



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:**

Reference: Hearing on 3 November 2022, Annual Report of CSD

In relation to: Page 100, Functional Family Therapy – Youth Justice

1. Considering that the independent review of the FFY-YJ pilot by the Youth Coalition is expected to be complete in February 2023, if the decision is made to resume offering this program, when should we expect it to resume?
2. If resumption of the FFT-YJ program needs to wait till the 2023–24 financial year, what are the reasons for this?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. An evaluation of the report from Youth Coalition will commence once it is received by the Community Services Directorate (CSD). If the ACT Government decides to resume the program as a result of the evaluation, it will be at the discretion of CSD and the service provider to negotiate when the service provider is able to stand up the FFT-YJ service.

Any decision will also be subject to budget funding as CSD is not currently funded to run FFT-YJ.

2. If a decision is made to resume the FFT-YJ program, and funding is allocated, the Directorate would work with the service provider to ensure an efficient and effective resumption of service.

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

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By the Assistant Minister of Families and Community Services, Minister Emma Davidson MLA