



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Children, Youth and Families

Reference: HCSD

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: Youth Justice Strategic Plan

Question received: 14 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

1. What is the current timeline for the Youth Justice Strategic Plan, and which stakeholders will be consulted in the process of its development?

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Youth Justice Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) will provide a roadmap for delivering on ACT Government commitments under the Children, Youth and Families portfolio. The overarching aim of the Strategic Plan is to provide a framework for a youth justice system that is more therapeutic and inclusive, and to better support young people who are at risk of offending or already involved in the system. The draft Strategic Plan is based on existing government commitments, evidence and research, and reflects what has already been heard from previous consultation.

The timeframe for public consultation and finalisation of the Plan is subject to government consideration and details will be released in due course. However, it is anticipated the draft Plan will be released for targeted and public consultation and this will occur in the first half of 2026.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Date: 27.11.25

By the Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Michael Pettersson MLA