



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert

Reference: Hearing on 13 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Early Childhood Development and Expanded CDS Service Pathway

- (1) One of the 'future directions' mentioned on p. 87 of the Annual Report is to 'refine the Expanded CDS Service pathway for 24–36 month old children, as this service scales up to capacity'. What is the planned-for 'capacity' of this service?
- (2) When is it expected that this capacity will be reached?

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

- (1) There is no defined 'capacity' for this service. Service models will be refined as demand increases to ensure the most efficient use of resources.
- (2) There is no defined 'capacity' for this service.

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By the Minister for Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA