

Question on Notice

No. 507

Asked on 13 May 2026

HON L ENOCH ASKED MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURALISM (HON F SIMPSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Commissioner (Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa)—

Will the Minister advise since 1 September 2021 (reported separately by year) (a) the total number of applications received for a Cultural Recognition Order, (b) the total number of applications for a Cultural Recognition Order that were rejected and (c) the total number of Cultural Recognition Orders issued?

ANSWER:

Since the opening of applications processes of the *Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Act 2020 (the Act)* on 1 September 2021, the following Cultural Recognition Order (CRO) application activity has been recorded:

| Cultural Recognition Orders (CROs) | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Applications received | 9 | 16 | 40 | 84 |
| Order granted | 4 | 17 | 25 | 55 |
| Orders refused | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Applications withdrawn | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |