



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports July – December 2022
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
5 July 2023

Asked by the Chair, **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA** on 5 July 2023: **MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH**,
Minister for Health took on notice the following questions:

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- 1) How many Allied Health/Paediatricians are there to support these young people with eating disorders?
- 2) How many staff are associated with the SKIP program?
- 3) What is the capacity of that program, in terms of the number of children and young people who can get into the eating disorders program within SKIP?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: the answer to the member's question:

- 1) The School Kid's Intervention Program (SKIP) is a multidisciplinary, family-centred service for children aged four to 12 years who are overweight or obese. The SKIP is not considered an Eating Disorder program. See response to Question 2 for resourcing.
- 2) The SKIP is resourced at the following level:
 - SKIP Coordinator
 - Dietitian
 - Exercise Physiologist
 - Paediatric Registrar
- 3) The SKIP operates one half day per week. Current resourcing of the SKIP provides capacity for enrolling 25 children annually.

The SKIP is not considered an Eating Disorder program. SKIP clients exhibit "disordered eating" but are not formally diagnosed with Eating Disorders. Children with the following are not eligible for the SKIP:

- A psychological illness that impacts their ability to participate in the program.
- Binge eating and purging through vomiting, laxatives or excessive exercise.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA