

**Senate and Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Public Hearing – 5 October 2022

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Advisory council.

**Question reference number:** IQ22-000045

**Question asked by:** Senator Lidia Thorpe

**Type of Question:** Spoken. **Hansard Page:** 42

**Date set by the Committee for the return of answer:** 11 November 2022

**Question:**

Senator THORPE: What is the advisory council made up of?

Ms Bamblett: I think the Commonwealth government made up representation from LGBTQI, disability, Aboriginal people who are academics and Aboriginal people who work in women's policy areas, so it's very diverse. It has men and women. They come from remote areas and rural areas. We have people from Tangentyere who work in the town camps. So there's a diversity in the room. That was a Commonwealth government appointed advisory council.

Ms Doherty: Senator, I can name members—or would you like me to table the list of members separately?

**Answer:**

Please find below the list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council members.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council membership

Name	Position
<b>Chair:</b> 1. Sandra Creamer	CEO, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance
<b>Co-deputy Chair:</b> 2. Donnella Mills	Chair, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation – NACCHO; Director, Wuchopperen Health Service
<b>Co-deputy Chair:</b> 3. Robert Skeen	CEO, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW
<b>Chair of data and research sub-committee:</b> 4. Victoria Hovane	Centre for Indigenous Peoples and Community Justice, University of WA and Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of SA
<b>Members:</b> 5. Emily Carter	CEO, Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre
6. Susan Cook	Board member, Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN)
7. Fiona Cornforth	CEO, Healing Foundation
8. Rachel Dunn	CEO, Karadi Aboriginal Corporation
9. Damian Griffis	CEO, First Peoples Disability Network (Australia) Sydney
10. Bronwyn Carlson	Head of Department of Indigenous Studies, Macquarie University
11. Muriel Bamblett	CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, and Secretariat of SNAICC, National Voice for our Children
12. Phillip Sario	Executive Officer for 2Spirits, Queensland Council for LGBTI Health
13. Shirleen Campbell	Coordinator, Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group
14. Geiza Stow	Board member, Mura Kosker (Torres Strait Islands)
15. Michael Torres	Counsellor, Darwin Indigenous Men's Service under Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter (DAIWS)
16. Craig Rigney	CEO, Kornar Winmil Yuni (KWY) Aboriginal Corporation

<b>Special Advisor:</b> June Oscar AO	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner. Leader of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) project.
<b>Special Advisor:</b> Professor Marcia Langton AO	Associate Provost at the University of Melbourne

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Bringing them home recommendations

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**Question asked by:** Senator Lidia Thorpe

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**Question:**

Senator THORPE: So have the Bringing them home report recommendations been fulfilled?

Ms Doherty: Senator, I don't have information in relation to Bringing them home that I'm able speak to.

Senator THORPE: Are the Bringing them home report recommendations considered as part of this work?

Ms Doherty: I'd have to take that on notice. It's an area that I don't lead on. I'm happy to take it on notice.

**Answer:**

- The *Bringing Them Home Report* was considered during the development of *Safe and Supported: the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021-2031* (Safe and Supported) and its action plans.
- Safe and Supported is Australia's framework to reduce the rate of child abuse and neglect and its intergenerational impacts.
- It is strongly focused on achieving Target 12 under the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*, which aims to reduce the rate of over-representation of First Nations children in out-of-home care by 45 per cent, by 2031.
- Safe and Supported will be delivered through two sets of action plans, in partnership between all Australian governments and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Group (Leadership Group).
- The *Safe and Supported: First Action Plan 2023-2026* and *Safe and Supported: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Action Plan 2023-2026* were agreed in-principle by Community Services Ministers and the Leadership Group on 14 October 2022.

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Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Our Watch program

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**Question asked by:** Nita Green

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**Question:**

Senator GREEN: And what was the Our Watch program called?

Ms Doherty: Changing the picture is Our Watch's resource specific to prevention of family violence in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander context.

Senator GREEN: Do you know what languages that is in?

Ms Doherty: I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Changing the Picture is currently available in English.