



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: Fiscal Sustainability

Hearing: 16 June 2026

In relation to: **Revenue from Land Sales**

Question received: 7 July 2026

Answer Due: 14 July 2026

How is the Wellbeing Framework incorporated into the Budget process, and were any changes made ahead of the 2026-27 Budget that differ to the 2025-26 Budget?

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

All budget business cases must provide an assessment of their wellbeing impacts. This assessment is a foundational component of wellbeing budgeting in the ACT and has been embedded in the budget process since 2021-22. After each budget cycle, the process is further refined by building improvements and stronger relational context to the Wellbeing Framework, outcomes and priorities into templates and guidance material.

The 2026-27 ACT Budget reflects a sustained commitment to embedding wellbeing at the centre of government decision making. A wellbeing approach to the Budget sharpens our focus on distributional impacts, and ensures policies and services are designed with a clear understanding of how outcomes differ across population groups, with a clear focus on equity and improving wellbeing in our community, particularly for those with lower wellbeing.

For the 2026-27 ACT Budget, Wellbeing Impact Assessment (WIAs) templates were updated to request consideration of upstream and/or downstream impacts of proposals, seeking information on whether a proposal primarily responds to an immediate need or is addressing the root causes of an issue and therefore shapes future trajectories.

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The 2026-27 Budget included a continued focus on wellbeing priority areas, highlighting areas where we can make the most difference for individual and community wellbeing. This wellbeing approach to budgeting strengthens our ability to address immediate challenges while driving sustained, system-level improvements.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT.

Signature: 

Date: **14.7.26**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA