



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

In relation to: Yerrabi Yurwang Program

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MS BARRY: I just have a question around housing. It is very exciting to see that Yerrabi Yurwang, the 20 homes pilot. I just wanted to find out a bit more about that program, including who is on it, how were they selected, and then I have a few more questions? So this is the Yerrabi Yurwang Housing Program addressing homelessness.

Ms Sabellico: So like absolutely, there is a program with Yerrabi Yurwang, but the details of that would sit with our housing assistance colleagues, who have responsibility for the program. Our Aboriginal Service Development Unit and the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs provide advice and support and leadership around what this needs to look like from a implementation of the priority reforms under Closing the Gap, to ensure that we are in fact looking at how we build and strengthen for Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations. But the detail around that program, in terms of the delivery, would sit with our housing assisting colleagues.

Ms Arthy: We can take any questions on notice and put it to that team. So I believe that team has already appeared.

MS BARRY: Already, yes.

Ms Arthy: But we can certainly follow up.

MS BARRY: Yes, thank you. And did you receive any advice on— sorry, I will give you question. Sorry. Who was on it? How were they selected? How are you ensuring diversity of views are represented across relevant stakeholders that were included? How is the advice provided to government? What advice are they providing to you? And can the advice be provided to the Assembly?

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Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

I am advised by the relevant area of the Health and Community Services Directorate that:

1. Yerrabi Yurwang Child and Family Aboriginal Corporation are contracted to provide Tenancy and Property Management and Tenancy Support Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.
2. Yerrabi Yurwang Child and Family Aboriginal Corporation were selected following an open tender process that was released on 6 March 2024.
3. The program is focussed on front line service delivery to those experiencing or a risk of experiencing homelessness. Consistent with a self-determined approach, referrals are received primarily through Community and supported as relevant by the Central Intake Service.
4. The program is focussed on front line service delivery to those experiencing or a risk of experiencing homelessness. The program is not designed to provide advice to government.
5. Yerrabi are not contracted to provide advice to government.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Suzanne Orr MLA