

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education, Minister for Children, Minister for Youth, Minister for Seniors, Minister for Women – for all agencies falling under the Ministers' portfolios.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Notes:

The following questions can be answered from existing Agency data as at 31 March 2022.

You have previously referred questions requiring a Whole of Government response to the Minister responsible at a time that enables a response within the same timeframe as the remainder of the questions.

Further, you have previously inserted the question at the beginning of each answer.

My Office would appreciate these practices being continued.

QUESTIONS 1-38 and 41-44

The Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing will answer Written Questions 1-38 and 41-44 in relation to the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

BOARDS / ADVISORY BODIES

41. Please detail all boards and advisory bodies in your Agency in 2021/22, also providing the following information:

- (a) The Terms of Reference, if changed from last year**
- (b) The current members and when they were appointed**
- (c) The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2021/22 financial year**
- (d) The itemised total cost incurred by the Board during the 2021/22 financial year**

42. The number of times the Board met during the period 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022.

NAME: Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians		
41 (a)	TOR, if changed from last year	<p>1. Role of the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians</p> <p>The role of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MACST) is to provide an independent voice for Territory seniors community on issues of interest and importance. The MACST will provide high level and strategic advice to the Minister for Seniors and provide effective links between government and the seniors community to improve policy outcomes. MACST will enable the participation of key stakeholders in the exploration and discussion of issues relevant to the social, economic and civic life of Territory seniors. Members will participate on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>The MACST is a non-statutory advisory group established by the Minister. It holds no delegated powers to act on behalf of the Minister, or to commit the Minister or government to any actions.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference aligns to the Northern Territory Government Boards Handbook (the Handbook).</p> <p>3. MACST objectives</p> <p>Provide advice to the Minister for Seniors on matters of importance to senior Territorians and the Minister will provide feedback to the MACST.</p> <p>Explore the needs of the Territory seniors community and how these may be more effectively met by service providers.</p> <p>Discuss and promote ideas leading to greater awareness of the positive aspects of ageing to the wider community and increase the active participation of older people in all aspects of life in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Receive advice and provide feedback out of session as required including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Minister and the Department of Territory Families, Housing and

		<p>Communities Community Engagement staff to inform the MACST of items under consideration / proposed initiatives across government that will impact Seniors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ report wider community concerns that require Seniors consideration and input prior to implementation. For example, lobbying for road traffic regulation updates that impact Seniors standing within legislation and regulations; ○ report National and local issues that can be interpreted as being discriminatory on the basis of age. <p>Direct specific tasks to relevant working groups which may be formed to address specific issues such as economic security, community safety or age-friendly communities.</p> <p>Investigate issues that the Minister for Seniors may refer to the MACST for advice.</p> <p>4. Membership</p> <p>4.1 Membership</p> <p>Community members will be selected by the Minister for Seniors for their skills, knowledge, experience, broader community representation and reflect the Regional and Indigenous populations of the Northern Territory. There will also be fixed participation by key peak bodies representing Territory seniors, which will be invited by the Minister as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) positions allocated to the Council on the Ageing (COTA) NT • Two (2) positions allocated to National Seniors Australia • One (1) position allocated to Association of Independent Retirees • One (1) position allocated to Local Government Association of NT • One (1) position allocated to a nominee of a peak Aboriginal organisation • One (1) position allocated to Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association
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		<p>Additionally there will be observers from the Australian Government, Department of Health.</p> <p>Community members will also participate on any working groups which may be established by the MACST. Other individuals or organisations may be invited to participate on the working groups or on an adhoc basis as appropriate.</p> <p>4.2 Term of appointment</p> <p>A person can hold a community member position for a maximum two (2) year term with the ability to be re-appointed by the Minister for Seniors for a subsequent term.</p> <p>A review of the composition of community members will occur every 12 months.</p> <p>The selection panel will provide a shortlist of EOIs and recommendations on a preferred nominee for a community member position to the Minister for consideration, at least one (1) month before an existing community member position is due to expire.</p> <p>4.3 Member selection and nomination</p> <p>Nominations will be sought through a public expression of interest (EOI) process. In addition, the Minister can invite an individual or organisation to nominate. A selection panel will shortlist EOIs received and make recommendations on preferred nominees to the Minister for consideration.</p> <p>4.4 Chair and Deputy Chair</p> <p>The Chair and Deputy Chair will be appointed by the Minister for Seniors from a pool of nominees put forward by MACST members. The Chair and Deputy Chair will be selected by the Minister for their skills, knowledge, experience and broader community representation.</p> <p>People can hold the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair for a maximum two (2) year term. A Chair and Deputy Chair can be re-appointed by the Minister for Seniors for a subsequent term following nomination by MACST members.</p>
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41 (b)	The current members and when they were appointed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Neville Driver – November 2019 • Mr Robert Fox – April 2022 • Ms Christine Hart – September 2021 • Ms Marlene Hayes – November 2019 • Ms Sarah Henderson – September 2021 • Mr Daniel Herbison – September 2021 • Ms Jan Jewell – September 2016 • Mr Ken Moffitt – September 2016 • Ms Kathryn Muir – September 2019 • Mr Ali Nur – November 2019 • Ms Sue Shearer – February 2017 • Mr Bob Shewring – September 2016 • Mr Geoff Sloan – September 2016 • Mrs Penelope Tastula – November 2019
41 (c)	The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2021/22 financial year	<p>The <i>Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006</i> governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies.</p> <p>Members of MACST are not paid sitting fees.</p>

41 (d)	Total only of the MACST's costs from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	\$6,771
42	Number of times the Board met between 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	Two
Name: NT Youth Round Table		
41 (a)	TOR, if changed from last year	N/A
41 (b)	The current members and when they were appointed	<p>The following members were appointed on 11 December 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mx Isla Hooper • Ms Upani Muthumala • Ms Tayloraye Bailey • Ms Shanae Kuo • Ms Hajrah Kamran • Ms Connie-Anne Shaw • Ms Cecilia Afeaki • Ms Azra Zendelji • Ms Alicia Kuroda-Metin • Ms Akeelah Cowen • Mr Paddy van der Geest-Hester • Mr Michael Gadingura Yunupingu • Mr Kyle Lachlan • Mr Kyle Bambra • Mr Jordon Humphreys • Mr Jahdai Vigona • Mr Boyd Cook • Mr Alexander Storey
41 (c)	The total remuneration paid to each Board member during the 2021/22 financial year	The <i>Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006</i> governs the setting of remuneration and other entitlements for members of statutory bodies.
41 (d)	Total only of the NT Youth Round Table's costs from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	\$89,676
42	Number of times the Board met between 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022	Four