



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Castley, Leanne MLA

Addressed to: Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

In relation to: Table every ceasing program in environmental sustainability including a profile of expenditure and employment over the forward estimates

Hearing: **14 February 2025**

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Answer Due: **26 February 2025**

Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: I think we are ready for Ms Castley.

MS CASTLEY: Just wondering if you could please table every ceasing program in environment and sustainability, including a profile of expenditure and employment over the forwards.

Mr Rutledge: Sure. I will take that on notice, and we will provide that on notice.

MS CASTLEY: Great. Thanks.

Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The following table shows the funding profile for the three areas under my portfolios as per the data in the 2024-25 published budget:

Total Cost - \$'000	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28
Output Class 2.1: Environment	34,331	28,013	27,232	30,007
Output Class 2.4: Water	13,148	10,281	9,842	5,340
Output Class 3.1: Climate Change & Energy*	42,968	33,970	27,521	27,531
Total Cost	90,447	72,264	64,595	62,878

*Excludes the expense recorded for Large Scale Generation Certificates (\$104.2 million) to allow better comparison between the years. EPSDD only records the expense in the Budget Year, all forwards are recorded by Treasury

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Initiatives included in the numbers above and their termination year is as follows:

Initiatives	\$'000				FTE			
	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28
Output Class 2.1: Environment								
Protecting Canberra's unique environment - Better managing invasive species	895	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	-
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Strengthening our biosecurity and nature conservation programs	882	50	50	51	2.0	-	-	-
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Strengthening our biosecurity and nature conservation programs	1,594	-	-	-	4.8	-	-	-
National Red Imported Fire Ant response	1,143	1,313	1,441	-	-	-	-	-
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Urban rivers and catchments program	958	948	855	20	-	-	-	-
Wood Heater Phase Out	115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canberra Region Local Food Strategy	265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhance and recognise environmental volunteering	823	214	-	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Subtotal	6,675	2,525	2,346	71	12.8	1.0	-	-
Output Class 2.4: Water								
Protecting Canberra's unique environment – Expanding the Healthy Waterways project	2,028	666	719	61	2.0	-	-	-
Office of Water – Safeguarding the Territory's Water Resources	2,339	2,189	1,666	1,690	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Safeguarding the Territory's Water Resources - Water Efficiency Program	1,425	207	-	-	4.0	-	-	-
Subtotal	5,792	3,062	2,385	1,751	14.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Output Class 3.1: Climate Change & Energy								
Climate action – Continuing the Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme	2,440	2,445	-	-	2.0	2.0	-	-
Climate Action – Improving the energy efficiency of Canberra's public housing	1,982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Costs	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Climate action - Community Zero Emissions Grants	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Climate action - Adaptation and resilience	495	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-
Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme	568	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	-
2021-22 Tax Setting – Energy Cost Assistance Components (Part A)	620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Climate action – Vulnerable Household Energy Support Scheme	441	1,009	-	-	3.1	6.5	-	-
Climate action – Zero Emissions Vehicles Strategy	770	460	-	-	1.3	1.3	-	-
Climate action – Expanding energy and climate capability (Action on Climate Change)	3,190	-	-	-	9.0	-	-	-
The ACT’s Zero Emissions Vehicles Strategy 2022-30 (ZEV Strategy) 2023 funding	750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Integrated Energy Plan - Coordinated Regulatory Measures	861	505	513	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
The ACT’s Zero Emissions Vehicles Strategy 2022-30 (ZEV Strategy) 2024 funding	361	100	-	-	1.0	-	-	-
Integrated Energy Plan - Complex Buildings Electrification Pathway	708	-	-	-	2.8	-	-	-
Integrated Energy Plan – Communications and Engagement	482	492	-	-	2.0	2.0	-	-
Integrated Energy Plan - Vulnerable Household Electrification Programs	2,700	2,500	-	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
Subtotal	16,971	7,511	513	-	31.7	15.8	3.0	-
Grand Total	29,438	13,098	5,244	1,822	58.5	24.8	11.0	8.0

The numbers in the tables above will not align to the numbers in [Table 4.2.5 General Government Sector expenses by function in the 2024-25 Budget Outlook](#) as those numbers are on a whole of government level and would include expenses outside of EPSDD.

Please note that this information reflects funding decisions to this point in time and future funding decisions will not be reflected in the information provided.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:

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By Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water