



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-2012

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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

1. Name of organisation A Gender Agenda
2. Name of contact person & telephone and email contact details Peter Hyndal
3. Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT 2011-2012 Budget?
 1. Allocation of operational funding for a gender centre to provide support, information, training and advocacy for the ACT sex and gender diverse community.
 2. Allocation of funding to address the gaps in health service provision to the ACT sex and gender diverse community in the ACT. These gaps were highlighted in a recent report released by A Gender Agenda "Gender Diversity in the ACT: A Survey of Trans Experiences"
 3. Allocation of funding to assist sex and gender diverse people to access their rights under the Discrimination Act. There is a range of documented evidence that shows sex and gender diverse people are the most highly discriminated against community, and yet the number of complaints made to the ACT Human Rights Commission does not reflect this.

Comment The term "Sex and Gender Diverse" includes a range of people including transsexuals, transgender people, intersex people, cross-dressers and other gender variant or gender non-conforming people.

4. Did you provide a budget submission to the Government?
 Yes (go to question five) No (go to question six)
5. Do you think that the Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?
 Yes No Comment
6. What are your views on the Budget in relation to your priority areas listed in question three?
Comment The needs of the sex and gender diverse community are of such magnitude that they require a specific allocation of funds to address them. Sex and Gender Diversity should also be made an overt priority area within existing funding programs. Many people are unaware of the magnitude of need in this community, and we are very keen to have an

opportunity to appear before the Committee in order to demonstrate the strong evidence of this need.

7. Are there any particular issues you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

Yes No

8. Please provide a brief outline of the issue/s, in order of priority. Issues are covered in detail in our budget submission (attached to email) and also in our recent report "Gender Diversity in the ACT: A Survey of Trans Experiences (also attached to email)
[Please append your organisation's budget analysis if available]

9. Does your organisation want to attend a hearing on 13May 2011?

Yes
 No

If you have indicated yes, the Committee Office will contact you by COB Tuesday 10 May to confirm details. (Please note however, that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups).

Please return by 12.00 noon, Monday 9 May 2011

Thank you
