



Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Development

Ref: Early Childhood Development, Budget Outlook, pp. 109, 154, output class CSD 2.2 Child Development Services

In relation to: Children and Young People Equipment Loan Service

1. When will the proposal for an ongoing service model for CAYPELS be completed?
2. What are the terms of reference that have been (or will be) provided to the project officer tasked with preparing this proposal?
3. What specific concerns and/or constraints have led to this decision to 'refresh' the scheme?
4. What is the current demand for this service?
5. Are there any wait lists for this service? If so
 - a. For which equipment?
 - b. How many people are on each list?
 - c. What is the average wait time for each list?
6. What is the projected future demand for this service?
7. What equipment will be purchased with the funding provided in this 2021–22 budget, how many of each, and at what unit cost?

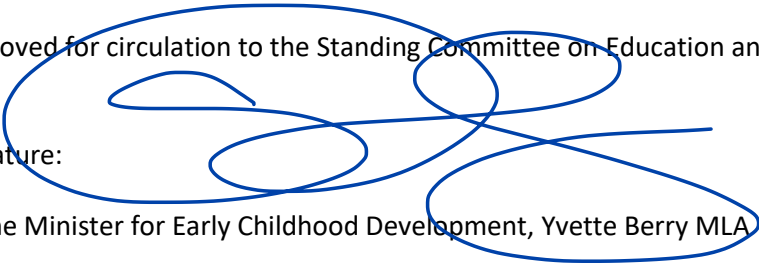
YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. A project officer will be employed until end June 2022 with the expectation that a paper outlining potential future service models is finalised.
2. Once a project officer commences, they will be tasked with developing the scope for the project.
3. The scheme was established in 2009 and it is important to ensure it continues to meet the needs of children and families.
4. CAYPELS loaned 869 pieces of equipment in the 2020-21 financial year.
5. Currently, there are no waiting lists for any items of CAYPELS equipment.
6. Demand for equipment loans through CAYPELS has been relatively consistent over the last three years. The project officer will work to determine how best to project future demand for this service.
7. The Community Services Directorate is currently reviewing equipment loan history and exploring priority needs for equipment with stakeholders. Preliminary planning indicates

priorities will include items such as wheelchairs, seating systems and standing frames, with an average item cost ranging from \$3,000-\$15,000.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA