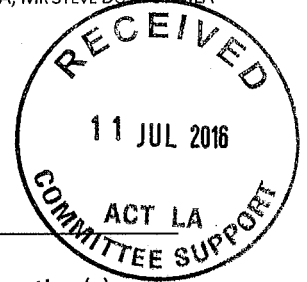


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Asked by MR DOSZPOT on 30 June 2016: Harriet Elvin took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE 22-23]]

In relation to: Regional visitors to the Canberra Theatre Centre

**MR DOSZPOT:** In the numbers that the minister has quoted, do you have a breakdown of the areas within our region that, sort of, come here more often than others?

**Ms Elvin:** I do not, no. I could try to get those figures for you.

**MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

For the financial year ending on 30 June 2015 (the most recent full year for which figures are available), the percentage of visitors attending the Canberra Theatre Centre from 50 kilometres or more away was 10%. A breakdown of the percentage of visitors according to distance from the ACT is provided below:

ACT/local (includes Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Yass)	90%
50-100km	2%
100-200km	3%
200-300km	1%
300-400km	0%
>400km	4%

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Asked by MS BURCH on 30 June 2016: MR STANKEVICIUS took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 30 June 2016 [PAGE 24-25]]

In relation to: Support to the Tuggeranong Arts Centre

**MS BURCH:** So will there be support for Tuggeranong Arts Centre to remedy that problem so they can have full access to their gallery space?

**Mr Stankevicius:** We are currently going through the process of working out what the priorities are in terms of safety and the work that we need to do in terms of safety right across the portfolio. Obviously Tuggeranong is an important part of that. We are working with them both on the railing upstairs and the exit doors downstairs where they have got concerns about running children's programs. When we make the decisions about those priorities that is when Tuggeranong will be informed, so over the next month and a half.

**MS BURCH:** Because at the moment then, from what they have said to me, there are key arts organisation, the key art organisation for Tuggeranong and they are limited in their offerings and the timing of their offerings.

**Mr Stankevicius:** Yes they are certainly limited, yes. They have made me aware of this last week. So they are certainly limited in terms of the children's program they can offer and it is on the list.

**MS BURCH:** So it is on your radar?

**Mr Stankevicius:** Absolutely.

**MS BURCH:** And if there is any notice by the time the committee is finished its deliberations if you can let us know that would be great.

**Mr Stankevicius:** Absolutely.



MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ARTS: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

This information on the allocation of Capital Upgrades funding across the arts facilities portfolio is not yet available, however artsACT will advise Tuggeranong Arts Centre of the outcomes as soon as possible.

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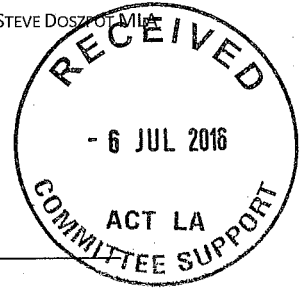


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
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Asked by Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA on 28 June 2016: The Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell MLA, took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [28 June 2016] [PAGE #26]]

In relation to: Extra burden on Magistrates Court from DV and FV

MR HANSON: Would it be okay to give me a copy of that letter or give it to the committee so that— you know, it will form part of that process in the lead up to the debate of the legislation.

Mr Corbell: As I have indicated, I am not—I will have to take on notice whether I have formally responded to the Chief Magistrate yet and I will take your subsequent question on notice.

Mr Simon Corbell MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I have replied to the Chief Magistrate's letter of 17 June 2016 in which the Chief Magistrate raised concerns about the increased pressure on the Magistrates Court, particularly as a result of after-hours orders in the *Family Violence Bill 2016*.



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Asked by Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA on 28 June 2016: The Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell MLA, took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [28 June 2016] [PAGE #28]]

In relation to: Budget cost for extra magistrates

MR HANSON: What is the budget for an additional magistrate? Is it just a magistrate or do they have staff to assist them? What is the—

Mr Corbell: A magistrate will have an associate and other staff to assist them. I will take the question on notice in relation to the exact cost.

MR HANSON: Can you take that on notice—what that—what sort of cost we are talking about?

Mr Corbell: I will take it on notice.

Mr Simon Corbell MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Each magistrate is entitled to one associate.

The current annual cost of a magistrate and associate is \$563,023 including remuneration, superannuation, non-cash remuneration, workers compensation, other entitlements, training, travel and administration costs (which include the provision of a phone and computer, etc).

In addition, other support costs are estimated at \$33,000 per annum for monitoring and transcription and \$5,000 for Legal Research Resources. This does not include additional funding that would be required by the Director of Public Prosecutions or Legal Aid ACT to deal with additional demands created by an additional magistrate.

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By the Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell MLA