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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

ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Families and Community Services

Ref: Community Relations and Funding Support, CSD Annual Report 2020–21, p. 52–53

In relation to: Government Response to the ‘Counting the Costs’ Report

1. In the hearing, it was stated that the government’s first commitment in responding to this report will be to focus on adequate indexation, including covering wage increases. Has a plan for what future indexation might look like been formulated yet? If so, what is it?
2. Will changes to community sector indexation appear in the 2022–23 budget, or has the report appeared too late for that?

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

1. The Counting the Costs Report recommends a formula for future indexation for the sector. The proposal is that the higher of CPI, WPI or any increase to the SCHADS Award is paid against all funding contracts with NGO Sector organisations. A plan for future indexation has not yet been formulated but is under consideration.
2. The report is being considered in the development of the 2022-23 budget.

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

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