



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Ms Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner

In relation to: Narrabundah House

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Commissioner Turnbull-Roberts took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: I have a question along those lines. So I am wondering when you last visited Narrabundah House, whether you saw any need for change there?

Ms Turnbull Roberts: Do you mind if I take that question on notice? Thank you.

Commissioner Turnbull-Roberts: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

My office has visited Narrabundah house on one occasion. We visit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people at the youth prison in the ACT on a weekly basis and in that context have talked with these young people about their experiences in various placements including Narrabundah House.

I am concerned that while Narrabundah House is intended as a placement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men there is a lack of cultural safety and care in these premises, as there are no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander staff or management within these premises. It is not clear what cultural programs or services are in place for young people residing there.

I have provided views to the review of Narrabundah House and Franklin House being conducted by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Children Youth and Families.

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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature: *Vturnbull-roberts*

Date:05/03/2025

By the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner