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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Inquiry into the Waste Management of Absorbent Hygiene Products
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
05 December 2022

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 5 December 2022: Ms Katherine Harrington took on notice the following question:

In relation to ACT NoWaste education team (Page 46 Proof Transcript):

MS CLAY: Is there somebody in that team who is working with childcare centres and working with schools on the reusable products that are available now?

Ms Harrington: We certainly have members of the team working with Actsmart because the Actsmart schools have that area set up, so we do work with the schools but more directly with Actsmart to facilitate that relationship. So the answer is, yes, for schools, but I would have to take it on notice in terms of childcare. I know that previously we have been and spoken to some of the childcare agencies, but I would have to take that on notice for now.

MS CLAY: If you could, when you take that on notice, come back to tell me not just the education whether there are any programs like targeted help, rebates like if there is any actual industry development, if you could take that back, that would be great. Thanks.

MINISTER STEEL: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government educative approach on the use of cloth nappies has been highlighted in both the submission to this inquiry and the response to Assembly Resolution of 31 July 2019 - Nappies and Personal Hygiene Products – Sustainable Product.

Targeted information and fact sheets are available on the Recyclopaedia website, and the sanitary items kit is available to be borrowed by schools and community groups. Discussion with childcare centres has been on an informal basis. With regards to rebates ACT NoWaste is not aware of any rebates for cloth nappies available in the ACT.

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