



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 15 November 2023: Ms Evans took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Ruby's House – safe return

MRS KIKKERT: You will maybe take this one on notice as well. I am not sure. You might know. How many of the young people return home safely?

Ms Evans: I will prepare a thorough response to all your questions on Ruby's House.

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Of the 22 children/young people who have accessed overnight accommodation:

- nineteen (86%) children and young people accessing Ruby's House Canberra returned safely to family;
- two (9%) young people were supported through statutory support as it was unsafe for them to return home; and
- one (5%) young person is currently working with the program to explore options and access safe accommodation.

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