



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA**:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and Supporting the Development of Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)

In January 2023, the CSD 'established the Aboriginal Service Development Branch (ASD)' to support 'the development and enhancement of current, emerging, and new ACCOs' (p. 193).

1. How many current ACCOs has the ASD worked with? (Please name them if possible.)
2. How many emerging ACCOs has the ASD worked with? (Please name them if possible.)
3. How many new ACCOs has the ASD worked with? (Please name them if possible.)
4. During the hearing, it was mentioned that Gugan Gulwan is delivering an intensive family support program pilot right now, funded with \$700,000, and has discussed providing youth justice and/or child protection services. What is this pilot program, when did it begin, and when will it end?

Minister Stephen-Smith: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1.-3. The Aboriginal Service Development Branch has worked with 14 new and established ACCOs, and no emerging ACCOs since its inception in January 2023. For the purpose of this response, "new" is considered to be unregistered or registered for less than two years; and "established" is considered to be registered for more than five years. However, the Community Services Directorate would generally be guided by the views of organisations themselves in how their level of organisational maturity is described, in line with the principle of self-determination. The following table lists the name and status of each organisation:

Service Provider	ACCO Status
Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation	Established
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services	Established
Yerrabi Yurwang Child & Family Aboriginal Corporation	Established

Yeddung Mura	Established
Tjillari Justice Aboriginal Corporation	Established
Worldview	Established
SEARMS	Established
Thirrili	Established
Whispers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Softball	Established
Aboriginal Legal Service	Established
Sisters In Spirit Aboriginal Corporation	Established
Mental Health for Mob	Established
Clybucca Dreaming	New
EveryMob	New

4. The Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation' Intensive Family Support Program has been funded from 30 June 2023 until 30 June 2024 under *Next Steps for Our Kids 2022-2030*, noting that the Community Services Directorate is currently commissioning family support and out of home care services to commence in 2024.

The objective of the program is to provide early diversionary support through culturally informed reciprocal feedback loops and embedding Gugan Gulwan's Program Logic as the Key Performance Indicator deliverable. This aligns with Priority Reforms 1, 2 and 3 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

The Intensive Family Support Program is geared around:

- Multiple practice elements such as providing holistic family care, opportunity for family led decision making and goal setting;
- Being child-centred, while addressing the needs of the family as a whole;
- Being strengths-based and trauma responsive;
- Supporting goal setting and providing case management support; and
- Providing group work activities based on the principle of self-determination.

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