



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: MR THOMAS EMERSON MLA

Addressed to: Mr Russ Campbell, Acting Under Treasurer, Treasury, CMTEDD

In relation to: ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AGREEMENT

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Mr Mitch Pirie took on notice the following question:

Mr Emerson: Okay. Would you perhaps be able to take on notice the proportion of successful budget proposals where that box was essentially or was effectively ticked?

Mr Campbell: That might get into cabinet decision making.

Mr Pirie: We might have to take that on notice and see what is available.

MR CHRIS STEEL MLA, TREASURER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

It is a standard requirement that all business cases and Wellbeing Impact Assessments assess whether there are specific impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, if so, what that impact is. Cabinet submissions, business cases and Wellbeing Impact Assessments are also required to indicate whether and how the proposal aligns with the Priority Reforms under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Releasing details on business cases, including the number of proposals that are assessed as having an impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the budget process would breach Cabinet decision-making processes. Business cases and materials prepared to support consideration of business cases as part of the Budget process are deliberative materials and treated as Cabinet in Confidence.



Details regarding proposals funded through the 2024-25 Budget can be found in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Budget Statement 2024-25¹.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:

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By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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¹ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Budget Statement:

https://www.treasury.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/2513489/Budget-2024-25-ATSI-Statement.pdf