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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

Reference: Budget Paper 3, page 132 - Expanding the Health Justice Partnerships

Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Health Justice Partnerships

(1) Delivery of the Health Justice Partnerships will be expanded so that pregnant women and new families at risk of domestic and family violence can receive free legal support in health and family service settings. How many families and individuals can be supported as part of the expansion?

(a) Are there other services that are part of the partnerships that will be expanded as part of this funding? If so, can the Minister please provide further details?

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

(1) The Health Justice Partnerships was expanded in the 2023-24 Budget. It is a demand driven service and the expansion will enable access for a greater number of individuals and families. The expansion is in response to an independent evaluation delivered in March 2023, which highlighted the importance of expanding to offer services on more days and in more locations, increase capacity to offer more intensive and ongoing support, and strengthen the partnerships.

- a. The expansion of the Health Justice Partnerships in the 2023-24 ACT Budget funds:
- Additional lawyers and paralegals
 - A domestic and family violence specialist case manager to support increased presentations of domestic and family violence at Child and Family Centres
 - Continuation of the Strengthening Health Responses to Family Violence program at Canberra Health Services.

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

Signature:

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Date: 09/08/23

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