



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into the Administration of Bail in the ACT **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on 18 June 2024: Ms Emma Davidson MLA took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: How many young people participate in that Functional Family Therapy program each year?

Ms Davidson: That is probably a question better directed to the Minister for Youth Justice at this point in time. I could not tell you at the moment.

DR PATERSON: Are you able to take it on notice?

Ms Davidson: I guess I would be passing it to the Minister for Youth Justice to be answered, because I am no longer youth justice minister.

THE CHAIR: But you can take that on notice if you so choose.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes, we will take it on notice then. We will be able to coordinate across government on it.

Ms Davidson: Yes, we will take it on notice.

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

Functional Family Therapy (FFT), also referred to in the ACT as Functional Family Therapy – Youth Justice (FFT-YJ) was delivered by OzChild as a pilot program in the ACT between 2021-2022, with initial funding from the ACT Government. Thirty-eight (38) families participated in the pilot program.¹

FFT-YJ pilot program ceased in July 2022. There has not been an operational FFT-YJ program since this time.

Funding was allocated in the 2023-24 Budget for ongoing FFT-YJ program and the Community Service Directorate has approached the market to seek a provider as part of the current procurement for statutory and non-statutory services to keeping children and young people safe. This tender process is currently being finalised and a program is expected to be in place in the 2024-25 financial year.

^[1] [Functional Family Therapy Youth Justice Pilot Program Evaluation Report.pdf](#)

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By the Minister for Children, Youth and Family Services, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith