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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

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**THE CHAIR:** Minister, how many ACT ACCOs do we have?

**Ms Stephen-Smith:** I do not know if you have got a number off the top of your head, Chris. But, I mean, the main ones that we work with Winnunga Nimmityjah, obviously, Aboriginal Health and Community Services, Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation. They are the sort of two long-standing largest community-controlled organisations. But we are also seeing the emergence of Yeddung Mura, now quite established in the justice space.

Tjillari Justice, I am not sure if they are still really working in the justice space. Yerrabi Yurwang, which is—we mentioned earlier, there is now one organisation that is a care and protection organisation registered, that is Yerrabi. Worldview is also, I think, meeting our criteria to be considered a community-controlled organisation. Sisters in Spirit, Aboriginal Corporation, working particularly with women in the domestic and family violence space.

There is other organisations in the housing space that have a presence here like SEARMS, but I am not sure to the extent to which their presence—you know, they have a substantial presence here at this point. But Mr Simpson might be able to think of others.

**Mr Simpson:** There is also EveryMob, which is a new and emerging organisation, which wants to work in the housing supportive services, and we are supporting them as well. SEARMS has a presence within and wanting to work with the community around opportunities to deliver various

forms of social community housing, and we work with them to understand that and opportunities as well through the Housing Coordinator General.

**Rachel Stephen-Smith:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government is aware of 16 Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations currently operating in the ACT.

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By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith