

Appendix 3: Other answers to questions on notice

Of the other answers to questions on notice, [AO595](#), [AO596](#), [AO598](#) provided no significant new information, apart from an outline in AO598 of the business of the Memorial's Advisory Groups on the redevelopment, particularly of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group:

Typical meeting structure across the advisory groups is:

- Review of previous meetings actions.
- Update on recent gallery designs.
- Presentation and group discussion on a specific area, design element and/or content that is proposed for the new galleries that the gallery development team is seeking feedback on.

(Typically 1 to 2 items)

- Meeting wrap-up

Business specific to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group

Standing Agenda items include:

1. Minutes approval and actions from the last meeting
2. Southern Entry art commission and Reg Saunders content progress
3. Glazed Link and Anzac Hall design progress updates for feedback
4. Frontier conflict planning and program
5. Other items as required (multimedia, graphics, visitor experience, architectural features and finishes, gallery orientation and wayfinding etc)

Aside from the subject of Frontier conflicts, the Advisory Group is currently focussed on the experiential design, visitor experience and content development including **identifying First Nations veterans** who served in modern conflicts for their story inclusion in the new Anzac Hall galleries (Afghanistan, Peacekeeping, Gulf War, Iraq War, Maritime Security and North Iraq and Syria).

Emphasis added. The inclusion of both frontier conflicts and First Nations service in the Advisory Group's current business may be compared with [the backgrounds of the Advisory Group](#) (List of members to the Advisory Groups) which is more suited to looking at the latter than the former.

This again points to the need for the Memorial to engage more closely with Frontier Wars experts. The First Nations historians and other experts who contributed to the making of documentary, [The Australian Wars](#), would be a good place to start.

Finally, the Memorial's answer to Senator Canavan in [AO602](#) included 12 pages of Estimates Hansards from November 2022 and February 2023 covering every question asked by the Senator and every answer given by Director Anderson. All of this shows, shows according to the Memorial, that 'Mr Anderson does not confirm there is no evidence that no forces fought against the Indigenous population'.

Readers can draw their own conclusions from that clumsy sentence. [Honest History's view at the time](#) was that the Director was insufficiently aware of the evidence in the papers the

Memorial Council had seen, and which were subsequently put before Estimates. Let's leave it at that.

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