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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: The Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Budget Paper 3, p.363 (CSD)

In relation to: The Room4Change program by Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 30/08/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 05/09/2022

- 1. Following an independent evaluation, the Room4Change program has been extended in this latest budget. For how long will this program be extended for, and how many participants will the extension fund?**
 - a. If the budget is only to fund Room4Change for another year: are there plans to continue funding Room4Change after 2022-23? What conditions will determine a commitment to fund Room4Change in the long-term?**
 - b. Are there plans to expand the Room4Change program in any way – for example, increasing the capacity for residential participants, or increasing the number of participants?**

30 August 2022

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The extension is for one year. The program has capacity to accommodate up to 20 men and provide support services to up to 12 families at any one time. The number of participants in the program will vary depending on referral numbers to the program and assessment for suitability for the program.
 - a-b. Future funding for Room4Change, including any expansion to the program, will be considered as part of a strategic and holistic approach to perpetrator interventions in the ACT. Any expansion to capacity or numbers would need to respond to an evident increase in demand. This approach will ensure future investment is evidence based, best practice, and clearly contributes to an integrated system. Any future funding decisions will be progressed through a business case and align with the ACT Government's Budget cycles.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

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Date: 12/9/22

By Minister Yvette Berry [Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence]

