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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

CSD-No 20 – 19-06-2014

Asked by Mr Steve Doszpot on 19 June 2014: Mr Nic Manikis took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Objective 4 Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2010-15 -Develop and promote activities for seniors that encourage participation.

1. Can CSD provide a list of how many programs have been done under objective 4 in the Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2010-15?
2. How many arts organisations have been funded to provide programs suitable for, and access by seniors?

MINISTER RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:-

1. The 2013-14 Participation (Seniors) Grants provided a total of \$100,00 on funding to community organisations for 17 projects including transport training for seniors (COTA ACT), training volunteers to operate the Silver Memories radio service (ArtSound), and a social connections program for the older members of the gender diverse community (A Gender Agenda).

The Centenary of Canberra directly supported a number of initiatives to promote health and wellbeing amongst older people including: Australia's Masters Athletics National Championships; 2013 Rowing Australia Masters Regatta; the ACT Centenary Masters Golf Tournament; and Kick Up Your Heels: A celebration of social dancing over 100 years.

In 2012–13, 488 people were assessed in falls clinics. Eight grants from the ACT Health Promotion Grants Program were provided through the 2012–13 Stay On Your Feet Falls Prevention Funding Round, to a total value of \$199,387.

Through the 2013 Inclusive Participation Funding Program, Sports and Recreation Services provided funding to:

- the Canberra Dance Theatre which will allow them to extend their work with older adults by creating a performance for National Science Week in August 2013;
- Arthritis ACT for a Warm Water Exercise program targeting the ACT’s older Indigenous population; and
- Parkinson’s ACT to run specialist dance classes for people with Parkinson’s.

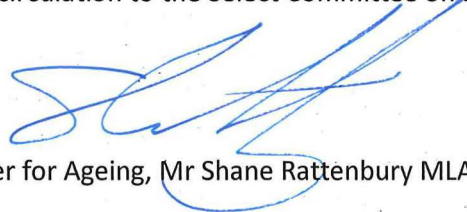
Southside Community Services continue to deliver the ACT-GOLD! (Growing Older and Living Dangerously) activity based leisure and lifestyle program. The program received two years of funding (\$20,000) through the Sports and Recreation Services 2012 Inclusive Participation Funding Program.

Of the 1,700 programs held in public libraries in 2012-13, 817 were programs for adults including seniors.

2. The ACT Arts Fund is open to all members of the ACT community including seniors. Many senior applicants, or activities undertaken by seniors, can and have successfully applied to the Project, Out of Round and Book of the Year Award funding categories. Many of our key arts and program funded organisations undertake activities for seniors including, for example, the Canberra Symphony Orchestra (senior audiences), Tuggeranong Arts Centre (Allegro senior choir), Belconnen Arts Centre (Singing for Seniors), and Music For Everyone (music access programs for seniors with any ability).

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By the Minister for Ageing, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA