



Checklist: ACT Government performance against the ACTCOSS Budget Submission 2019-20

ACTCOSS has prepared an overview checklist highlighting the high-level delivery of ACTCOSS priorities in our 2019-20 pre-Budget submission against outcomes in the ACT Budget released on 4 June 2019. This scorecard is a guide only. For details on the delivery and implementation of specific initiatives, we would refer you to our detailed ACT 2019-20 Budget Snapshot available online at www.actcoss.org.au.

	Yes	Partial	No / unclear
Community infrastructure, services and development			
Initiatives for community involvement, lived experience and neighbourhood voice and consultation			X
A gender responsive lens and approach across all new investment			X
Investment in community facilities	✓		
Investment in community support		✓	
Investment in arts, culture, sport and recreation	✓		
Investment in public and community transport		✓	
Investment in places like libraries, youth centres, drop in centres and other places where people can gather and connect at no cost		✓	
Integrated social and built environment planning		✓	
Redesign of group centres to prioritise social infrastructure	✓		
Investment in planning for the city as we age		✓	
In-depth community needs assessment targeting specific communities			X
Ongoing funding for community development of the type typically offered by municipal governments			X
More community development workers			X

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Dedicated human resources within the ACT Government and community to facilitate and foster community development			X
Funding CDNet	✓ (May not be in budget papers)		
Incentives for developers to build community infrastructure			X
Justice			
Bail support accommodation	✓		
Investment in housing support and psycho-social support services		✓	
A wider scope of justice reinvestment programs, particularly ones specific to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, women and young people	✓		
Investment in post-release and transitional support services for people leaving the AMC	✓		
ACT Government employment targets for people who have been in prison			X
Increased investment in prison health services, including a needle & syringe program and women's health services		✓ Needle and syringe program missing	
Investment in Corrections staff training on working with prisoners with disabilities		✓ Training but unclear whether covers this	
AOD sector investment, including in availability of treatment services and access to peer support		✓ Limited to ACT Government-led services	
Continued investment in community legal services		✓	
Resourcing for the sector to participate in the Disability Justice Strategy			X
A 'Budgeting for Life Work Development Program' to provide regular financial literacy sessions			X
Increased investment in women's crisis support services			X
Funding to address children's needs in DFV			X
Research into specialised and evidence-based programs for S/DFV support			X
Funding for whole-of-family responses to DFV		✓	
Funding a shift in the model that encourages victims and survivors to stay in the home		✓	

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Investment in whole-of-family support beyond tertiary level interventions		✓	
Establish a community-based policy resource that can engage with key stakeholders, analyse and synthesis the evidence base relevant to justice, law and corrections system reform, address gaps in the ACT evidence base via consultation and research, and share insights from practitioners outside of government with government advisors and decision-makers			X
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander self determination			
Investment in supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children, youth and families		✓	
Comprehensive Indigenous policy statement			X
A 'single point' of planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of Indigenous policy and coordination in ACT Government			X
Investment in the design and construction of an Aboriginal residential AOD rehabilitation facility		✓ Specific measures to support informed decision making unclear	
Consulting with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander CCOs on AMC human rights compliancy			X
Investment in autonomous, holistic health and wellbeing services at the AMC			X
Increased investment in support services following release from the AMC	✓		
Restore Boomanulla Oval for community use		✓	
Shaping and delivering the ACT health reform agenda			
Investment in responding to the non-clinical needs of people with poor social determinants of health and lower health status			X
Long-term funding certainty for organisations delivering services contracted by ACT Health		✓ 3-year agreements for many programs	
Recurrent funding for University of Canberra Hospital		✓ More funding not clear if recurrent	
Investment in preventative health interventions			X
Investment in the central Canberra walk-in centre	✓		

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Increased investment in AOD drug treatment and rehabilitation		✓ Limited to ACT Government-led services, no rehabilitation	
Investment in responding to the recommendations in the ACT Health workplace culture inquiry	✓		
Investment in improving access and responsiveness of a range of health care setting to disabled people		✓ SPIRE responds to some issues	
Investment in trauma informed practice and service design training for government and non-government workers			X
Investment in adult mental health day services		✓ Some new services but we have significant reservations	
Investment in reproductive health, particularly affordability of contraception			X
Investment in publicly available sexual health services			X
A National Code of Conduct for health care workers			X
Financial support for women who require specialist transvaginal mesh removal services, and increased funding for the Canberra Mesh Clinic	✓		
Investment in publicly available pain management services			X
A dedicated palliative care ward at the Canberra Hospital and an ACT-wide palliative care service with a single point of entry, and training for ACT health professionals should be trained in the palliative care approach			X Some funding in residential aged care
Investment in improved quality of support and management of chronic conditions, including a patient navigation service			X Some funding for rheumatology service
Responding to financial hardship			
Investment in improving the concessions scheme		✓ Utilities concession increased to \$700/year	
Introduce income-based fines		X	
Increased investment in financial counselling services		X	
Mediation and conflict resolution services			
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Funding for financial counselling workers with a focus on family violence and financial abuse		✓ Funding for 1 year only	
Increased investment in counselling services to provide whole-of-family supports and case management		✓ Partly addressed through Safer Families Levy initiatives	
Funding for the provision of the projects associated with the 2018-19 investment in restorative practice research			X
Investment in counselling services for middle income earners			X
Increased investment in financial counselling services for detainees in the AMC			X
Ensuring decent wages in community services don't reduce supply of services to people in need			
Investment in a joint process between funders and employers to quantify the gap in funding between real costs of providing adequate wages and broader workforce quality obligations			X
Funding to address the gaps identified above			X
Housing and homelessness			
Delivering the affordability measures in the ACT Housing Strategy, including \$100m in housing renewal and public housing	✓		
Monitoring capacity to ensure Housing Strategy targets are delivered			X
Investment in growing the community housing sector through 151 dwellings		✓ 60 dwellings in 2019-20 and LVC remission of 25%	
Investment in non-government involvement and oversight via a formal mechanism for community, tenant and industry advice to the Minister for Housing			X
A service model for youth homelessness		✓ Planning work commenced	
Investment in health and justice programs to complement ACT Housing		✓ Justice system housing	
Investment in investigating, designing and implementing measures that will sustain community housing growth			X

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Education			
Investment in community organisations to work effectively in schools			X
Consultation with other Directorates, particularly JaCS, to contribute to early intervention and prevention			X
Extend the Schools Climate and Satisfaction Survey to year 4			X
Transport			
Investment in community transport to a sustainable level and to ensure it continues to be available to all who need it			X
Needs assessment, policy, design and planning work to ensure transport design, planning, integration and implementation addresses the needs of those with transport disadvantage		✓ TCCS started dialogue with community sector	
Investment to investigate transport gaps for people experiencing social disadvantage and funding any improvement in transport coverage and frequency		✓ TCCS started dialogue with community sector	
Improving fairness and adequacy of transport related concessions			X
Evaluating accessibility of existing public transport infrastructure			X
A study of transport costs to examine how individuals on low and fixed incomes meet costs of vehicle operation and maintenance			X
Disability			
Investment in responding to ongoing NDIS transition issues	✓		
Investment in capacity building of local services to respond to the extension of the NDIS to more people with a psycho-social disability			X
Investment in work on improved health system responses for people with disability			X
Implementing commitments made in the National Disability Strategy			X
Investment in an access taskforce that will ensure development and planning of housing, transport, social and community infrastructure is accessible to people with physical and cognitive disabilities			X
Investment in energy costs, transport provision gaps, social inclusion and service gaps for young people (see PWD ACT submission)			X

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Family and children's services			
Investment in work with families to prevent Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people from entering the OOHC system		✓	
Investment in the capacity of non-Indigenous carers to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people; possibly an Indigenous Foster Care Support Program			X
Culture camps for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people in OOHC			X
Funding of service provision that matches the need for staffing capacity		✓	
Investment in advocacy as a component of ACT Government contracts in children, youth and family services			X
Investment in the Children and Young People Commissioner and Public Advocate to provide advocacy, safeguards and protection for children and young people in and exiting OOHC			X
Investment in after-care support that provides a clear pathway from OOHC and proper funding to meet the needs of children and young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the option for young people to remain in care to 21 • A person case worker/mentor for young people in care • Safe, secure and supported independent living for young people leaving care 			X
Investment in consultation with young people			X
Funding to address the shortfall of carers in the OOHC system			X
Women			
Investment in specialist women's services in S/DFV, including specialist support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women escaping DFV			X
A Women's Plan with more detail and transparency			X
Investment in primary prevention and consent education			X
Investment in minimum standard Respectful Relationships education in schools			X
Volunteering			
Funding to implement the ACT Volunteering Statement Action Plan 2018-2021			X
Investment to implement elements of the ACT Community Services Industry Strategy 2016-2026			X

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Funding in service contracts to cover costs of volunteer engagement, management and ensuring compliance			X
Environment			
Investment in a long-term plan for sustaining biodiversity and protecting ecological values in addition to emissions reduction and climate change adaption			X
Investment in moving beyond isolated short-term measures addressing weed control and invasive species		✓ Some replanting and grassland protection measures	
Support for climate affected communities			X
Investment in high value greenspace		✓ Some parks and playgrounds	
Resourcing for the role of environmental workers, rangers and researchers			X
Investment in support for low incomes, small business and community organisation customers		✓ EEIS priority household & small business subsidies	
ACT Community Services Industry Strategy 2016-2026			
Investment in community sector engagement in new approaches to tendering for human services to encourage collaboration amongst providers			X
Investment in developing common ICT infrastructure			X
Funding for an in-depth community needs assessment targeting particular communities		✓ Community needs analysis in Industry Strategy workforce project	
Investment in developing an outcomes measurement framework for human services that can be applied across services		✓ As part of early Support by Design	