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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

QON - 23

Mr STEVE DOSZPOT, MLA: To ask the Minister for Ageing

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In relation to: ACT Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2012 – 2014  
Strategic Priority 7 – Work and Retirement  
Objective 15 – Introduce, and showcase for the broader community, mature age  
worker retention strategies

1. One of the performance indicators was to look at options to institute an award for mature age workers. What work has been done with this indicator?

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

The inaugural ACT Age-Friendly Awards were developed in a partnership between the ACT Government and the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and were held on 21 May 2014 at the Chamber’s annual dinner.

The Awards include two categories: *Age-Friendly Employer Awards* and *Age-Friendly Business Awards*.

The *Age-Friendly Employer Awards* underline the importance of older workers and those employing them. This Award category commends ACT employers who have shown an exemplary commitment to recruiting and retaining older workers and supporting the transition from work to retirement. The YMCA of Canberra was judged as the winner of the Age-friendly Employers Category.

The *Age-Friendly Business Awards* recognise ACT businesses that have provided services that are relevant, respectful and appropriate for older customers and age-friendly initiatives that benefit this target group such as appropriate advertising and communication, an accessible physical environment, and strategies for encouraging customer loyalty. The Hellenic Club of Canberra was judged as the winner of the Age-friendly Business Award category.

Eleven nominations were received for both Awards categories and these were judged by a panel comprising the ACT Health Services Commissioner, the Chair of the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing, a representative from the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Manager, Community Participation Group.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

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By the Minister for Ageing, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA