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APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2026

Dear Ms Forrest

Please find attached the following responses to questions raised in the examination of the following portfolios: Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, and Community and Multicultural Affairs.

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Output Group 3 – Community and Government Service Delivery

Question 1:

Will the Government commit that essential services remain available by phone, paper and in-person channels, not only through websites, apps or QR codes?

Answer:

Service Tasmania has a growing range of digital options, such as myServiceTas, allowing Tasmanians to access a personalised online account for selected government services in one place, 'anytime, anywhere'.

Government is committed to maintaining choice in how to access services, with phone and face-to-face options remaining available.

As digital technologies continue to evolve, they can provide greater choice and convenience for the community. However, some services may not have direct non-digital equivalents.

Government continues to focus on providing services across the community and designing delivery arrangements that best meet community needs.

Output – 3.3 Community Services

Question 3.3.1:

Of all community service funding agreements administered by the Department, what proportion are:

- Less than one year;
- One to three years; and
- Five years or more?

Answer:

The below table details the number of funding agreements administered by DPAC – Community Services for the 2025-26 financial year as of 5 June 2026.

Length	Number of Agreements	Comments
Less than one year	107	The majority are 2025-26 competitive grants program recipients.
One to three years	179	Approximately one-third are 2025-26 competitive grants program recipients.
More than three years but less than five years*	32	
Five years or more	1	A further seven organisations (peak bodies) have been approved to transition to five-year agreements as part of the Longer-Term Funding Agreement Review. These organisations will transition to a five-year agreement as current funding agreements conclude.
Total:	319	

Notes:

* This category has been added to reflect funding agreements more than three years but less than five years.

Question 3.3.2:

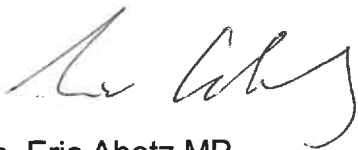
Provide a breakdown of salaries and non-salary items and any other funding separately that make up the departmental costs that are not provided to community services organisations.

Answer:

The below table details forecast figures for 2026-27.

	2026-27 (\$'000)	Comments
Salaries	3,149	This includes staffing costs (salary and superannuation) funded from Appropriation and the Community Support Fund (CSF) for the Gambling Support Program. This includes the three per cent salary increase agreed as part of wage negotiations.
Non-Salaries	128	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overheads (for example, rent, IT and HR); and • Other supplies and consumables (such as travel and staff training).
Total:	3,277	

Yours Sincerely



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