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

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to: N/A

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In relation to: ACT excluded from Commonwealth programs

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MS LEE: So can I rephrase then. Are there deals that other cities have access to in terms of eligibility that the ACT or Canberra does not at the moment?

[...]

MS LEE: What about regional?

Mr Barr: I think I would need to take on notice because I do not know everything. There will obviously be some programs that we are not eligible for. Anything maritime related, clearly there—

[...]

Mr Barr: Can I interpret the question then is are there any programs that we would feel we would allegedly be eligible for but we have been excluded from, I will take that on notice if there are any that we have identified.

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

During the period prior to 2022, examples of Commonwealth funding programs that have either not included the ACT, or funded the ACT at a significantly below population share, include:

- City and Regional deals
- Road Safety Program
- Recovery for Regional Tourism program
- Tourism and Aviation Network Support Program
- Major Projects Business Case Fund
- National Rail Program
- Roads of Strategic Importance initiative
- Urban Congestion Fund
- COVID-19 World and National Heritage Tourism Fund
- National Tourism Icons Package
- Health Regional Priority Round

Since 2022, there do not appear to be any new Commonwealth funding agreements that the ACT has been explicitly, or unfairly, excluded from accessing or making an application because of the inconsistent classification of the ACT.

However, there are Commonwealth funding programs that are directed towards specific jurisdictions and/or policy outcomes not relevant to the ACT. For example, funding to support agriculture departments in their management of *Ehrlichia canis* through targeted information about how to control diseases in remote indigenous communities.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA