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FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QoN No. 46

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by **ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:**

Ref: Child Protection, CSD Annual Report 2020–21, p. 86

In relation to: Residential Care (OOHC):

The motion passed by the Assembly on 3 June 2021 called on the government to a) explore ways to support residential care workers to have more confidence to tutor and mentor residents and help build rich learning environments, b) review Anglicare Victoria's TEACHaR program and explore ways that a similar service could be made available in the ACT, and c) update the Assembly by the last sitting day of October 2021. Can the minister please provide updates on progress to date for each of these matters?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

I provided a response to the Assembly on this motion in December 2021.

The Community Services Directorate and Education Directorate have considered the TEACHaR program implemented in Victoria. The ACT Education Directorate already has extensive and well-embedded programs within our school communities to aid students who are at risk of disengaging with learning, or who require additional literacy and numeracy supports. These programs are outlined in the Ministerial Statement.

There are significant reforms underway in the out of home care sector and the educational needs of children and young people will continue to be a focus as part of this reform work.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Families and Community Services, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA