



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:**

Reference: Hearing on 9 November 2022, Annual Report of CSD

In relation to: Page 97, Investing to Improve Family Visits

1. The case study on p. 97 of the annual report mentions 'investing heavily to improve [a young person's] visits with family members, which is what he wanted'. What was the exact nature of the investments mentioned here?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) encourages and supports all children and young people to remain connected with family.

In the case of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, CYPS makes all practicable efforts to support connection to community, kin, family and country.

Supports include but are not limited to transport, food relief and payment of activities.

In supporting families outside the ACT, CYPS facilitates interstate contact by arranging flights, accommodation and appropriate supervision when required.

Unfortunately, the Community Services Directorate has advised that, as a result of staffing changes, the author of the case study cannot be identified to provide further information and detail on the investments made in this specific case.

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

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Date:

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By the Minister for Families and Community Services, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA