



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to: a new facility for Gugan Gulwan

In hearings, Ms Charles stated that assessment of potential architects for this project had concluded, with the expectation that a contract would be signed the following week. Can the minister please provide an update on this process?

- a. On what date was Gugan Gulwan notified of this decision?
- b. In hearings, the minister stated that Gugan Gulwan has funding for a staff member to work with the directorate on design. How much is the funding, and what is its source?
- c. How frequently does the directorate engage with this staff member?
- d. The minister stated in Question Time that 'Gugan will be in the driver's seat to shape their building to their needs' (3 Dec. 2020). How exactly has Gugan Gulwan directed the design process through to the signing of a contract?
- e. How does the contract with the architecture firm guarantee that Gugan Gulwan 'will be in the driver's seat' in designing this building?

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The contract has been awarded and executed by the preferred consultant, Cox Architecture, and the Territory. The project initiation meeting is currently being organised. The project initiation meeting will include representation from Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, their nominated project manager and any other Gugan Gulwan Board Members they nominate to participate. A Project Control Group who will provide oversight of the project will have representatives from Gugan Gulwan a part of the membership.

- a) In accordance with the Government Procurement Act 2001 and Government Procurement Regulation 2007, Gugan Gulwan has been notified on 31 March 2021 of the outcome of tender evaluation following the approval of the Tender Evaluation Report and the contract awarded.



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- b) Under the 2020-21 Supply Bill, a total of \$143,000 was provided to support the design and planning of suitable accommodation. Of the total, \$54,400 was allocated for project management support for Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation. A summary of Budget funding is set out below.
- c) Community Services Directorate is supporting Gugan Gulwan to secure project management support. CSD has met with the specialist consultant (nominated/identified by Gugan Gulwan) twice and once together with Gugan Gulwan staff.
- d) Discussions with Gugan Gulwan commenced in 2019 about shaping the scope of the feasibility study which translated in the options put forward by Gugan Gulwan being further investigated through the Feasibility Study. The contracted provider, Jones Lang LaSelle (JLL) met with Gugan at least 3 times to complete the Study. CSD also met with Gugan a number of times which current and future accommodation issues may have been discussed. Once the Feasibility Study concluded, CSD representatives and JLL presented the outcomes of the Study to the Gugan Gulwan Board and another time to the Gugan Gulwan CEO. The Gugan Gulwan Board advised CSD of their preferred option (knock down and rebuild at their current site) and upon receiving the 2020-21 Supply Bill funding, CSD and Major Projects worked with Gugan Gulwan to develop key criteria required by the contractor to work with Gugan Gulwan that complemented the technical outcomes of the Tender, the Concept Design and Cost Plan as the first phase of a construction project.
- e) Under the contract (Consultancy Agreement) Cox Architecture is required to engage with Gugan Gulwan at the commencement of the project (Project Initiation meeting) and throughout the project as part of the Project Control Group. Cox Architecture is also required to deliver the Project Brief which was attached to the Request for Tender, Section 3.2 Scope of Work and Deliverables stated: "The successful tenderer is instructed to:
- Conduct and chair a community workshop as required including the Gugan Gulwan Board and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community people.
 - Consider the Gugan Gulwan Corporation's objectives that are required to operate the building facility".

Deliver a purpose-built facility with the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation to better deliver essential services

(August 2020 Economic Fiscal Update, page 99 and 2020-21 Budget Paper 3, page 80 (online) page 78 (print))

	2020-21 (\$000)	2021-22 (\$000)	Total (\$000)
Supply	143		143
Budget (Capital)	175	250	425
Total	318	250	568



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