



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Reference: Hearing on 14 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Youth Justice Policy and Services and Review of FFT-Youth Justice

1. The Annual Report notes that the Youth Coalition was paid to evaluate the Functional Family Therapy – Youth Justice pilot (p. 92). Is this report publicly available, and if not, can it be provided?
2. The review found that challenges with the pilot ‘included sub-optimal scale, quick launch and uncertain timelines’ as well as ‘limited sources of referrals’ (p. 92). What operational changes have been made to this now embedded program to address these or any other issues?
3. How many families have accessed the full version of this program so far, how many families are able to be included in its funding and what have the results been?

Minister Davidson: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The Functional Family Therapy Youth Justice (FFT-YJ) Pilot Program Evaluation Report is published on the Community Services Directorate (CSD) website and can be found [here](#).
2. FFT-YJ is not currently operating in the ACT. CSD has approached the market to seek a new provider for FFT-YJ as part of the current procurement for statutory and non-statutory services to keeping children and young people safe. This process has sought providers with suitable experience and qualifications to propose service models for how FFT-YJ should be delivered in the future. Operational changes will be considered as part of the implementation planning phase once a new provider is determined.
3. FFT-YJ program ceased in July 2022. There has not been an operational FFT-YJ program since this time. An ongoing FFT-YJ program has been funded by Government and the evaluation of responses from the Tender process for this service is currently underway. A program is expected to be in place before the end of the 2023-24 financial year.

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Signature:

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