

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 9

5 SEPTEMBER 2025

Question No. 586

**MS FIONA CARRICK MLA:** To ask the Chief Minister

1. What wellbeing data is collected from each district to inform decision making, as was referenced in the Ministerial Statement on Canberra being ranked number one on the Quality Life Index delivered to the Assembly on 25 June.
2. Where can the data referred to in part (1) be found.

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

1. The Quality of Life Index referenced in the Ministerial Statement delivered to the Assembly on 25 June 2025 is provided by Oxford Economics, a global independent economic advisory firm.
2. The Quality of Life Index data is collected by Oxford Economics for Canberra as a whole, not at the district level. The Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2025 report can be accessed via <https://www.oxfordeconomics.com/global-cities-index/#about>.
3. The ACT Wellbeing Framework provides high-level indicator outcomes for Canberra. The indicators in the Framework are informed by measures that use both people's subjective interpretations of quality of life, and data that charts objective progress.
4. Currently, the Wellbeing Dashboard reports on these indicators and measures only using ACT-level data as it utilises many different data sources, most of which only report data at state and territory level. Data on the Dashboard that is sourced from the ABS may be available at different statistical area levels through the ABS website.
5. The ACT Government uses the Wellbeing Framework and a broad range of wellbeing related data to inform Government priorities, policies and investment decisions – including through Budget and Cabinet processes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

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