



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 15 November 2023: Ms Akhter took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Construction industry plan.

MS LAWDER: When will you sort of consider the completion of the pilot? Is that at the end of the financial year? What is the timeframe?

Ms Akhter: It is and as the minister mentioned, we would like to convince the decision makers so that we get funding to be able to roll out.

MS LAWDER: You have to convince yourself. Okay, so last year in Annual Report Hearings we talked about a tenderer for a grant or contract which went to the CFMEU to encourage more women in the construction industry and you said last year in the answer to a question that the resources resulting from the research and the industry engagement will be made publicly available on completion of this project. Have they been made publicly available and where might I find them?

Ms Berry: This is the—

Ms Akhter: So that evaluation report we have received—sorry, not evaluation. That report we have received and we are considering it. The minister has not seen it yet, so we are still looking at it and looking at how we can deliver on all the recommendations provided.

MS LAWDER: So when was the technical completion of the project? Was that the end of the financial year just finished or—

Ms Akhter: I have to double check that.

MS LAWDER: And do you know when those reports will be publicly available?

Ms Akhter: When we will be able to provide that to the minister and then a decision will be made.

Ms Berry: If I have it before Annual Report Hearings are completed, I will provide it to the committee.

Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Industry Coordination CFMEU project term was originally 12 months from June 2021. The project was delayed by 12 months due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of the hearing, I had not received the Industry Coordination Project report. However, it is now published, found here: <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/resources>.

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By the Minister for Women, Ms Yvette Berry MLA.