



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

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The ACT is the only jurisdiction in Australia where all public schools ask students upon enrolment each year if they are a young carer. Is that data centralised, and is the Directorate doing anything with it?

Given the Carer Recognition Act requires every public agency to report annually on what they're doing to support the carers they engage with, is the Directorate ensuring that all public schools across the ACT are, at a minimum, making young carers aware of the support services that are in place, including through organisations like Carers ACT?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The data is made available to schools and is not centrally collated.

The Education Directorate works with organisations such as Carers ACT and CYCLOPS to assist schools to support young carers through agreed means of communications across all schools. Students who are young carers have access to additional support such as tutoring, a bursary and support groups. Students who are flagged as young carers in their school also will have an Individual Learning Plan in place.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Ms Yvette Berry MLA

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