



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Seniors and Veterans

In relation to: Seniors and Veterans and Ministerial Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs submission

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Ms Conway: The only other thing I would probably add linked to the royal commission work is that the advisory council did lodge a submission to the Department of Veterans Affairs in relation to the establishment of the national peak body for the ESO sector, and they did some quite significant consultation and conversations within their networks to inform what they felt a model for a peak body could look like. Obviously, they then provide that information and advice to the minister, and while DVA is leading that work, we are very keen to ensure that the voices of the ACT community—

MR HANSON: Has DVA reached out to ask about that, have they?

Ms Orr: So the ministerial council, I think there was a public consultation, and the ministerial council submitted to the consultation, so it was not an ACT government submission; it was the council.

MR HANSON: These are federal being led by DVA, was it?

Ms Conway: That is correct.

Ms Orr: The federal consultation, yes. Federal consultation, so the ministerial council, I think it is fair to say, had some fairly strong views. They wanted to provide their feedback and so as the council they—

MR HANSON: Do you know what their views were? Can you express those?

Ms Orr: It was given to me as a—what we might do, Mr Hanson, is I might see if the council is happy to provide the information because, again, it was not a government position; it was the council providing their input as members and representatives of their community. So we will take it on notice as to what we can come back with.

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Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A copy of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families' submission lodged to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in relation to the Establishment of a National Peak Body for Ex-Service Organisations is available on the [ACT Government website](#).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Seniors and Veterans, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

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