



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Tourism and Trade

In relation to: Tourism and Trade and ACT Events Fund - annual town centre events

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MS CARRICK: That would be great, thank you. Many of these events are citycentric, so how are you making sure that the town centres have the venues and the government support to develop a program of events that are there, and that there are people in the government thinking about how to activate the public spaces in the town centres to have good events?

Mr Barr: We do obviously support a range of events that are held in the town centres themselves, or in district parks, including north and south of the Lake. We do encourage applications into the fund from a variety of sources, and we seek to fund a wide variety of event types that support community participation across a variety of different demographics, so not everything is geographic, Ms Carrick. We also need to look at different groups within Canberra and their opportunities to participate. I think it is important to recognise that everywhere in Canberra is pretty close to each other. The maximum distance that you would travel for any event in the ACT is likely to be less than 40 kilometres, and in many instances probably 15 to 20 kilometres would be the most distance most people would travel, and events that are held centrally, obviously are more accessible for more people because the distance required to travel to a centrally-held event is going to be less for the majority of people.

MS CARRICK: It would be great if you could provide the events that you have mentioned that you provide in the town centres, the annual events in each town centre, what annual events do you provide. Thank you. So that means you will take that on notice?

Mr Barr: Yes, I will take that on notice for you.

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Minister Barr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Further to the list of event locations associated with the ACT Event Fund 2025 (provided in EIR QTON 001), the following events were held in town centres and adjoining precincts:

Belco Bowl Jam 2025	Canberra Skateboarding Association	Belconnen Skate Park, Civic and Braddon
Shakespeare by the Lakes VI: Macbeth	Lakespeare & Co.	Patrick White Lawns, Tuggeranong Town Park, Glebe Park
SouthFest 25	Tuggeranong Community Council Inc	Tuggeranong Town Centre

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By the Minister for Tourism and Trade, Andrew Barr MLA