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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 46

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Families and Community Services

Ref: Child and Youth Protection Services, Budget Statement G, p. 19, output class CSD 1.1 Inclusion and Participation, CSD 1.3 Strategic Policy, CSD 1.4 Quality, Complaints and Regulation, CSD 2.3 Child and Youth Protection Services

In relation to: External Merits Review for Child Protection Decisions

1. In the hearing, it was stated that, after the first chosen tenderer had withdrawn, the tender was relet, with the consultant to begin work in mid-November.
 - a. Has this tender been finalised yet? And if not, when will it be finalised?
 - b. If the tender has been finalised now, who will be acting as the consultant on this project?
2. In the hearing, it was stated that the review mechanism should be in place by mid-2022.
 - a. When is the consultant expected to submit a model for external merits review?
 - b. What steps will be taken between submission of the model and implementation?

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

1.
 - a. The tender for the External Merits Review of Child Protection Decisions was endorsed by the delegate on 5 November 2021.
 - b. As this tender is currently under contract negotiation, information on the successful tenderer is unable to be shared.
2.
 - a. The consultant is expected to deliver a report detailing the final model for External Merits Review by the end of June 2022. Contract negotiations with the successful tenderer are in progress and the outcome of these negotiations may impact the anticipated delivery date.
 - b. Planning for implementation of the model will commence upon submission of the consultant's final report.

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

Signature: 

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