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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MRS ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Human Rights

Ref: Budget Outlook, pp. 72, 320

Hearing Date: 25/07/2023

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner

- (1) This budget provides \$705,000 in 2023-24 for accommodation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner. Is this funding for rent, for fit-out of government -owned office space, and/or for something else?
- (a) If for rent, why is funding not provided for accommodation over the forward estimates?
- (b) If for fit-out of an office space, where is this office space located?
- (2) By what date will accommodation be ready for occupation by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner and staff?
- (3) On what date was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner position first advertised?
- (4) How many times (if more than once) has this position been advertised?
- (5) When applications for this position closed on 31 July 2023, how many people had applied a) during this round and b) during any previous rounds?
- (6) Expressed in FTE, what staffing allowance/funding will be available to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner upon commencement?

TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) This budget provides \$705,000 in 2023-24 for accommodation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner. Is this funding for rent, for fit-out of government -owned office space, and/or for something else?**

In the 2023-24 Budget \$705,000 in capital funding has been allocated for fit out of new office space for the Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner.

- (a) If for rent, why is funding not provided for accommodation over the forward estimates?**

Recurrent funding of \$449,000 over four years is provided for leasing costs of office space for the Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner as shown on Page 29 of 2023-24 Budget Statement D.

(b) If for fit-out of an office space, where is this office space located?

The office location has not yet been finalised. Options for the location of the Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner are still being explored.

(2) By what date will accommodation be ready for occupation by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner and staff?

As the office location has not yet been finalised there is no set date.

If the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner's permanent office is not available when they commence in the role, the Commissioner and their staff will likely work from temporary premises at the Canberra Nara Centre on Constitution Avenue.

(3) On what date was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner position first advertised?

The position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner was first advertised on 27 June 2023.

(4) How many times (if more than once) has this position been advertised?

The position has been advertised on multiple dates and platforms, in support of a single recruitment round.

(5) When applications for this position closed on 31 July 2023, how many people had applied
a) during this round and

The recruitment process is ongoing.

As at 31 July 2023, sixteen applications had been received.

b) during any previous rounds?

There were no previous rounds.

(6) Expressed in FTE, what staffing allowance/funding will be available to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner upon commencement?

4 FTE (additional to funding for the Commissioner role).

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:



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By the Acting Minister for Human Rights, Emma Davidson MLA