



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Ref: Budget Statement G, p.26: output class 1.3 (Community Services Directorate)

In relation to: Healing and Reconciliation fund

1. It was stated in hearings that recruitment of staff for the governance of the fund was delayed but is now in process. Can the minister please provide the following information:
 - a. How many FTE staff will be employed in relation to the fund?
 - b. What will be their various responsibilities?
 - c. When is the recruitment process expected to be complete, and when will staff commence employment?
 - d. What are the conditions of employment? For example, does one need to have a traditional connection to the ACT?

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

1. a) 2.0 FTE across two years – a Senior Officer Grade C (SOGC) and an Administrative Service Officer Grade 6 (ASO6).
 - b) The responsibility of the FTE is to establish a governance framework and implement local initiatives including policy and program work.
 - c) The SOGC has been engaged and a recruitment is underway to fill the ASO6.
 - d) The positions are designated positions in accordance with section 42, Discrimination Act 1991 and only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants do not need to have a traditional connection to the ACT.

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Signature:

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