



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

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### COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

1. Name of organisation Youth Coalition of the ACT
2. Name of contact person & telephone and email contact details Emma Robertson, Director.
3. Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT 2011-2012 Budget?
  1. The Budget has not addressed affordable housing for young people in the ACT community.
  2. The Budget has not addressed support for vulnerable young people to engage with education, training, and employment.
  3. The Budget has not addressed Youth and Community Sector Workforce and Viability.Comment .
4. Did you provide a budget submission to the Government?  
 Yes (go to question five)  No (go to question six)
5. Do you think that the Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?  
 Yes  No Comment The Budget addressed a number of areas, but there are still some significant gaps.
6. What are your views on the Budget in relation to your priority areas listed in question three?  
Comment Please see attached Overview and Media Release.
7. Are there any particular issues you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?  
 Yes  No
8. Please provide a brief outline of the issue/s, in order of priority. 1. Education and Training - resources for re- engaging vulnerable young people who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging, from education. 2. Affordable Housing - young people continue to face discrimination and be priced out of not only the private rental market, but also affordable housing initiatives. 3. Mental Health - the lack of resources for mental health services that support young people, including early intervention and prevention programs. 4. Youth

Sector Workforce and Viability - resourcing the development and implementation of a comprehensive workforce development strategy for the child, youth and family support sectors, in partnership between the government and non-government sectors; and, an increase to the total funding for the Youth and Family Support Program by at least 10%, to support the increase in service delivery and ensure that young people aged 18 – 25 also receive adequate support.

Please see attached Budget Analysis.

[Please append your organisation's budget analysis if available]

9. Does your organisation want to attend a hearing on 13May 2011?

Yes

No

If you have indicated yes, the Committee Office will contact you by COB Tuesday 10 May to confirm details. (Please note however, that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups).

**Please return by 12.00 noon, Monday 9 May 2011**

Thank you

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