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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR JAMES MILLIGAN MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability

Hearing Date: 25 July 2023

In relation to: Disability Budget Submissions

- (1) Minister, Advocacy for Inclusion put in an extensive joint submission on behalf of themselves and a number of other organisations. One of the key priorities they identified was the adequate funding of the ACT disability strategy – and though mentioned, this was not funded in the budget.
 - (a) Why was no money budgeted for the implementation of the initiative or at least an oversight group as suggested by these organisations, particularly as the strategy is expected to be completed in the next little while?
 - (b) Where will the funding be derived from to implement the strategy, given this is expected to be released in the next little while?
 - (c) With no immediate funding does this imply that it will be another year before people living with a disability can expect to see these measures implemented?

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

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 - (a) The ACT Disability Strategy (the Strategy) is currently in development following extensive community consultation. Funding decisions will be made once the Strategy is finalised and the actions under the strategy are known and costed.
 - (b) The ACT Disability Strategy is due to be completed by the end of 2023. The Government will consider funding in finalising the strategy.
 - (c) The 2023-24 ACT Budget included a range of measures to support people with disability including: extending support for the implementation of the Disability Justice Strategy by committing \$553,000 over two years to continue Disability Liaison Officers' availability to deliver additional assistance to people with disability who have experienced victimisation; and funding for the upgrade of buildings and equipment across the Canberra Institute of Technology campuses to improve facilities and support disability access.

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Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 14 August 2023

By the Minister for Disability, Emma Davidson MLA