



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:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Solid Ground pilot program by PCYC

(1) The ACT government funded Canberra PCYC to deliver the Solid Ground pilot program, which supports 11–18 year-olds. What are the commencement and ending dates for the pilot?

(a) How many youth can the pilot support?

(b) Is there any dedicated support in this program for youth who have or are experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence? If so, please detail.

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- (1) The Solid Ground pilot commenced in May 2023 and is currently funded until September 2024.
- a. The Solid Ground pilot operates 2 groups each term, and can accommodate up to 12 participants per group.
 - b. Yes. The Solid Ground pilot is a targeted support program for young people who have or are experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence. This is achieved through:
 - i. Individual and family casework
 - ii. Social and emotional skills development, including through the use of the evidence-based Love Bites curriculum
 - iii. Mentoring and relationship building
 - iv. Trauma-informed practices
 - v. Person-centred and strengths-based support.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA