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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 30

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services

Ref: Youth Justice, Budget Statement G, pp. 4, 32, output class CSD 2.3 Child and Youth Protection Services

In relation to:

Functional Family Therapy–Youth Justice

1. One priority in this budget is evaluating early outcomes of the Functional Family Therapy – Youth Justice pilot, though the pilot appears to be ongoing. Can the minister confirm how long the pilot is intended to last?
2. Under the past budget, the pilot was funded with \$380,000 through the Confiscated Assets Fund.
 - a. What is its funding for 2021–22?
 - b. What percentage of this funding comes through the Confiscated Assets Fund?
3. It was stated in the hearing that the program has served 19 families so far, with four having successfully completed.
 - a. Has the reach of the program been expanded in any way for 2021–22?
 - b. To date, has this program been able to fully meet demand?
 - c. Is there any kind of wait list to access this program, and if so, how long on average are families waiting?

EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Functional Family Therapy – Youth Justice (FFT-YJ) pilot has been operating since February 2021. Currently funding will continue until mid-February 2022.
2.
 - a) On 25 June 2021, the Office of the Attorney-General advised that a further \$380,000 (excluding GST) had been secured from the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund to support an extension of the FFT-YJ program.
 - b) The funding for this pilot to date has been solely facilitated through the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund.
3.
 - a. The FFT-YJ program is currently funded to engage with 20 young people and families. The program has not been expanded for 2021-22.
 - b. To date OzChild has been able to meet demand for the service.
 - c. There is currently no waitlist to access the FFT-YJ program.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: 

Date: 10 November 2021

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