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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 227****MR PETER CAIN MLA:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

1. What expectations does the ACT Government place on organisations it grants money to, to pay its staff and contractors on time.
2. How much funding does the ACT Government provide to Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services each year.
3. Is the ACT Government aware if Mawa Pty Ltd contracts to Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services for the provision of any services.
4. Does Mawa Pty Ltd have any contracts with any ACT Government entities.
5. Under the Secure Local Jobs code, what related party investigations does the ACT Government undertake regarding organisations seeking registration.
6. Is Mawa Pty Ltd registered under the Secure Local Jobs Code

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

This question is the responsibility of Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, as the Minister for Health. I am signing the answer, as the question was not formally redirected within the timeframe required, as outlined in paragraph 122 of Standing Orders.

1. For its own payments to its suppliers, the ACT Government's Standard Supplier Payment Terms and Payment Method Policy specifies a standard payment term of 14 calendar days from the acceptance of goods and services and receipt of a correctly rendered invoice. Relevantly, longer payment terms are permitted under this policy only where the nature of the goods and services or the structure of the purchase make it impractical to require payment within 14 days. The policy does not apply to the payment of grants.

Requirements in relation to a supplier's payment to its own staff and subcontractors are considered with regard to the relevant procurement or contract, and may be specified in an Approach to Market document and/or reflected as contractual obligations agreed with the relevant supplier.

The *Building and Construction Industry (Security of Payment) Act 2009* also supports timely payments by contractors to subcontractors in the construction sector.

- The below tables detail funding provided by the ACT Government to Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services from 2021-22 to 2024-25. Funding shown below excludes GST.

Table 1 - Funding provided by the ACT Health Directorate					
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Service Funding Agreement 2015.21920.570 (ceased)					
Activity 1: Primary Health Services	\$1,221,017.25	\$1,275,108.31	\$1,342,051.50	N/A	\$3,838,177.06
Activity 2: Harm Reduction: Information and Education; Support and Case Management; and Tackle Smoking	\$630,361.87	\$658,286.90	\$692,846.96	N/A	\$1,981,495.73
Activity 3: Policy Collaboration; and Community Events; and Business Administration	\$303,685.50	\$317,138.77	\$333,788.56	N/A	\$954,612.83
Activity 4: Health and Wellbeing Services in the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)	\$1,348,000.00	\$1,446,109.46	\$1,351,448.03	N/A	\$6,774,285.62
Activity 5: Mental Health Nurse Services	Nil funding	\$366,549.30	\$385,793.14	N/A	\$752,342.44
TOTAL	\$3,503,064.62	\$4,063,192.74	\$4,105,928.19	N/A	\$11,672,185.55
Deed 2022.061.137					
Facility Design, Project Management and AOD Capacity Building	\$503,000.00	\$745,000.00	\$200,000.00	N/A	\$1,448,000.00
Deed reference: 643847					
Deed of Grant - for the construction of an alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation facility (AOD).	N/A	N/A	\$8,000,000.00	\$9,364,008	\$17,364,008.00
Deed 2024.061.0139					
Activity 1: Primary Health Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,390,365.35	\$1,390,365.35
Activity 2: Harm Reduction: Information and Education; Support and Case Management; and Tackle Smoking	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$717,789.45	\$717,789.45

Activity 3: Policy Collaboration; and Community Events; and Business Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$345,804.95	\$345,804.95
Activity 4: Health and Wellbeing Services in the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,943,175.47	\$1,943,175.47
Activity 5: Mental Health Nurse Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$399,681.69	\$399,681.69
TOTAL				\$4,796,816.92	\$4,796,816.92
Deed 2024.061.078					
Opioid Maintenance Treatment Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

Table 2 - Funding provided by the Community Services Directorate and Housing ACT					
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 YTD	Total
Community Services Directorate	\$38,000.00	-	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$63,000.00
Housing ACT	\$308,952.31	\$316,212.67	\$330,220.90	\$347,557.50	\$1,302,943.38
Total	\$346,952.31	\$316,212.67	\$345,220.90	\$357,557.50	\$1,365,943.38

Information regarding the above Housing ACT payments is disclosed in the Community Services Directorate (CSD) annual report at the below publicly available links:

- [Community Services Directorate - Annual Report 2022-23](#) (Page 106)
- [Community Services Directorate - Annual Report 2023-24](#) (Page 110)

Information has been disclosed in the CSD annual report to provide transparency over the amounts paid by CSD to Winnunga Nimmityjah. Please refer to the publicly available information at the below links:

- [Community Services Directorate - Annual Report 2021-22](#) (Page 184)
- [Community Services Directorate - Annual Report 2023-24](#) (Page 163)

3. The ACT Government is not aware of any if Mawa Pty Ltd contracts to Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services for the provision of any services.
4. Per the [ACT Government Contracts Register](#), there are no current contracts between the ACT Government and any business registered under the 'Mawa' name.
5. Entities seeking to tender and contract with the ACT Government for territory-funded works under the *Government Procurement Act 2001* (GPA) must apply for and hold a secure local jobs code (SLJC) certificate.

SLJC certificates may be issued by the Secure Local Jobs Code Registrar (registrar) if satisfied the entity meets the requirements mentioned in the Code. To apply for an SLJC certificate, entities must submit a report from an external approved auditor verifying that they meet the requirements under the *Government Procurement (Secure Local Jobs) 2020* (the Code).

An approved auditor's report is required to be compliant with the *Government Procurement (Secure Local Jobs Audit) Guidelines 2018* (audit guidelines).

As part of the application process entities must submit a list of associated entities. In assessing whether an entity meets the requirements of the Code, approved auditors are required to independently verify all information provided by an entity, including whether "related entities" of an applicant have a satisfactory history of compliance with prescribed legislation or an Industrial Law/Instrument.

Under the audit guidelines, approved auditors are responsible for gathering all information required to assess an entity's compliance with the Code and exercising due diligence when assessing the information and preparing an audit report for the registrar.

6. A public register of SLJC-certified entities is maintained as required under section 22N of the *Government Procurement Act 2001*. The register can be accessed here:
<https://www.procurement.act.gov.au/secure-local-jobs/code-certified-entities>.

A search of the SLJC certified entities identifies the entity known as Mawa Construction and Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 54 680 290 680) as holding a valid certificate as at 31 March 2025, refer certificate number 04156.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minster for Planning and Sustainable Development

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