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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA : To ask the Minister for Families and Community Services

Ref: Budget Outlook, p. 130

Hearing Date: 28 July 2023

In relation to: Establishing a Chief Practitioner

- (1) This budget funds the new position of Chief Practitioner, but the money for this role in the budget papers is always list as part of a larger bundle. What is the cost, this year and over the forward estimates, of establishing this new position?
- (2) What will be the role of the Chief Practitioner in driving sector reform?
- (3) When do you expect this position to be filled?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) CSD has been allocated \$1.211 million over 4 years to establish a new Executive Branch Manager 1.4 'Chief Practitioner' (CP) position.
- (2) The CP's will be to focus on leadership, practice support, training and development and specialist expertise, embedding continuous improvement and building better capability to deliver consistent contemporary practice in line with the Next Steps for Our Kids Strategy and modernising the Children and Young People Act. The establishment of the CP will align the ACT with the contemporary standard seen across other jurisdictions, having a centralised and consolidated area to drive sector leadership, capability building, and responses to critical incidents and inquiries. Building strong practice expertise will also ensure the ACT is able to deliver on national-level commitments including against the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the Safe and Supported National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.
- (3) CSD anticipates the role to be filled in the last quarter of 2023.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

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Date:

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By the Minister for Families and Community Services, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA