



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

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Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: LGBTIQ+ (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advisory Group)

Question received: 14 November 2025

Answer Due: 2 December 2025

1. What engagement has the minister had with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Project Design Community Advisory Group?
2. Are the members of this group remunerated?
3. What engagement did the Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs make with LGBTIQ+ and First Nations communities in forming this group and determining its composition?
4. What resources has the group been given to draft the issues and recommendations paper?
5. Is there a timeline on the issues and recommendations paper?

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

1. I met with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Peoples Project Design Community Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) in August 2025 after assuming responsibility for the LGBTIQ+ Affairs portfolio. The meeting provided an opportunity to understand the priorities of the Advisory Group. I expect to meet with the whole Advisory Group in the near future.
2. Members of the Advisory Group are remunerated.
3. The Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs consulted with a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ stakeholders and ACT Government staff with specialist knowledge and lived experience prior to establishing the Advisory Group.

The Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs invited staff members from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and the Cultural Transformation Branch to support the Advisory Groups' recruitment and assessment process.

The application process was inclusive and accessible. For example, to support accessibility, verbal applications were accepted.

Members are remunerated to acknowledge their expertise. The directorate provides secretariat support to the Advisory Group and when meeting in person, has supported members to cover the costs of transport to support their attendance.

4. The group has been resourced with secretariat support from the directorate, a venue for meetings, catering, and transport support (when required) to enable in person meeting attendance. An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ consultant has also been engaged to facilitate the meetings of the Advisory Group. Personalised adjustments have also been accommodated to support members with accessibility needs to participate in the Advisory Group.
5. The Advisory Group are working to finalise their report this financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Date: 30/11/25

By the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA