



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Ref: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Budget Statement G, p. 2, output class CSD 3.1 Strategic Policy

In relation to: support for the Our Booris Our Way Oversight Implementation Group

1. In the hearing, the minister stated that a secretariat support position for the group is still under recruitment.
 - a. How is secretariat support being provided in the meantime?
 - b. What is the funding for the secretariat support position?
2. How long did the group go without secretariat support after its formation/transition?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1.
 - a) The Community Services Directorate is currently working with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment Agency to advertise and recruit to a number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified positions. This includes a Senior Officer Grade A and a Senior Officer Grade C, to provide Secretariat support to the Our Booris Our Way Implementation Oversight Committee.

The Community Services Directorate has allocated a Senior Officer Grade A to provide the Secretariat support to the Implementation Oversight Committee. This position was established at the commencement of the Oversight Committee in June 2020 and is supported by other CSD staff as appropriate. A Support Officer role has also been in place to support the Senior Officer in fulfilling secretariat responsibilities.

- b) The 2020-21 Budget allocated \$1.3 million over four years for a Senior Office Grade A and a Senior Officer Grade C to provide Secretariat support to the Implementation Oversight Committee.
2. The Our Booris Our Way Implementation Oversight Committee has been supported continuously since its establishment.

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