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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Reference: Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Budget Outlook 2024- 25 p. 335

Hearing Date: 23/07/2024

In relation to: Community Services Directorate and Increases to the Safer Families Levy

QON lodgement Date: 26/07/2024

Answer Due date: 02/08/2024

- (1)** The Safer Families Levy was first established in 2016 for \$30 per household. The levy has increased over the years, costing now \$50 per household in 2024-25. The ACT Government announced that the Levy will now increase by \$10 in 2024-6 (\$60 per household) and a further \$10 in 2026-27 (\$70 per household). Are there any plans to increase the levy in 2027-28?
- (2)** The ACT Government announced that from 2024-25 onwards, the Levy will no longer fund non-frontline ACT Government employees. With the Levy expecting to raise around \$49.401m over the next four years to 2027- 28, what plans does the ACT Government have for this increase in funds raised?
 - (a) Are there plans to replace funding for complimentary initiatives from consolidated revenue (Budget Outlook 2024-25 p. 341) with funding raised by the Levy?
- (3)** What Safer Families Levy future initiatives are planned by the ACT Government with the unallocated Levy funding? (Budget Outlook 2024-25 p. 340)

Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) There are no plans to increase the Safer Families Levy in 2027-28.
- (2) Current planned expenditure of the Safer Families Levy over the next four years is outlined in the 2024-25 Budget Outlook paper in Table H.2 on page 340-341.
 - a) There are no plans to fund the complementary initiatives (currently funded through consolidated revenue as outlined in Table H.3) with revenue raised through the Safer Families Levy.

(3) Decisions relating to future allocations of the Safer Families Levy is subject to future Budget cycles and Cabinet consideration. The Budget process is informed by community needs, community budget submissions, and evidence-based solutions.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

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Date:

9/08/24

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