



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: The Acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
Commissioner

In relation to: Budget Allocation

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Ms Barbara Causon took on notice the following question(s):

MR COCKS: Four team members, plus yourself. Okay. And can you tell me, what is the appropriation for that team and yourself, for your office?

Ms Causon: It is about \$1.2-something million. I can get you the exact amount.

MR COCKS: Well, yes. Perhaps on notice maybe you can give us some numbers for recurrent funding, staffing, accommodation and any one-off capital.

Ms Causon: Yes, I can do that.

Ms Barbara Causon: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The budget allocation for the Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner for 2026-27 is \$1.279m. This is made up of employee expenses of \$0.985m (5 staff including the Commissioner) and supplies and services of \$0.294m.

As these amounts are relatively small, they are incorporated into the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's base funding and are not separately identified in the budget papers.

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The Commissioner's office also has a capital allocation for office accommodation of \$0.6m that was reprofiled from 2025-26.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature: *B. Causon*

Date: 10/08/2026

Barbara Causon, Acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner