



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into Grants Management
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DUE: 13 February 2023

Asked by Mrs Kikkert on 2 February: The Chief Minister took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Mr Barr: But if you would like any, I guess I can endeavour on notice to give a little bit of a spectrum of the range of grants programs that are multiyear versus those that are—

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Barr: I think that can be managed without too much difficulty.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Government provides multiyear grants to support recipients in the delivery of government objectives through projects and programs with timeframes that extend beyond a year.

Directorate Annual reports show that in 2021-22, grant agreements were a combination of annual funding for one-off specific purposes and multiyear grants. Summary information from annual reports on multiyear grants provided by each directorate is included below:

- CMTEDD: 11 out of 34 programs included multiyear grants, these were provided for a number of projects and programs which supported: the tourism industry; participation opportunities in sport and physical recreation; arts organisations; and the attraction of investment in the ACT economy and support for business and innovation.
- CSD: 4 out of 27 programs included multiyear grants, these were provided for advocacy and other support services for vulnerable cohorts, such as people living with a disability; and special homelessness services, financial counselling and food security programs.
- TCCSD: the ACT Road Safety Fund included several longer-term projects funded over 13 to 22 months.

- ACT Health Directorate: 4 out of 5 programs included multiyear grants, these were provided for health programs to create supporting environments to improve the health of Canberrans with the focus on prevention and harm reduction.
- Education Directorate: 4 out of 11 programs included multiyear grants, these provided support for: the Council of the Parents and Citizens Association; the ANU to support students across the full range of extension subjects; and scholarships for recipients completing multiyear Early Childhood Teaching degrees.
- JACSD: 11 out of 16 programs included multiyear grants, these were provided to support a range of legal services, programs to prevent or delay contact with the justice system, and ongoing assistance under racing development support funding.

For further detail on multiyear grants please refer to the grant listings in directorates' Annual Reports under the section Community Engagement and Support.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA