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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 Families and Community Services

Ref: Budget Statement G, p. 26

Hearing Date: 28 July 2023

In relation to: Safe and Connected Youth

- (1) Ruby's House was refurbished at a cost of \$1.2 million. The 2021–22 budget set aside \$200,000 for 'additional investment to lower future repairs and maintenance', \$115,000 of which was rolled over to last year (p. 26). What 'additional investment' did this property require only one year after a \$1.2 million refurbishment?
- (2) The Safe and Connected Youth program was given \$7 million over four years. Has the uptake of this program so far exceeded what was budgeted for, been lower, or roughly matched the funding?

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

- (1) The additional investment of \$200,000 in the 2021-22 budget for Ruby's House was to facilitate the completion of additional compliance related modifications as part of the refurbishment which were not anticipated at the time of the original submission.
- (2) Uptake of the program in the January to June 2023 reporting period has been as expected, with 30 families, comprising 146 individuals, accessing the service. The uptake of the program has matched funding.

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