



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2015-16

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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

**SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE
ACT BUDGET 2015-16
PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 2 JUNE 2015**

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it to committees@parliament.act.gov.au by **12.00pm Friday 5 June 2015**. If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please append additional comments.

1. Full name of group/organisation:

RSPCA ACT

2. Name of contact person for this survey and their telephone number and email address:

CEO Tammy Ven Dange 6287-8102; tvendange@rspca-act.org.au

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

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

No

4. Please list, in order of priority, your three key priority areas regarding the ACT Budget 2015-2016 (you can expand on these in Question 5):

- a. Additional funding to cover basic legislative mandated services that RSPCA ACT provides on behalf of the ACT Government such as the mandatory 7 day hold for incoming stray animals.
- b. Collaborative approach to reduce the costs of delivering these services in the future through changes to legislation, education, programs and redirection of some services to other entities.
- c. Uncertainty of future year funding when there are no apparent alternative service providers that have the capacity to take over services we provide if RSPCA ACT can no longer afford to do so (i.e. intake of stray cats and kittens).

5. Please detail your views on the ACT Budget in relation to your three priority areas?

We believe that the 2015-16 Budget Policy Adjustments of \$256k in the TAMS budget is intended to extend the 2013-15 funding agreement for one year so that the total budgeted allocation to RSPCA ACT is about \$750k for the financial year which would meet our first Priority. We are unsure if additional funding has been allocated for Priority 2. Priority 3 is a significant concern.

6. Are there any other particular issues with the ACT Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment/attach further details:

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

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

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

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment

We believe that the ACT Budget has met Priority 1 for the current financial year. Priority 2 and 3 are still a concern.

9. Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on Friday 12 June 2015, 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 Support Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 10 June 2015 to confirm arrangements. Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations.

Thank you for contributing to the inquiry.
