



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 15 November 2023: Ms Evans took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Ruby's House – Overnight accommodation

MRS KIKKERT: Great. Thank you. I have a new question, please, Chair. In an answer to a question on notice from last year's annual report hearing, we understand that 20 families had accessed supports on site at Ruby's House, with 13 young people accessing overnight accommodation. Since its opening on 20 June 2022 until now, how many young people have accessed overnight accommodation at Ruby's House?

Ms Evans: Minister, I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that level of detail.

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Safe and Connected Youth: Coordinated Service Response Program (Program) includes two complementary service elements. These are:

- Early Preservation Outreach; and
- Therapeutic Respite Accommodation and Post-Exit Outreach (Ruby's House Canberra).

Since 20 June 2022, the Program has supported 88 families to improve family functioning and reduce family conflict. Of this 88, 36 families accessed support at Ruby's House Canberra with 22 children or young people having accessed overnight accommodation.

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