



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Multicultural Affairs

In relation to: Multiculturalism Act 2023 and HCSD reporting

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MR BRADDOCK: So can I assume by the fact that the community services directorate, by the lack of its reporting, has done nothing beyond the Office of Multicultural Affairs in terms of meeting that positive duty? Because there is nothing reported in the rest of Community Services Directorate beyond what your office does.

Mr Pettersson: Positive duty applies across the service. I am not sure if it is the Office of Multicultural Affairs duty to ensure that the service is complying. That responsibility rests with them.

MR BRADDOCK: Minister, under the Act, the Director-General of the administrative unit must report against their obligations. And that is why I am asking the question in terms of the actions of the office, but we have nothing from the administrative unit here.

Ms Bogiatzis: I am happy to take on notice how we understand other directorates are delivering on their obligations under the Act.

MR BRADDOCK: This is not just other directorates; this is your directorate as a whole beyond just your office. Can I just ask some clarifying questions as well?

THE CHAIR: Do you want that taken on notice, Mr Braddock.

MR BRADDOCK: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I would.

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

Each ACT Government directorate is required to report on their obligations under the *Multiculturalism Act 2023* in their annual report. A link to all the annual reports can be found [here](#).

Page 181 of the [Community Services Directorate Annual Report 2024-25](#) details the activities the directorate undertakes to meet its obligations under the *Multiculturalism Act 2023*.

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By the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA