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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**16 November 2017**

Asked by MR PETTERSON:

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre utilisation in 2016-17

What are the different ways that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre was utilised in the 2016-17 period.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs manages bookings for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre. In 2016-17 there were 112 bookings made for a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, Commonwealth and ACT Government agencies, community organisations and individuals.

The purpose for which the Centre is booked is not retained by the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. However, examples of events include the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum Community Celebration hosted by the Canberra and District NAIDOC Aboriginal Corporation, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mabo High Court Decision hosted by the ACT Torres Strait Islander Corporation, quarterly community markets and community meetings on topical issues.

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



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**MR PETERSSON:** Thank you. I was hoping some could tell me about all the different ways that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre was utilised in the '16-17 period.

**Ms Forester:** The cultural centre gets utilised for various different things. It will get used for meetings and conferences, it also gets used for events like markets, information days, those sort of things. We still do have the two tenants at the cultural Centre, the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre is a tenant out there as well as the gallery out there, Burrunjju, which is a tenant out there.

The centre also is available for private events and from time to time various members of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and non-Aboriginal community will book the cultural centre for those sorts of events. Both government, community and GO sector will use the cultural centre for varying purposes.

We do not have the exact breakdown for the last financial year on what types of events, how many with us today but we can provide that to you if you would be interested in that information.

**MR PETERSSON:** Yes, that would be nice. Thank you.