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Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Disability Inclusion Bill 2024 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by: Mr James Milligan MLA

Addressed to: Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

Reference:

In relation to: Disability Inclusion Bill 2024 (2)

Hearing Date: 04/04/2024

Question Lodgement Date: 08/04/2024

- (1) Before presenting the Bill to the Assembly, was it reviewed by the government?
- (2) In your consultations, was the operationalization of the Bill as enacted considered?
- (3) In the Bill there is mention of a number of consultations across a range of areas that are to be conducted, however in a small jurisdiction that is the ACT, it is generally the same people who participate, has consideration been given that this equates to something like 20+ strategies and plans to be developed?
 - (a) Have you considered consultation and submission fatigue of the community?
- (4) Has there been a consideration of who would support the implementation of the bill?
- (5) Have you considered the financial implications of supporting the implementation across a number of Directorates?
- (6) There is the implication that private sector entities may also have to implement these matters, has consideration been given as to how that is to be monitored?
 - (a) What supports will be available to train people to be able to implement these matters?
- (7) Has consideration been given to including different types of disabilities, especially as not all those living with a disability qualify for

inclusion into the Disability community, such as those with dementia, or people with cognitive or neurological disabilities?

(8) Will funding be available for the members of the Disability Advisory Council?

(a) What about for those who are being consulted with?

(9) What will be the role of the current Disability Reference Groups?

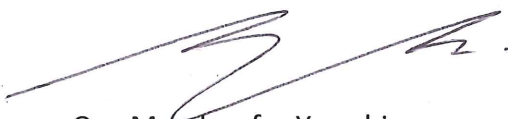
(a) How do you see the two entities interacting with each other?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- (1) Questions concerning the actions taken by Government are best put to the Government.
- (2) The Bill has been developed to reflect and expand on current practice which is proven and well respected.
- (3) Yes, and I draw the members attention to the submissions to the inquiry which raise this matter and the potential responses proposed by witnesses as well as my own testimony.
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- (4) Feedback during the public consultation period as well as submissions and evidence to the Committee Inquiry indicate strong support for the Bill.
- (5) As per all budgetary considerations, Budget Cabinet will determine the funding provisions.
- (6) The monitoring and compliance processes for the Bill are set out in the Bill.
- (6a) This is a matter of implementation and will be a decision for the administering Directorate.
- (7) The question implies there is an eligibility requirement under the Bill which there is not. The Bill is focused on systemic institutional change across a range of organisations, the benefits of which will apply to everyone not just specific individuals.
- (8) Funding for Ministerial Advisory Councils is a decision for Government.
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- (9) The Disability Reference Group will be elevated to a Ministerial Advisory Council.
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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:



By the Suzanne Orr, Member for Yerrabi

Date: 09/04/24