



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert:

In relation to: the Integrated Service Response Program (ISRP)  
CSD Annual Reports 2019–20 pages 69–70, 74.

1. Annual Reports state that the ACT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 28 August 2019, that is administered by the ISRP in relation to interim arrangements regarding funding for children who can no longer live in the family home. Since then until the date that this Question on Notice is published, how many children has the ISRP administered such arrangements for and what has been the total cost expended for the services provided pertaining to these arrangements?
  - a. Can the Minister provide a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding as an attachment to the answer of this Question on Notice?
  - b. It was reported that a particular challenge was ‘resolving the ongoing policy and service responsibility for issues for children with disability who can’t live in the family home and ensuring that people with disability are adequately supported by the Scheme during the COVID-19 health emergency.’ What was the nature of each of the challenges faced, and what is the current status of each challenge?
2. Annual Reports state that the ISRP can provide ‘emergency funding for emergency supports and services from non-government providers.’ Can the Minister provide a complete list of non-government providers engaged for such supports?
3. For each year since the establishment of the ISRP, can the Minister provide a complete funding breakdown?

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The ISRP has supported ten children under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), this includes the Early Intervention component of the MoU.
  - a. A copy of the MoU is attached.



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b. The particular challenge was clarifying with the Australian Government who was responsible for the funding of supports for children who can't live in the family home because of disability support needs. This is different to children who require a child protection out of home care response because of the neglect or abuse they have experienced. This included the clarification of who was responsible to fund accommodation, disability supports and the nature of the ongoing responsibility of States and Territories to provide access to mainstream services and a statutory response where required and appropriate.

The implementation of the MoU has resolved these issues in the ACT and it is now clear that the NDIA will fund twenty-four hour disability supports for families, whilst the ACT Government will fund accommodation (inclusive of board and lodging) and coordination of mainstream supports.

2. ISRP has funded the following service providers who were chosen by participants to deliver their disability supports:

- Access LifeCare
- Belconnen Community Services
- Brindabella Hearing & Speech Centre
- Care Plus
- CarersACT
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Community Connections
- Country Childrens Therapy Pty Ltd
- Early Bird Therapy
- Eat Speak Learn– Speech Pathology Services
- Eaton House
- EveryMan
- Focus ACT
- Haven Care Australia Pty Ltd
- Just Better Care
- JustRight Therapy Services Pty Ltd
- Kapital Care
- Kid's Space Occupational Therapy
- Koomarri
- Life Stream Australia
- Liveability
- Marymead
- Mental Health Foundation ACT
- Mint Cleaning Group
- myOT! Therapy Services
- Northside Community Service
- Quest Care
- Sharing Places
- Skipper Care Australia Pty



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- The Australian Childhood Trauma Group Pty
- The Disability Trust
- Wellcare Australia
- Willows Care Pty Ltd
- Woden Community Service Inc
- Zortex Orthotics Pty Ltd

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| ISRP Budget | 2018-19   | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Total       | 1,398,000 | 625,000 | 640,000 |

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By the Minister for Disability, Emma Davidson MLA