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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

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In relation to: Management of children if not Sentencing Administration Board

Hearing Date: 30 July 2024

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Answer Due Date: 5 August 2024

DR PATERSON: Do you manage children's cases?

Mr Mulligan: No.

DR PATERSON: How are these managed?

Mr Mulligan: They are managed separately. You would have to refer to the Attorney or—

Mr Rattenbury: I can take that on notice.

MS RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Youth Justice and Adolescent Services Branch (YJAS) is a Branch in the Community Services Directorate with a newly expanded remit. Previously only responsible for custodial youth justice services, the YJAS is undertaking significant policy and service reform work to operationalise the system changes developed alongside the legislative reform to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and to build new service relationships, both within the ACT Government and with the community sector.

The Youth Justice teams provide case management and supervision for young people who are subject to custodial and community-based orders before the ACT Childrens, Supreme or Warrambul Courts. This includes direct supervision of court orders, provision of rehabilitative and therapeutic

supports, and supporting young people exiting from custody. The primary focus of the team is to reduce the risk of severity and frequency of recidivism and address the needs of young people involved in the criminal justice system.

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By the Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA