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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

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Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Multidisciplinary Centre with specialist sexual violence responses
and services

(1) What is the current status of the design and pilot of the Multidisciplinary
Centre?

(2) When is the design of the centre expected to be complete?

(3) When is the pilot expected to commence?

(a) What is the expected duration of the pilot?

(b) How many participants are planned for the pilot?

(c) How many specialist services are planned for the pilot and what services are they?

(4) How much funding has been allocated for the design and pilot of the
centre?

(5) How many independent sexual violence advisers will be appointed as part
of the pilot of the centre?

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

(1) The Multidisciplinary Centre (MDC) is in its establishment phase, with scoping,
research, and consultation progressing.

(2) The 2023-24 Budget allocated funding to undertake an accommodation feasibility
study to inform the design of a physical centre.

- (3) The MDC will commence in phases. The first stage is focusing on re-establishing Wraparound and operationalising the Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs).

Wraparound was originally established in 2008 to ensure victim-survivors of sexual offences who had reported incidents to police were supported through the criminal justice process. Unfortunately, Wraparound has not been operational for some years.

Re-establishing Wraparound offers the opportunity to develop relationships and collaborative ways of working between key criminal justice and sexual violence agencies, ensuring that the next phases of the MDC operate from an integrated starting point.

Wraparound and ISVAs are expected to be operational in the 2023-24 financial year.

- (a) The pilot is currently funded for 4 years including time to scope, design and establish the centre.
- (b) The initiative includes an establishment phase, which includes scoping, research and consultation which will inform pilot participant numbers.
- (c) Work on the establishment phase is required to be completed before the number and types of specialist services are known.

- (4) In the 2022-23 Budget, a total of \$4.37 million was allocated to establish and pilot the MDC over a 4-year period. This includes funding allocated to scoping and designing a model for the ACT, as well as operationalising the pilot. The 2023-24 Budget provided an additional \$812,000 to further support the development and establishment of the MDC.
- (5) The establishment phase will inform the number of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors to be appointed. In 2023-24, the pilot will seek to recruit 3 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors.

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Signature:



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By the Acting Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Rachel Stephen-Smith

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