

**Suzanne Orr MLA**

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs  
Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water  
Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services  
Minister for Seniors and Veterans

Member for Yerrabi

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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 6****Friday, 9 May 2025****Question No. 411**

**MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs —

1. How many ministerial advisory councils and other special advisory bodies operate under the Minister's ministerial portfolios.
2. How many times since the Territory election have these councils met?
3. Do the councils meet regularly or at the Minister's discretion?

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

1. There are a total of 9 ministerial advisory councils and other special advisory bodies which operate under the Minister's ministerial portfolios, as follows:

<b>Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body ACT Reconciliation Council
<b>Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water</b>	ACT Climate Change Council ACT and Region Catchment Management Coordination Group Basin Officials Committee ACT Scientific Committee

<b>Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services</b>	Disability Reference Group (DRG) (ending on 30 June 2025 to be replaced by the Disability Advisory Council established by the <i>Disability Inclusion Act</i> )
<b>Minister for Seniors and Veterans</b>	Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families

2.

<b>Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing</b>	The council has met three times since the ACT Election.
<b>Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families</b>	The council has met four times since the ACT Election.
<b>Disability Reference Group (DRG)</b>	The DRG has met three times since the ACT Election.
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body</b>	The Elected Body has met twice since the ACT Election.
<b>ACT Reconciliation Council</b>	The Council has met twice since the ACT Election.
<b>ACT Climate Change Council (CCC)</b>	The council has met twice since the ACT election.
<b>ACT and Region Catchment Management Coordination Group</b>	The group has met twice since the ACT election.
<b>Basin Officials Committee</b>	The committee has met five times since the ACT election.
<b>ACT Scientific Committee</b>	The committee has met once since the ACT election.

3.

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs:**

<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body</b>	The Elected Body are required to meet a minimum of 6 times per calendar year as per the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008</i> .
<b>ACT Reconciliation Council</b>	The council meets bi-monthly (up to 6 meetings per calendar year) as per Terms of Reference.

**Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:**

ACT Climate Change Council (CCC)	The group meets quarterly with extraordinary meetings called as required.
ACT and Region Catchment Management Coordination Group	The group meets quarterly.
Basin Officials Committee	The group meets at least quarterly.
ACT Scientific Committee	The committee usually meets quarterly.

**Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services:**

<b>Disability Reference Group (DRG)</b>	The DRG meets bi-monthly as per Terms of Reference.
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**Minister for Seniors and Veterans:**

<b>Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing</b>	The council meets bi-monthly.
<b>Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families</b>	The council meets bi-monthly.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

**Suzanne Orr MLA**  
**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs**

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