



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to working in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

One of the priorities listed in Budget Statement G is to 'work in partnership with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body and ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to address local priorities' (p. 1). Does working in partnership with the community involve working with organisations, with individuals, or some combination of both?

- a. Who makes the determination, and how is the determination made?
- b. Which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations has the CSD worked in partnership with over 2019–20?
- c. How has the CSD worked in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community over 2019–20 outside of community organisations?

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

The ACT Government works in partnership with a range of organisations and individuals representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

- a. The ACT Government, organisations and individuals determine the relationship that is appropriate to their circumstances and the matters under consideration. In some cases, organisations are engaged with CSD to provide contracted services.
- b. CSD has worked with the following community and Aboriginal controlled organisations:
 - Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation
 - Yeddung Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation
 - Winnunga Nimmitjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services
 - United Ngunnawal Elders Council
 - Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)
 - Curijo
- c. In 2019–20 CSD worked in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community outside of community organisations through committees, councils, advisory groups and broad community engagement sessions open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in



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the ACT and surrounding region. The Our Booris Our Way Oversight Committee and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Co-design Network are two examples of how CSD has worked in partnership.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

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