



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by **MR JOHNATHAN DAVIS** on 2 November 2022: MS CATHERINE RULE took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: detail on Reconciliation Day activities:

THE CHAIR: Is there any detail on the types of activities undertaken?

MS RULE: We have not got the next tier of details down, we can take that on notice and provide a description of those grants for you.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

A range of funded activities were undertaken to mark Reconciliation Day 2022, including:

- Yeddung Mura celebrated the accomplishment of First Nations and non-Indigenous workers and volunteers to build the community, through an event that acknowledged the successes of the program and the clients who achieved their goals.
- Bangladeshi Seniors Club ACT Inc held an event to promote Reconciliation at the Canberra Islamic Centre (CIC), Monash. The program included a discussion session and cultural performances where both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives and members from Bangladeshi Seniors Club participated. Dr Wayne Applebee of Narragunnawali Aboriginal Corporation and Mr Chaydin Reid of Maluerindi represented the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander community. The program started with a smoking ceremony conducted by Dr Applebee followed by an interactive lively discussion session and cultural performances including Didgeridoo by Mr Reid. The program ended with sharing traditional Bangladeshi food.
- YWCA Canberra's Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre (MLYCC) hosted a Reconciliation Event for the local community. Grace Currey led a mural art workshop in the youth hub. During the morning MLYCC hosted several local Early Childhood organisations to mark Reconciliation Day. Larry Brandy, Wiradjuri Elder, told stories to 35 pre-schoolers, involving the children in dance and by turning them into kangaroos,

emus, and hunters with masks and other real artefacts. In the afternoon, the Youth Engagement team hosted two workshops (weaving and Aboriginal plant use) for young people to participate in.

The full list of Reconciliation Grant recipients for 2022 is available at <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/atsia/grants/2022-reconciliation-day-grant-recipients>.

These grant-funded activities are additional to the flagship Reconciliation Day event, which is funded by the ACT Government.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:



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By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA