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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 66

MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Disability:

- (1) On what date was the Office for Disability established?
- (2) What are the complete roles and responsibilities of the Office for Disability?
- (3) What data does the Office for Disability collect in relation to people living with disability in the ACT?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent staff are there currently employed in the Office for Disability?
- (5) How many staff are currently employed, what are their work classifications and what type of employment are they engaged in, i.e. full-time, part-time, casual etc.?
- (6) What is the total number of complaints received by the Office for Disability for each of the past four years to the date this question on notice was published?

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

- (1) The Office for Disability was instigated in October 2016 as part of preparations for the imminent closure of both Disability ACT and the ACT National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Taskforce and the commencement of the NDIS in the ACT.

The ACT NDIS Taskforce and Disability ACT closed at the end of June 2017. The Office for Disability was launched in December 2017 to deliver the strategic leadership to support the Territory’s continuing responsibility to people with disability and its investment in the NDIS.

- (2) The Office for Disability provides strategic advice to government and practical implementation to support the inclusion of people with disability as citizens of the ACT. The Office for Disability progresses the objectives of the National Disability Strategy (NDS) and supports the implementation of the NDIS.

Work under the NDS includes equal access to justice for people with disability through the ACT Disability Justice Strategy 2019-29; supporting the implementation of Disability Action and Inclusion Plans across government and community; running the Disability Inclusion Grants to provide increased opportunities for people with disability to participate in community; promoting International Day of People with Disability; recruiting affiliates to the ACT Companion Card program; and supporting the Disability Reference Group, the ACT Inclusion Council and the Chief Minister’s Inclusion Awards.

The Office for Disability leads strategic engagement and policy reform on issues impacting people with disability through inter-jurisdictional working groups and Commonwealth agencies.

The Office for Disability is also responsible for the implementation and delivery of the Integrated Response Program that provides coordination and emergency funding for people with disability with complex needs who are in crisis or emerging crisis.

- (3) The Office for Disability does not collect data in relation to people with disability in the ACT. The Office for Disability does however have access to publicly-available data such as that provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (4) There are currently 14.87 full-time equivalent (15 head count) employed in the Office for Disability.
- (5) The number of Office for Disability staff currently employed and their work classifications are outlined in the following table:

Classification	FTE
CE1.4	1
SOG A	2
SOG C	5.87
ASO6	4
ASO4	1
ASO1	1
	14.87

Of these staff: 14 full time; 1 part time; 10 permanent and 5 temporary officers.

- (6) The Office for Disability has not received any complaints regarding its functions for each of the past four years to the date this question on notice was published.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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