



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Assistant Minister for Disability Ms Emma Davidson MLA

Ref: Social Inclusion and Connected Communities, Book G, p. 3

In relation to: **ACT Carers Strategy**

1. On p. 3 (Book G) you list the implementation of the ACT Carers Strategy. There is no funding assigned to this initiative.
 - a. How is this to be funded?
 - b. How long will it take to deliver this initiative?
 - c. What are the targeted strategic indicators for this initiative?

EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In response to the above questions:

a. How is this to be funded?

The ACT Budget 2017-18 allocated \$150,000 to support the development and implementation of the Carers Strategy, including the First Action Plan which is now complete. Future funding for the Strategy will be determined by the next Action Plan which is currently being developed.

b. How long will it take to deliver this initiative?

The ACT Carers Strategy is a 10-year strategy to 2028.

c. What are the targeted strategic indicators for this initiative?

In Budget Statement G, work on the ACT Carers Strategy is represented under the Community Services Directorate's Strategic Objectives 1, 3 and 4:

1. Strengthen the capacity of people with disabilities, their families and carers to maximise control over their lives.
3. Improve the outcomes for people in the community by providing a range of support and services.
4. Promote and increase participation in community life by Canberrans, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Annual progress reports provide detail on lead agencies' progress against actions outlined in the Carers Strategy First Action Plan.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

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By the Minister for Disability, Emma Davidson MLA