



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2012-2013

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**SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE ACT BUDGET 2012-2013,
TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 5 JUNE 2012**

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it completed to
committees@parliament.act.gov.au, by 9.30AM Tuesday 12 June 2011.

If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please feel free to
append your comments in an extra page. In any appended pages, please give your
comments after you state what question/s you are addressing.

1. Full name of group/organisation:

ACT Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Elected Body [ATSIEB]

**2. Name and honorific (Ms, Mr, Dr, etc.) of your organisation's/group's contact person
for this survey and their telephone number and email address:**

Rod Little – Chairperson

Di Collins – Deputy Chairperson

**3. Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the Budget that it
would like to submit to the Committee?**

Yes (If yes, please email it to the Committee Secretariat with your completed
Survey.)

No

**4. Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT
Budget 2012-2013:**

a.

ATSIEB was established with tripartite agreement and in accordance with its
function under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2008 to represent the
views and needs of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples living in the ACT.

Among the same legislation 8(f)ATSIEB is to propose programs and design services
for our constituents for consideration by government and its agencies.

ATSIEB has Justice Agreement with the ACT government with priority areas agreed
for achieving outcomes in collaboration with ATSIEB and community service
providers.

b.

Also in accordance with its functions ATSIEB in cooperation with agencies participate in the annual 'estimates style hearings' to identify priority areas of needs and agree on actions to address. This process enable to ATSIEB to analyse claims against Annual reports; Indigenous expenditure; agreed commitments within the Justice Agreement and the Productivity Commission OID report and COAG target to monitor and measure achievements & improvements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the ACT.

5. What are your views on the Budget in relation to your priority areas?

The budget does not reflect sufficiently the priority areas identified by ATSIEB from its December 2011 estimates style hearing and/or the priority areas of the Justice Agreement.

More specifically there was minimal consultation with ATSIEB in the lead up to the budget process to sufficiently reflect the functions and values of the body established to inform government.

6. Are there any other particular issues with the Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention? If so, please append a brief outline of the issue/s, in order of priority.

Yes No

If yes, please comment:

ATSIEB is of the view that the budget information does not provide sufficient details to reflect where the government invests in providers to enable access to targeted services to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage in the ACT. For example, of grave concern is access to suitable and affordable housing.

7. Did you provide a budget submission to the Government?

Yes (go to question 8) No (go to question 9.)

Not directly, however it is understood that (a) submission was submitted by the directorate that provides support and supposedly information and collaborative working relationship.

8. Do you think that the Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?

Yes No

Comment (if you wish):

9. Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on 15 June 2012, at the Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra.

Yes No

If you indicate yes, and the Committee decides to invite you to appear at the hearing, the Committee Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 13 June 2012 to confirm arrangements for your appearance . Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations who indicate that they wish to appear.

Thank you.
