**ACT Multicultural Recognition Act 2022**

**Community Consultation Fact Sheet on Reporting**

**Purpose:**

The draft Multicultural Recognition Act requires ACT Government directorates to report on how they are promoting and implementing the Multicultural Charter.

**What you have already told us:**

In community consultations held in 2021 we received feedback on how and what Canberrans want the ACT Government to report on including the importance of transparent and accountable reporting.

To develop the proposed reporting approach, we also consulted across the ACT Government to identify the best way to ensure meaningful and impactful reporting on outcomes and progress achieved.

**What we heard:**

* Transparent accountability measures are key to ensure the Multicultural Recognition Act has practical application and tangible benefit for the community.
* The Multicultural Recognition Act should embed accountability mechanisms into government practice with regular reporting back to the ACT community.

**The proposed reporting approach:**

The proposed Multicultural Recognition Act commits the ACT Government to a whole-of-government approach to reporting focussed on how we are meeting and delivering on the Multicultural Charter to ensure the ACT continues to grow as an inclusive and welcoming jurisdiction that values and promotes cultural and linguistic diversity.

Proposed consultation and reporting obligations for ACT Government directorates:

1. ACT Government directorates must regularly consult the community on the measures taken, is taking or plans to take to promote and implement the multicultural charter.
2. ACT Government directorates must include in its annual report for a reporting year:
3. measures taken during the reporting year to promote and implement the Multicultural Charter
4. feedback received from the community as part of consultation carried out during the reporting year.

To ensure transparent and accountable reporting a two-tier reporting approach is proposed. The proposed two-tier reporting approach requires ACT Government directorates to:

1. Report against the Multicultural Charter in their Annual Reports
2. The Minister for Multicultural Affairs to deliver an annual Ministerial Statement in the ACT Legislative Assembly on the promotion and implementation of the Multicultural Charter.

Annual reporting enables public scrutiny of the outcomes-based actions each agency adopts and implements, and the Ministerial Statement is an opportunity for Canberrans to hear directly from the Minister on the progress of actions against the Multicultural Charter and to highlight key achievements.

### Questions for consideration

1. **Is reporting on measures to promote and implement the Multicultural Charter a good approach?**
2. **What do you like, or not like, like about this approach?**