



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

Asked by JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA: To ask the Chief Minister

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In relation to: Wellbeing Indicators

1. I was pleased to see that \$528k has been allocated to progress better application and understanding of the wellbeing indicators.
 - a. I am wondering what resources are being put to develop the ability to undertake proper gender analysis and impact, given that gender intersects with a number of if not all of the wellbeing indicators and this is also something the Government is committed to doing?

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The 2021-22 Budget includes \$3.2 million over four years to proceed with the next stage of the Wellbeing Framework including reporting on the wellbeing of eight specific groups (such as children and young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and by gender); reviewing strategic and accountability indicators; evaluation of wellbeing outcomes; building evidence around initiatives that support wellbeing; and producing data on wellbeing in the ACT. The Government will also develop approaches to gender budgeting as part of the expanded implementation of the Wellbeing Framework.

The Government is bringing Wellbeing Impact Assessments (WIAs) into Cabinet processes following their use in the 2021-22 Budget. The Gender Impact Analysis Tool, developed by the Community Services Directorate, informed development of the WIA template. The WIA process is being designed so that wellbeing impacts – including gender impacts – are considered early and help inform policy and program development and decision-making.

The WIA template requires users to consider the impact of their proposal on the wellbeing of the community, including a recommendation to detail whether, and how, the proposal will impact any of the eight specific groups identified in the Wellbeing Framework as potentially experiencing lower than average wellbeing. Gender is identified as one of the groups for consideration.

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

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA