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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 68

MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Disability:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a complete list of businesses and organisations relating to disability in the ACT as an attachment to the answer to this question on notice?
- (2) Which of the groups mentioned in part (1) receive support from the ACT Government and what has been the nature of that support?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a complete list of significant dates and/or events, projects and initiatives relating to disability in the ACT as an attachment to the answer to this question on notice?
- (4) Which of the significant events receive support from the ACT Government, and what has been the nature of that support?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The National Disability Insurance Agency report in their ACT September 2020 dashboard identifies 1,053 NDIS registered service providers in the ACT. Providers include sole traders to larger for-profit companies and provide a range of services from domestic services, personal support services, supported accommodation service through to specialist therapy services. A full list of registered providers in the ACT is available on the NDIS website at: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/working-providers/find-registered-provider#provider-lists>.



Other disability organisations not included in the NDIS registered service provider list include the two Disabled Peoples Organisations; Women with Disabilities ACT and People with Disabilities ACT, along with another ACT peak disability body, National Disability Services.

- (2) The ACT Government annually funds the following four peak disability organisations to provide systemic advocacy for people with disability:
- Women with Disabilities ACT;
 - National Disability Services;
 - People with Disabilities ACT; and
 - Carers ACT.

The ACT Government also provides annual funding to both the ACT Disability Aged Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS) and Advocacy for Inclusion to provide individual advocacy for people with disability, and additional work that relates to the ACT Disability Justice Strategy including disability awareness training and supported decision making activities.

- (3) Disability related dates and/or events, projects and initiatives are the:
- [International Day of People with Disability](#) (I-Day) held annually on 3 December
 - [Disability Inclusion Grants Program](#) conducted annually
 - [I-Day Grants Program](#) conducted annually
 - [ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards](#) held annually around the date of I-Day
 - the Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards were not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 health emergency
 - [ACT Companion Card Program](#)
 - [ACT Disability Justice Strategy 2019-29](#)
 - [new National Disability Strategy](#) expected to be launched in September 2021
 - [ACT COVID-19 Disability Strategy](#) and [Action Plan](#)
 - [ACT Disability Reference Group](#) meetings held every two months
 - [ACT Inclusion Council](#) meetings held every two months
 - [ACT Disability Justice Reference Group](#) meetings held bi-annually
- (4) The ACT Government:
- supports I-Day by promoting the aim and theme of the annual celebration and informing the community of events that are taking place in Canberra
 - provides \$100,000 in annual funding for the Disability Inclusion Grants Program
 - provides \$25,000 in annual funding for the I-Day Grants Program

- is a major sponsor of the annual ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards, providing funding for event management and facilitating the nomination and judging process
- supports the ACT Companion Card Program by recruiting business affiliates
- is providing \$4.8 million over the first four years of the ACT Disability Justice Strategy 2019-2029 to implement the First Action Plan, including:
 - developing a Disability Action and Inclusion Plan in ACT Corrective Services
 - undertaking a scoping project to inform the development of a Disability Action and Inclusion Plan for Canberra Health Services
 - employing Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) in justice agencies who will form a community of practice to foster cultural change and implement practical changes or people with disability in the justice system
 - advancing supported decision-making principles and pathways to support people with disability to retain autonomy and support in making decisions that affect their lives
 - continuing Canberra Community Law's Socio-Legal Practice Clinic
 - implementing trials of a needs identification tool across the justice system that will help organisations identify and implement appropriate reasonable adjustments for people with disability, and
 - developing an evaluation framework
- supports development and implementation of the new National Disability Strategy through engagement with the Commonwealth and other State and Territory governments
- provides funding through the COVID-19 stimulus package for the ACT COVID-19 Disability Strategy, supported by an Action Plan that includes funding for:
 - additional advocacy services for people with disability
 - extra support for the disability sector through National Disability Services
 - communication targeted at people with disability, their families and their carers delivered by a range of disability support organisations
 - ensuring that people with disability can access Personal Protective Equipment
 - strengthening and supporting the marketplace for providers of positive behaviour supports
 - building the capability of the disability and family violence community sectors to identify and assist people with disability who may be experiencing family and domestic abuse
 - supporting the uptake of accredited infection control training by disability support organisations
 - helping people with disability and their families deal with the impacts of COVID-19 and transition them through recovery

- supporting people with disability and their family members who experience isolation and quarantine
- provides secretariat support and resources for the Disability Reference Group, Inclusion Council and the Disability Justice Reference Group.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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