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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 Statement G, pp. 3, 5

Hearing Date: 28 July 2023

In relation to: Child and Family Centre Worker Embedded in Primary Schools

- (1) We heard in the hearing about an innovative pilot program that involves embedding a Child and Family Centre worker in certain primary schools, as selected by the Education Directorate. What criteria informed which schools have been recommended?
- (2) If known already, which schools will be included in this program in term 4 this year?
- (3) How and when will this pilot be evaluated, and is there scope for its expansion if continued?

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

1. The Education Directorate provide Community Services Directorate (CSD) with a suggested school, whereby they believe an embedded worker or enhanced connections with early intervention services would be beneficial. This is done based on knowledge about the school demographic and needs identified using both qualitative and quantitative measures.
2. This has not yet been determined.
3. At this stage, it is a pilot and will be evaluated alongside other programs run by the Child and Family Centres. CSD is open to continuing the program if it is meeting community need.

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

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Date:

17/8/23

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