



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA:

Reference: Parliamentary Agreement – Page 9 B 7

In relation to: Indigenous CHP

- (1) How is the Government progressing with setting up an indigenous-run CHP?
- (2) What is the expected completion date for this?
- (3) Can you please provide an update on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Home?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Community Services Directorate has two identified positions within Housing ACT to progress the work under this Parliamentary and Governing Agreement commitment.

These officers are working with Curijo, a local Aboriginal consulting group, to develop a Community Participation Approach and accompanying Implementation Framework, to enable culturally safe co-design service principles to be incorporated into housing policy. To date, these officers have consulted with a number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, regional and jurisdictional housing organisations, community members, tenants, and relevant agencies.

Feedback from these consultations along with the Community Participation Approach and Implementation Framework will inform future planning with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community about building and service/program requirements for an ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing organisation.

2. The Community Services Directorate is on track to have the required information ready for Government by 30 June 2024.

3. Under the ACT Housing Strategy, the ACT Government committed to working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body to expand the range of culturally appropriate housing options for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The ACT Government delivered on this commitment through three dedicated, long-term public housing developments for older members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community:

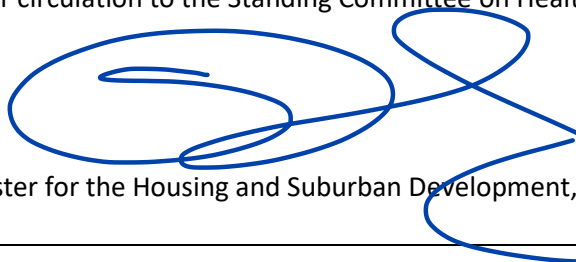
- *Mura Gunya*, meaning “Pathway to home” opened in Kambah in 2016;
- *Gundji Gindilan*, meaning “Joyful home” opened in Lyons in 2020; and
- *Ningulangu*, meaning “Belonging to: home, place” opened in Dickson in 2022.

These developments provide 15 homes that are age and culturally appropriate for our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, allowing tenants to maintain connection to their family, community, and culture.

The property designs include native grasses, shrubs, and trees to provides a strong connection to the local landscape, and are located close to shops, public transport, health services, and community facilities.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

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Date:

13/12/22

By the Minister for the Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA