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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA : To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref : Budget Paper 3. page 131: Safer Families - Continuing the delivery
of the Room4Change program

Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Room4Change men's behaviour change program

(1) The Room4Change men's behaviour change program will receive continued support in this year's budget. Are there any plans to stabilise the program by committing to fund Room4Change for more than a year at a time? If so, how long a funding commitment is being contemplated; if not, why not?

(a) In 2018, the Room4Change was evaluated by ANU researcher Dr Jason Payne. Are there plans for another evaluation of the program? If so, when will the evaluation be undertaken and by whom?

(b) Are there any longer-term indicators that have been tracked since the establishment of Room4Change that now in the year 2023 provide more insight on any lasting effects of the program on its participants and their families? If so, can the Minister please provide details; if not, why not?

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

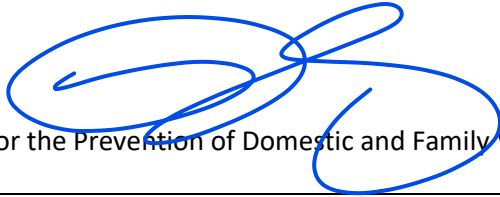
(1) The ACT Government is continuing funding for the Room4Change Men's Behaviour Change Program, investing \$1.45 million in 2023-24. A further \$4.594 million is provisioned for the following 3 years.

(a) The ACT Government is not currently progressing further evaluation of the Room4Change program.

(b) The ACT Government receives 6-monthly reporting on the Room4Change Program. This reporting is performance data on current Room4Change clients and does not include insights into the lasting effects of the program. Aggregate data is available publicly through the Domestic Violence Crisis Service's annual reports. Requesting the collection and reporting of additional information relating to historical clients and their outcomes would be burdensome to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service who administer the program.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

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Date: 08/08/23

By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA