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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE ACT BUDGET 2013-2014 TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 4 JUNE 2013

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it to committees@parliament.act.gov.au by **9.30am Tuesday 11 June 2013**. If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please feel free to append additional comments.

1. **Full name of group/organisation:** Canberra Preschool Society Inc.

2. **Name of contact person for this survey and their telephone number and email address:**
John Darcy, General Manager,, canberrapreschools@grapevine.com.au

3. **Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the ACT Budget that it would like to submit to the Committee?**
 ~~Yes (If yes, please email it to the Committee Secretariat with your completed survey.)~~
 No

4. **Please list, in order of priority, your three main areas of concern regarding the ACT Budget 2013-2014:**
 - a. Education and Training - \$4.3 billion of unprogrammed funding for assistance to schools in "transition" to the National Plan for School Improvement, contrasted with the rejection of the Canberra Preschool Society's submission for Network Leaders for Preschool to assist schools in delivery of preschool programs, curricula, enrolments and standards.
 - b. Education and Training - \$318,000 allocated over four years – less than the \$400,000 promised – for a Preschool Matters program which remains without detail and will not be funded before January.

5. What are your views on the ACT Budget in relation to your priority areas?

Education and Training has been fairly dealt with overall, but certain small matters – such as \$550,000 to restart the planning process for Coombs School which stalled two years ago – are wasteful.

6. Are there any other particular issues with the ACT Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment/attach further details:

7. Did you provide a budget submission to the ACT Government?

Yes (go to question 8) No (go to question 9.)

8. Do you think that the ACT Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment

Addressed above.

9. Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on Friday 14 June 2013, at the Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra.

Yes No

If you indicate yes, and the Committee decides to invite you to appear at the hearing, the Committee Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 12 June 2013 to confirm arrangements. Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations.

Thank you very much for contributing to the inquiry.
