



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Michael Pettersson MLA

Reference: Aboriginal Affairs - out of home care/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 18 February 2025

In relation to: Aboriginal Affairs - out of home care

Question received: 24 February 2025

Answer Due: 3 March 2025

1. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are employed in the out-of-home care area in the community sector?
2. Narrabundah House provides supported accommodation for First Nations boys. What equivalent program is in place for First Nations girls?

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

1. In partnering with our Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO) and the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) sectors, the Community Services Directorate (CSD) does not request diversity employment statistics as part of its contractual arrangements. Seeking this information from the ACCO and NGO sector would increase the administrative burden on organisations.

Please refer to QTON-25/27 for further information.

2. Whilst Narrabundah House prioritises First Nations young men, it is also available for the referral and placement of First Nations young women if appropriate. If there is no capacity at Narrabundah House for a First Nations young woman, alternative placement arrangements will be supported through Franklin House or another service provider as needed. This consideration is due to the majority of referrals and community-based orders being for males.

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Signature: 

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Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Michael Pettersson MLA