



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Multicultural Affairs

In relation to: NAATI services

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THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Braddock. I just wanted to go back to translating and interpretation services. I understand the ACT government, along with the commonwealth and other state and territory governments, has an ownership stake in NAATI, the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters. Is that your understanding as well?

Ms Bogiatzis: Not to my knowledge, but I would have to find out about that, yes. It is not a contract that we manage in Multicultural ACT.

THE CHAIR: No, I do not understand it is a contract arrangement so much as a public trading—a company that is owned by all governments cooperatively, sometimes as this is the case with different authorities.

Mr Pettersson: What was the name of it again?

THE CHAIR: NAATI.

MS BARRY: NAATI interpreting services.

THE CHAIR: The National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters.

Mr Pettersson: Yes, I think we will just have to take this line of questioning on notice, I think.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Their website indicates that: Translating and interpreting services in Australia are governed by the multicultural, settlement, language and/or citizenship affairs ministry in each of the commonwealth, state and territory governments. So I am trying to square this statement with earlier remarks indicating that translating and interpreting services are not an ACT government responsibility.

Ms Bogiatzis: I think I would refer to—we need to find out a bit more.

Ms Sabellico: So we can include other aspects in any response you need about it. Like, we can find out about whether or not ACT government has any relationship, and then if that statement is in fact then true for the ACT.

THE CHAIR: Okay, so perhaps some information on the extent of the ACT government's responsibilities.

Ms Bogiatzis: Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.

THE CHAIR: Compared to the commonwealth responsibilities, what the division is. And I do not imagine this would sit somewhere else if not within the Multicultural Affairs portfolio. I do not need to ask him.

Ms Bogiatzis: Yes, I just do not have that information so I do not want to say anything incorrect.

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

All Australian State and Territory Governments, and the Commonwealth Government are members of [The National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters \(NAATI\)](#). The ACT's membership role is exercised through a nominated Health and Community Services Directorate official.

NAATI's members are joint owners, and are supported by a Board of Directors. The Board in turn appoints a Chief Executive Officer to lead NAATI's day-to-day operations.

NAATI's key mission is to set and maintain national standards for the translating and interpreting sector. It provides a regulatory function in providing certification to translators and interpreters in Australia. It is not responsible for providing translation services to the community, or training individual interpreters or translators.

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By the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA