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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

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In relation to: Funding to environment NGOs

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MS ORR: Yes, and you might want to take this on notice. Can I just get a breakdown of what—we will call them community and environmental groups, which are also the catchment groups, SEE Change, public council. What the funding amount is that they get from government and the nature of that arrangement, whether it is a grant or whether it is something else?

Ms Vassarotti: Okay, so just in relation to that, we can certainly provide that information for the groups, particularly the ones that we provide direct funding for because it is a little bit complicated in terms of—I know that you—I know that you referred to SEE Change. SEE Change, conservation council, Canberra Environment Centre actually do not sit within this portfolio. We could potentially work with them. That is with Minister Rattenbury. We can—but we can probably put it on—

Mr Rutledge: We will probably piece it all together. But for those three, Conservation Council, Canberra Environment Centre and SEE Change, they in total—well, Conservation Council roughly \$180,000, Canberra Environment Centre \$135,000 and SEE Change roughly \$129,000. That will be what we will grant to them in the '24/'25 year. And they are indexed—this year they are receiving the community sector indexation rate of 3.6 per cent.

So those are the ones that we have long term, I suppose, service level agreements for want of the better—it is largely administered by multi-year group—multi-year grants. The other groups, which will take some time which fall directly into this portfolio, are, as you say, the landcare groups, the—some volunteer groups.

Then also, many of those groups we have seen an increase during the term of this government in the environmental grants, quite a large one. And so, we have seen a number of new—both existing community groups come forward for those grants but new and emerging community grants. So, we

will put together a table to indicate.

MS ORR: Yes, that would be helpful.

MINISTER VASSAROTTI: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Non-Competitive Grants

Ginninderra Catchment Group: Community Education and Stewardship - \$559,500 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Ginninderra Catchment Group: Waterwatch and Frogwatch program - \$753,000 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Molonglo Catchment Group: Community Education and Stewardship - \$559,500 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Molonglo Catchment Group: Waterwatch Program - \$391,000 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Southern ACT Catchment Group: Community Education and Stewardship - \$559,500 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Southern ACT Catchment Group: Waterwatch Program – \$391,000 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Landcare ACT: Support for Landcare ACT - \$50,000 in 2024-25

ACT Wildlife: Support for ACT Wildlife - \$412,000 from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Service Funding Agreements

Canberra Environment Centre - \$135,304 in 2024-25

Conservation Council - \$179,564 in 2024-25

SEE Change - \$128,982 in 2024-25

Competitive Grants

Catchment groups and other non-government organisations may also receive funding for projects through competitive grant programs, these are reported in full in EPSDD's Annual Report.

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By the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management, Rebecca Vassarotti