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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Ref: The Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Estimates Hearing on Tuesday 23 August 10:15am-11:15am. (CSD)

In relation to: The *Got Your Back* program by Relationships Australia

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 30/08/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 05/09/2022

- 1. To date, how many young people have participated in the program?**
 - a. How many aged 12-14 have participated?**
 - b. How many aged 15-17 have participated?**
 - c. How many aged 18-20 have participated?**
 - d. How many aged 21-25 have participated?**
- 2. What services and supports does the program offer?**
- 3. When was the program first established?**
- 4. Is there any funding allocated to the running of this program in this Budget?**
- 5. Are there any plans to expand this program? If so in what manner?**

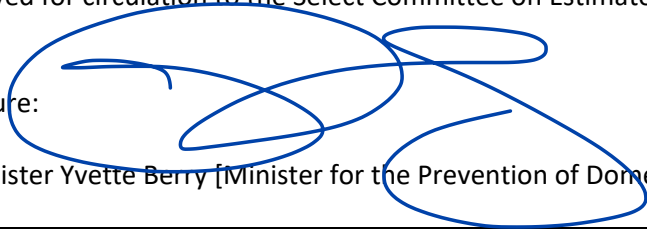
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Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. As young people may attend Got Your Back over several years, it is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown in these age groups. Since the service began, 48 young people have attended Got Your Back. They have been aged from 12 to 21 years.
2. Got Your Back groups are led by a skilled Relationships Australia facilitator in partnership with a youth worker from the youth centre where the group meets. The service provides a safe space for young people to share with others who have also experienced domestic and family violence. The groups are shaped by the young people. They decide the topics to be covered and invite guest speakers to attend.
3. November 2020.
4. Funding for the program has been provided in previous financial years through Commonwealth National Partnership Agreements and Family Safety Hub funding. No specific separate funding has been provided in the 2022-23 ACT Budget.
5. An external independent review of Got Your Back is underway and this will inform the scale and scope of the program in the future.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

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Date:

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By Minister Yvette Berry [Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence]

