



# **Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027**

## **Answer to question on notice**

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Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Reference: Budget process and financial reporting

Hearing: 21 July 2026

In relation to: Budget offsets

Question received: 22 July 2026

Answer Due: 5 August 2026

Please provide a detailed breakdown of where the offsets came from for the following budget measures:

- (1) New National Convention and Entertainment Centre
- (2) Safer Families Levy
- (3) Supporting local sport – Backing Women's sport
- (4) Supporting the ACT Ombudsman
- (5) Climate action – Continuing support for priority households
- (6) Continuing and improving preschool for four-year olds
- (7) Strengthening the regulation of early childhood education and care
- (8) Building safer communities – Strengthening DFSV system foundations
- (9) Building safer communities – Supporting DFSV frontline services
- (10) Continued support for no cost abortion services
- (11) Continuing autism assessment services
- (12) Continuing humanitarian support funding
- (13) Delivering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans
- (14) Essential prosecution services
- (15) More support for the community legal assistance sector

**Mr Chris Steel MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Except for items (1), (2), (7), (9) and (14), offsets for these initiatives came from existing base funding for the relevant agency.

Offsets for other items are detailed below:

(1) New National Convention and Entertainment Centre

- Existing Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) funding and provisions allocated to the new National Convention and Entertainment Centre

(2) Safer Families Levy

- Additional revenue through increasing the Safer Families Levy

(7) Strengthening the regulation of early childhood education and care

- Additional revenue through updates to the Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) fee structure

(9) Building safer communities – Supporting DFSV frontline services

- Existing provisioned funding from the Safer Families Levy;
- Commonwealth funding from the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-30 Federation Funding Agreement; and
- Existing HCSD base funding.

(14) Essential prosecution services

- Existing funding from the Confiscated Asset Trust Fund

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:

By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

Date:

6/8/26