**17/734 - ACT Government Response to the reports of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse**

**(refers to 18/350 – Civil Law (Wrongs) (Institutional Child Abuse) Amendment Bill 2018)**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The response addresses all recommendations relating to the ACT Government in each of the Royal Commission’s four reports. The response is scheduled for release on 15 June 2018. There are four areas that will inform the future work of the Government in responding to the report; child safe organisations, services for vulnerable children and young people, tailored support through specialist services, and transparent and accountable institutions.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue - neutral and Green - Positive.*

**Social**

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| **Justice and rights** | * Justice and crime: Many of the responses to the Recommendations will help to safeguard all children; including the Government committing to:

 - amending the Working with Vulnerable People Scheme; - expanding the scope of the Reportable Conduct Scheme; - participate in the Commonwealth Government’s Redress Scheme; - consulting on the criminal justice recommendations; - progressing a new National Framework on Child Safety; and - commence regulatory analysis of human services.* Community and individual health: Implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission contributes to appropriately and effectively responding to allegations of child abuse with positive impacts on community and individual health, as it helps prevent child abuse which is traumatic and often leads to adverse outcomes well into adulthood.
* Human rights: Many of the recommendations support the positive protection of the right to life, protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and the protection of children and young people, consistent with sections 9, 10, and 11 of the Human Rights Act.
* Gender; impacts on different age groups; disadvantaged and vulnerable: In its Inquiry, the Royal Commission heard that 63.6 per cent of survivors were male, that 93.8 per cent of survivors were abused by a male, and that more than half of survivors were between 10 and 14 when they were first abused. The Bill helps safeguard all children by requiring organisations to report allegations to ensure they are properly investigated and acted upon.
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**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * The 2018-19 Budget delivered additional funding to the ACT Ombudsman to allow for expansion of the ACT’s Reportable Conduct Scheme.
* The 2018-19 Budget provided the Justice and Community Safety Directorate additional resources to fund ACT Government participation in the Commonwealth Government’s Redress Scheme.
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| **Productivity**  | * No impact
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| **Investment** | * No impact
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| **Competition** | * No impact
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**Environmental**

Nil impact