



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Multicultural Affairs

In relation to: Translating and Interpreting services and Employment

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THE CHAIR: So does the ACT government, separate to that, directly employ any interpreters or translators?

Ms Bogiatzis: Not that I am—

Ms Sabellico: We would have to take that on notice.

THE CHAIR: Yes, employees or contractors?

Ms Sabellico: Yes.

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

All Canberrans have access to the Translating and Interpreting Service ([TIS National](#)) provided by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

The Health and Community Services Directorate employs an AUSLAN interpreter but otherwise does not directly employ interpreters and translators. The Directorate does not track the recruitment practices of other directorates.

In addition to TIS National, members of the public can also access the [National Relay Service](#).

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

