



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Community Services

In relation to: Carers ACT funding

Hearing: 03 August 2026
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Answer Due: 12 August 2026

Ms Orr: Mr Cain and committee, I think it is fair to say that the ACT government and all of our officials who have worked with Carers ACT and carers across Canberra do genuinely value and respect the work that they do. In the time that I have been in this place, I have seen a concerted effort to make sure that in all the policy that we develop across government, and in all the programs, and in all the responses that we have put in place, the needs of carers are well understood and incorporated. That is very different to initiative funding for single initiatives. And Mr Cain, and to the rest of the committee, I think crucially important to actually supporting and recognising and valuing carers, it is beyond one particular initiative. As to specific funding in the budget, as I have told you, we have recurrent funding there to implement the carers strategy. The first action plan for that strategy has— well, is concluding and that there will be a second one developed. That funding can go towards specific carers' initiatives, including the ones that I have already mentioned, which is the ACT carers recognition card and a young carer mentoring program. Those are the discussions we have been having with Carers' ACT for several months now in progressing those initiatives. They were election commitments. They were commitments that we campaigned for by Carers ACT and the ones that we will deliver. At the same time, it is continuing to value, recognise and respect carers across all of our working programs.

MR CAIN: Just one final. What is the recurrent funding that is available for this strategy?

Ms Orr: I will take that on notice and get you the exact figures.

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Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

\$200,000 (GST exclusive) has been allocated to Carers ACT over 2026-27 and 2027-28 for implementation of the ACT Carers Strategy.

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

Signature:

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Minister for Community Services, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Date:

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