



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

Reference: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Annual Report 2024-25

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: First Nations Rainbow/Queer communities

Question received: 14 November 2025

Answer Due: 2 December 2025

The annual report sections relating to the Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs seemed to have a very welcome focus on First Nations members of rainbow-queer communities.

1. Is the office investigating actively incorporating First nations queer identities, such as brotherboys and sistergirls, into the LGBTIQ+ acronym used by the government?
2. What consultation have you undertaken with First Nations and queer communities on the appropriateness of this?
3. When can we expect the government to make a decision on whether the acronym will be updated?

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

1. The Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs (the Office) is investigating incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ experiences, including Brotherboys and Sistergirls into the LGBTIQ+ acronym used by the ACT Government.
2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Peoples Project Design Community Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) and the LGBTIQ+ Ministerial Advisory Council have actively discussed an update to the LGBTIQ+ acronym to include sistergirls and brotherboys. This issue was also discussed at the LGBTIQ+ Communities Roundtable, hosted on 5 November 2025.
3. I expect to receive advice from the Advisory Group on this matter this financial year. Once received, the ACT Government will consider and respond to that advice.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

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Signature:

Date: 30/11/25

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