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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

QoN No - 67

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Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Safer Families, Budget Outlook p 377

In relation to: the Room4Change program by DVCS

1. Can the Minister provide a copy of the evaluation report for Room4Change as part of the answer to this Question on Notice?
2. What was the total cost of conducting the evaluation?
3. Will the ACT Government commit to continue funding the Room4Change program?
  - a. Does the ACT Government have any plans to increase funding for this program? If so, by how much and for what purposes; if not, why not?
4. What is the overall conclusion drawn by ACT Government after examining the evaluation report?
  - a. Are there any priorities or issues that the ACT Government will consider in more detail as a result of the evaluation report? If so, what are they and what measures will the ACT Government take to address these priorities or issues?

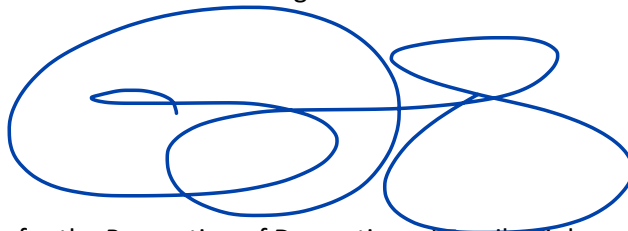
YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The evaluation report for Room4Change has been publicly released and is available on the DVCS website.
2. The total cost of conducting the evaluation was managed by DVCS as part of their total funding provided by the ACT Government. The ACT Government cannot provide the specifics regarding the total cost of conducting the evaluation as there is insufficient time to consult with DVCS before the Standing Committee Report on Estimates is due.
3. The 2021-22 Budget includes funding for Room4Change up to 2022-23. The ACT Government will consider the evidence provided in the evaluation when identifying and allocating ongoing resources for Room4Change, consistent with the ACT Government's focus on evidence-based responses.

- a. The ACT Government remains committed to effective perpetrator responses, and future Safer Families Levy funding may be used to support the extension of the Room4Change program and other perpetrator programs to improve safety for people experiencing domestic and family violence.
4. The ACT Government is still considering the findings of the final evaluation report as the report was only published in late October 2021.
    - a. The ACT Government is focused on supporting and developing effective, evidence-based responses for perpetrators to improve the overall responses for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and to reduce the incidence of domestic and family violence.

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

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