



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Suzanne Orr MLA

Reference: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs - resource allocations
2024/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 12 February 2025

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs - resource allocations 2024

Question received: 19 February 2025

Answer Due: 26 February 2025

I am interested in the staffing and budget of the Aboriginal Service Development team in CSD and the ACT Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

1. Can you please provide the following for the calendar year 2024:
 - a) The total expenditure on staffing
 - b) The total expenditure on travel and staff training
 - c) A breakdown of the classifications and number of staff
 - d) The total value of all grants to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders administered by CSD
2. Can you also advise whether there will be any changes to these resource allocations for 2025? If so, can you advise the purpose for the change?

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

- a. and b. The total expenditure for staffing, travel and staff training are outlined in the below table for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024:

	Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Aboriginal Service Delivery	Total
Expenditure on Staffing	2,885,171.62	1,515,344.41	4,400,516.03
Expenditure on travel	22,092.90	31,121.58	53,214.48
Expenditure on staff training	51,713.82	14,273.22	65,987.04
Total	2,958,978.34	1,560,739.21	4,519,717.55

- c. Staffing levels for Aboriginal Service Development and the ACT Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs as at 30 June 2024:

Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	
Classification	Number of Staff
ASO4	1
ASO5	1
ASO6	2
SOC	7
SOB	1
SOA	3
CE	1
Total	16

Aboriginal Service Development	
Classification	Number of Staff
ASO3	1
ASO4	1
SOC	2
SOB	3
SOA	2
CE	1
Total	10

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- d. Grants administered by the Directorate are not readily available in calendar year format. A list of Grants for the 2023-24 financial year are listed below.

Recipient	Project Purpose/Program Purpose/Description	Term of Grant (if applicable)	Amount \$
2022-23 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GRANTS PROGRAM (PAID IN 2023-24)			
Individual	Scholarship Grant – course fees to support and Advance Diploma of Leadership and Management	12 months	\$2,950.00
Weston Creek Woden Basketball Club Inc	Cultural Grant – WCW Dodgers Ngunnawal Dreaming Project	12 months	\$10,000.00
2024 RECONCILIATION DAY GRANTS PROGRAM			
Communities at Work Taylor Childcare and Education Centre	Harmony Canvas: A mural of Unity and Cultural Celebration	12 months	\$5,000.00
Chifley Preschool Parents Association Inc	Wiradjuri Echoes Cultural Learning Workshops	12 months	\$1,925.00
ACT Softball Association Incorporated	Community Healing Slow Pitch Carnival	12 months	\$5,000.00
Celebration of African Australians Inc	To assist with a Reconciliation Day Event 'Afro-Aboriginal Cultural Fusion'	12 months	\$5,000.00
YWCA Canberra	Australia Has a Black History – Information Packs for Refugees and Asylum Seekers	12 months	\$5,000.00
Koala Playschool Incorporated	Stories of Country – A Mural Project	12 months	\$2,500.00
Rebels Netball auspiced by TP Built Pty Ltd	Rebels Netball – Reconciliation Round Sportswear	12 months	\$3,218.00
Music for Canberra Incorporated	Acknowledgment Workshop	12 months	\$2,550.00
Beseda Czechoslovak Australian Association of Canberra Inc	Empathy Enrichment Initiative Project, a cultural art workshop	12 months	\$1,850.00

HEALING AND RECONCILIATION GRANT PROGRAM			
Yeddung Mura Aboriginal Corporation	Yeddung Mura's Holistic Healing Workshop	12 months	\$10,000.00
whISPers Softball – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	whISPers Women's Wellness Workshop	12 months	\$10,000.00
Canberra & District NAIDOC Corporation	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Showcase	12 months	\$10,000.00
Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health & Community Services LTD	Coloured Stone performance reconciliation	12 months	\$10,000.00
Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health & Community Services LTD	National Sorry Day Bridge Walk	12 months	\$5,000.00
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Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language Aboriginal Corporation	Ngunnawal Language Revival	12 months	\$179,033.00

The Directorate also administers grants through the Homelessness Sector, a breakdown of these grants are below.

Recipient	Project Purpose/Program Purpose/Description	Term of Grant (if applicable)	Amount \$
Gugan Gulwan Youth Corporation	Specialist support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth	12 months	\$101,389.00
Toora women – Indigenous program	Support services and/or Tenancy/Property Management for Indigenous families in all their diversity, who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness	12 months	\$483,928.56

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Toora women – Indigenous boarding house	Support services and/or Tenancy/Property Management for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals/families who require temporary accommodation	12 months	\$402,058.59
ACTCOSS - Gulunga	Employment services to improve the cultural competence of services and systemic responses to support the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers	12 months	\$156,173.74
Winnunga – Specialist Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients	Housing liaison support and home maintenance	12 months	\$330,220.89

2. There are no anticipated changes to the staffing resource allocations for the 2025 calendar year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Date:

25/02/25

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Suzanne Orr MLA