



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MS JO CLAY MLA** on 16 November 2023: **MR DAVE PEFFER** took on notice the following questions:

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In relation to: Dental services – Youth numbers and budget

- 1) How much was spent on the youth dental health program?
- 2) How many young people and children received care through that?

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

- 1) The Oral Health Services (OHS) dental supplies, facilities, administration and support staff provide a single service and are not split into youth and adult programs. Therefore, a specific figure spent on dental services for patients under the age of 18 is unavailable.
- 2) 6,091 patients under the age of 18 were treated by OHS in the 2022-23 financial year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA