



Inquiry into Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

In relation to: Wellbeing indicators and Regional spread of projects

Hearing: 16 June 2026

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Answer Due: 2 July 2026

Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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MS CARRICK: Okay. I have one more question. Regarding wellbeing indicators, how do you ensure that the wellbeing is spread geographically across Canberra? We have things like social connections. When you look at a project and say it ticks the social connection box or the identity and belonging box, how do you ensure that those wellbeing indicators are spread across Canberra?

Mr Barr: The data that is collected in many of the wellbeing indicators does have a regional element. Just in the interest of time, I will take the balance of the question on notice, to provide you with some further information in relation to—

MS CARRICK: I am particularly talking about the wellbeing indicators in the context of social infrastructure—that is, activity infrastructure—not in childcare or aged care but arts and sports and rec. It is about that sort of wellbeing.

Mr Barr: Those particular domains.

MS CARRICK: How do you spread it geographically?

Mr Barr: Noted.

Mr ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Government investment has not historically been broken down geographically or by wellbeing domain. While initiatives outlined in recent Budget Papers have been allocated a primary wellbeing domain, many of these initiatives contribute toward multiple domains of wellbeing.

Consolidating expenses to a single domain or to geographical areas risks understating the overall impacts of initiatives on the domains, while aggregating to multiple wellbeing domains or geographical locations may risk overstating the investment in these areas.

Measures in the 2026-27 Budget focus on boosting social housing and working with the community housing sector to increase access to affordable housing. These projects are geographically spread across the ACT and include supporting the delivery of more community and affordable rental homes, support for private market renters and boosting housing supply.

The ACT Wellbeing Data Dashboard reports on data at the ACT level. Its purpose is to report every two years, at a jurisdiction level, on a set of high-level measures reflective of the Domains and Indicators in the Wellbeing Framework.

The Dashboard uses several data sources, including from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, University of Canberra Living Well in the ACT survey, and ACT Government administrative data. Several of these datasets are only produced at a State or Territory level which limits disaggregation. The Dashboard includes technical notes describing data collection procedures, methodology changes and data limitations in addition to providing direct links to data sources.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA