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**From:** President  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 5:52 PM  
**To:** Committee, FPA (SEN)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Finance and Public Administration (Part 1) held on Fri 17 Feb 2023, 08:50, Torres Strait Regional Authority

Dear Senate Committee Members

In reference to Parliament of Australia, Finance and Public Administration (Part 1) held on Fri 17 Feb 2023, 08:50, Torres Strait Regional Authority sitting.

On behalf of Mura Kosker Sorority, Torres Straits' lead agency and only community-controlled organisation in the region that addresses both victims of and people who use domestic and family violence, I wish to correct the TSRA response to Senator Jacinta Napijinpa Price question in relation to TSRA investment towards Family and Domestic Violence in the Torres Strait.

- As at 1st March 2023, TSRA **do not** fund Mura Kosker Sorority in any capacity.
- TSRA has not funded us since establishment, Mura Kosker Sorority was established in 1989, TSRA was established in 1994.
- TSRA did fund the organisation operational funds up to and including the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- Mura Kosker Sorority have received the following funding for the previous 6 years. TSRA have funded us beyond these years:
  - 2022/2023 - \$377 666 (incl. GST), approx. 32 employed staff
  - 2021/2022 - \$566 500 (incl. GST), approx. 32 employed staff
  - 2020/2021 - \$566 500 (incl. GST), approx. 32 employed staff
  - 2019/2020 - \$500 000, approx. 32 employed staff
  - 2018/2019 - \$500 000, approx. 12 employed staff
  - 2017/2018 - \$480 000, approx. 8 employed staff.

Mr Matysek indicated that TSRA fund place-based staff in each community. This is inaccurate, TSRA have funded the administrative functions and governance of Mura Kosker, the Manager (now CEO) position, Finance Officer and an Administration Officer. Up until 2021, they also funded a receptionist position.

The Queensland Government – Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs fund the Family Wellbeing Service that employs our locally based staff in the Outer Island communities. The Department of Justice and Attorney-General fund our Family and Domestic Violence Program that is Thursday Island based and provide a fly in- fly out service to the outer islands. There are no paid community-based Family and Domestic Violence workers across the Torres Strait.

We understand that TSRA has been put on notice to provide research data of community levels of family violence and any under-reporting they are aware of.

I believe TSRA provided incorrect information at the Senate Estimate and our aim is to provide you with accurate information.

Please call our CEO, Aletia Twist, on \_\_\_\_\_, should you require further information.

Koeyma Eso, Au Esoau, Many Thanks!



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