



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Mr Christopher Simpson, Executive Branch Manager, Aboriginal Service
Development Branch

In relation to: Establishment and Expansion Fund consultation

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Mr Simpson took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: Which ACCOs were consulted in co-designing the fund and its structure?

Mr Simpson: We reached out to – who we are aware of through Aboriginal Service Development, of ACCOs that are within there, and wrote to those. And we also utilised our partners in other directorates who have relationships with community-controlled organisations about developing, designing and their feedback into the AEEF. And as I would say, the 17 community-controlled organisations that we are aware of, we have written to them all. And we also have a newsletter that we write to various community members to advise them about the consultations.

MS BARRY: Okay.

THE CHAIR: How many of the 17 did you hear back from?

Mr Simpson: I would have to take that on notice.

Minister Orr: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Aboriginal Service Development Branch (ASD) within the Community Services Directorate (CSD) works with a range of human service delivery Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), Aboriginal-led entities including sporting organisations, and several key stakeholders who support and are vital to the sustainability of the human services delivery community-controlled sector.

Currently, seventeen of the organisations/entities ASD is aware of, meet, do not wish to meet (sporting organisation), or are working towards meeting the definition of an ACCO outlined at Clause 44 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Sixteen of these organisations were invited to participate in the design of the ACCO Establishment and Expansion Fund (AEEF). The seventeenth organisation is the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm Aboriginal Corporation (NBHFAC). The NBHFAC was not invited to participate as the organisation did not exist at the time the AEEF consultation and engagement activities took place.

Currently, there are twelve ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led human service delivery organisations who meet Clause 44 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. Of these, eight responded to the invitation to participate in the co-development of the AEEF.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Date:

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Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Suzanne Orr MLA