



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to: New and Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Organisations Program

The New and Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Organisations (NEO) Program provided \$15,000 in funds to two recipients in 2019-20 (Annual Report, p. 78). Who received these funds, and are they new or emerging organisations?

- a. In each case, what were the funds intended for?
- b. How many new and emerging organisations applied for funding through this program in 2019-2020?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The two organisations which received funding from the 2019-20 New and Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Controlled Organisations (NEO) Program funds were Tjillari Justice Aboriginal Corporation; and Yeddung Mura Aboriginal Corporation. Both organisations met the eligibility criteria as new and emerging organisations, in line with the Grant Guidelines.

These organisations were assessed during the 2018-19 assessment period and both demonstrated that they would deliver services to support much needed programs in the community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The organisations received \$40,000 in total: \$25,000 from 2018-2019 program and the remaining \$15,000 from the 2019-20.

- a) The Funds were intended for start up costs related to establishing a new and emerging organisation, inline with the Grant Guidelines.
- b) There was no process for NEO program funding in 2019-2020 as the funding had been committed as noted above.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA