



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Reference: HCSD

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In relation to: Ministerial Advisory Council for Multiculturalism (MACM)

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Answer Due: 27 November 2025

Under the *Multiculturalism Act*, the government hosted the inaugural community consultation forum with Ministerial Advisory Council for Multiculturalism in 2024-25.

1. What were the key issues or recommendations raised through these consultations, and how is the Minister incorporating this community feedback into policy or program improvements?

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

1. The inaugural community consultation forum was held in August 2024. The consultation highlighted the need for clear government communication, accessible information, and regular engagement opportunities. Participants also raised concerns about culturally appropriate domestic and family violence support, noted migrant and refugee settlement challenges, and the need to strengthen social cohesion.

Feedback informed the development of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Multiculturalism (MACM) work plan, with MACM providing advice to the ACT Government to guide policy and program development.

Feedback was also shared across government to areas with relevant policy responsibility, to ensure the perspectives of multicultural communities is informing government policy development.

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By the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA