



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms NICOLE LAWDER MLA: To ask the Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services

In relation to: Age-Friendly City Plan 2020-24

1. Can you provide an update on the Age-Friendly City Plan 2020-24 and describe what progress has been made on the four focus area?

EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- I anticipate I will be delivering the first annual statement in May 2021 to report on progress under the Age-Friendly City Plan. This statement will provide an update on progress since the Plan was released.
- While I will be able to provide a more extensive update at this time, I can provide information on some achievements to date:
 - *The Crimes (Offences Against Vulnerable People) Legislation Amendment Act 2020* has been introduced which will see elder abuse made a criminal offence from April 2021.
 - The Age-Friendly Suburbs Program has continued with the delivery of pathways and pathway related infrastructure, such as road crossings, to provide improved access community members, particularly those who may have specific mobility needs.
 - The Community Services Directorate delivered the 'Celebrating Seniors' initiative which involved the promotion of a series of activities held across October 2020 to encourage the community to re-establish activities and strengthen connections with older members of our community, including family and friends.
 - The ACT Seniors Card/MyWay Travel Card online application form was introduced to provide an additional platform for older Canberrans to apply for an ACT Seniors Card throughout COVID-19, removing the need for individuals to leave their home.



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