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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

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Review of ACT health programs for children and young people

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 2 November 2021

QToN No - 02

Asked by Mr Davis on 2 November 2021: Boon Lim took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: I was wondering if you could talk me through what screening programs, particularly in collaboration with the Department of Education, we are running to get better dental care for young people?

Minister Stephen-Smith: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Mobile Dental Clinic – School

- Primary schools with a low Index of Community and Socio-economic Advantage (ICSEA) are offered the Oral Health Service via the accessible mobile dental service staffed by a dental therapist and a dental assistant. These preventative dental services are provided out of the mobile school dental truck on the school premises. All children attending these schools are eligible for the service under an essential consent from a parent/guardian to participate in the service. Comprehensive examinations including radiographs are provided to establish treatment needs for clients. Preventive treatments such as scale/clean, fluoride treatments and fissure sealants are provided in the mobile dental clinic on the school premises. Clients requiring invasive treatments including restorative treatment (fillings) and extractions are directed to Oral Health Services' dental clinics located in Community Health Centres.

Dental Screens – Specialist Schools

- A Dental Screening program is offered to Specialist Schools including the Woden School, Malkara School, Black Mountain School and Cranleigh School. Children requiring further dental interventions are referred to an appropriate dental practitioner.

Koori Preschool Program (Koori Smiles)

- This outreach assessment program targets children attending Koori Preschools in the ACT. The program is designed to be an early intervention service that connects Indigenous families with

oral health services. The program also focuses on developing oral health literacy and provide support for families in establishing favourable oral health practices in the home.

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

Signature:



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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA