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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****Friday, 11 April 2025****Question No. 309**

MS BARRY: To ask the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services —

1. Can the Minister provide a profile of expenditure on community services organisations, showing the total funding provided to each community sector organisation, in each of the last ten financial years, including projections for the current financial year.
2. Can the Minister provide for community sector organisations covered by the Commissioning process, where long-term agreements are in place, the total funding to be provided to those community sector organisations for each of the forward estimates years.
3. Can the Minister provide a profile of the total expenditure, by each directorate and each program of funding, provided to community sector organisations in each of the last ten financial years, including projections for the current financial year and for each of the forward estimates years.



Suzanne Orr MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The information requested by Ms Barry is available in the public record. I direct the Member to the Tenders ACT¹ contracts register which publishes all contracts and variations. In addition, the Directorates' annual reports² publish lists of grant funding provided to community sector organisations. Details such as the funding recipient, project purpose, period of funding and amounts are included.

As Community Services Minister, I am responsible for the overarching policy and commissioning process, while each portfolio Minister retains responsibility for commissioning activities and funding decisions within their Portfolios.

Longer term contracts have been one of the positive outcomes of commissioning processes, as they now allow for 5, 7 or even 10 years of extensions. This provides greater certainty for funded organisations while also retaining flexibility for government to ensure it remains fiscally responsible over the longer term.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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¹ Tenders ACT website - [<https://www.tenders.act.gov.au/welcome>]

² Community Services Directorate Annual Reports [<https://www.act.gov.au/open/community-services-directorate-annual-reports>] -