

# ESTIMATES 2009-2010

## Question on Notice

### Women

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**Staffing**

**VICKI DUNNE MLA** : To ask the Minister for Women

In relation to : **Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services**  
**Output Class 3.2 – Community Affairs**

1. Staffing in the Output Class:
  - (a) How many staff will be employed on 1/7/2009 and 30/6/2010?
  - (b) What are the reasons for any changes in staff numbers?
  - (c) What proportions of the total budget and total staff numbers are used for service delivery (achieving outcomes) and administration (outputs)?
  - (d) What percentage of total expenditure and total staff can be attributed to:
    - i) initiatives in 2009-10; and
    - ii) existing/ongoing tasks?
2. What options are under active consideration in the Output Class for savings and efficiency measures in future budgets?
3. Service programs delivered in the Output Class during 2009-10:
  - (a) What is the name and description of each program?
  - (b) What government policy drives each program?
  - (c) How many staff are engaged in each program?
  - (d) What are the objectives for each program?
  - (e) What is the total budget for each program?
  - (f) When did/does each program start?
4. ACT Labor's 2008 election commitments
  - (a) Has \$120,000 been provided for the development of a promotional campaign to support women's safety at major events?
  - (b) If yes, where in the budget papers can it be found? If no, why and when will the commitment be honoured?
  - (c) Has the budget provided for matching funding of \$80,000 per year for NGOs to provide outreach support to women and children escaping violence?
  - (d) If yes, where in the budget papers can it be found? If no, why and when will the commitment be honoured?
  - (e) When will the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACT women's summit be held?
  - (f) What is the summit program?
5. Women's Register
  - (a) How many women are on the ACT Women's Register?
  - (b) What is the department doing to promote the register, both to potential registrants and to organisations seeking women for their boards?
  - (c) What percentage of ACT government boards have at least 50% female membership?
  - (d) When will the government reach its target of all boards having at least 50% female membership?
6. Women's Leadership Programs
  - (a) How many women's leadership programs are offered across the ACT government?
  - (b) What is being done to draw those programs together (an ACT Labor 2008 election commitment)?

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Smyth

***QTON – Gender specific information***

Mr Smyth : To ask the Minister for Women

Can you provide information on an audit of gender specific information for Boards and Committees over the past several years.

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

The level of female representation on ACT Government Boards and Committees was:

- 47 percent as at 1 April 2002;
- 48 percent as at 1 June 2003;
- 48 percent as at 30 April 2004;
- 49 percent as at 31 December 2004;
- 46 percent as at 31 December 2005; and
- 48 percent as at March 2008.

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Dunne

**QTON – Boards**

Mrs Dunne : To ask the Minister for Women

Does the Department have rules about the types of people who may or may not serve on boards?

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

The ACT Government Service Funding Agreement Schedule 6 Item 2 specifies that AFP checks are required for the recruitment of employees and volunteers to ensure they are fit and proper persons.

The requirements which community organisations must adhere to in regards to fulfilling membership of their boards is dependant on the provisions of an organisation's constitution. The requirements of members are also included in the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

**QTON – BP4****1. Mrs Dunne : To ask the Minister for Women**

Can you clarify the variations on BP4, page 241.

**2. Mr Smyth: To ask the Minister for Women**

Can you clarify the decrease of 91% in ‘other expenses’ on BP4, page 248.

Minister Gallagher :

1. The answer to the Mrs Dunne’s question is as follows:–

<b>Output Class 3: Community Development and Policy Output 3.1: Community Services</b>		<b>2008-09 Targets</b>	<b>2008-09 Est Outcome</b>	<b>2009-10 Targets</b>
<b>f. Cost per 1,000 head of Population (\$'000)</b>		\$109.45	\$104.95	\$38.10
		<b>2008-09 Est. Outcome \$'000</b>	<b>Pop.Est.</b>	<b>Cost per '000 head</b>
<b>2008-09 Output 3.1 Budget</b>		36,351	346,350	\$104.95
<b>Less:</b>				
SAAP Trf to Housing ACT (\$'000)	19,150			
One off funding				
Emergency Relief (\$'000)	3,500			
West Belc Co-op (\$'000)	220			
IR Support (\$'000)	400			
<b>Add:</b>				
Indexation (\$'000)		248		
<b>2009-10 Output 3.1 Budget (\$'000)</b>		13,329	349,813	\$ 38.10

The table above has been provided to assist your understanding of the footnote no.6, Budget Paper 4 p241.

The 2008-09, Estimated Outcome cost per 1,000 head of population (\$'000) is derived by dividing the cost of the output \$36,351,000 by the estimated ACT population of 346,350 to get \$104.95. This is then multiplied by 1000, to achieve the \$104,950 cost per thousand people.

The 2009-10 Target Estimated Cost per 1000 head of population (\$'000) is derived in a similar way by starting with the output cost of \$36,351,000. Begin by subtracting \$19,150,000 being the SAAP budget transfer to Housing ACT, subtract \$3,500,000 being the one-off emergency relief funds and subtract a further \$620,000 for one-off

funding for industrial relations support and the West Belconnen Medical Co-op. Then add indexation of \$248,000. This results in a 2009-10 output budget of \$13,329,000. Divide by the population number, 346,350 the result being \$38.48, or \$38,480 per thousand head of population, and rounded after other technical adjustments to \$38,100.

2. The answer to the Mr Smyth's question is as follows:—

The 91% decrease is due to the transfer of the Narrabundah pre-school's to Housing ACT. The value of this transfer is \$747,000 and is not cash but rather a technical adjustment.