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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 - 58

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Budget Outlook p 377 Appendix H – Safer Families

In relation to: the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander reference group ('the reference group')

1. Community consultations were held by the reference group as part of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council to provide updates to the recommendations of the *We Don't Shoot Our Wounded* report. Can the Minister provide a full list of individuals and groups who were consulted?
 - a. Are there plans to conduct any further community consultations? If so, with whom and when?
2. When is the reference group anticipating to publish the consultation report?
3. What are the top 4 priorities that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community have identified for government focus in relation to domestic and family violence?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Consultation was undertaken and led by the Reference Group. The information requested is not held by the ACT Government and there is insufficient time to seek this information before the Standing Committee Report on Estimates is due. In addition it would not be appropriate to provide identifying information on individuals consulted.
 - a. Consultation is ongoing to further inform prioritisation of action on recommendations from *We Don't Shoot Our Wounded*. The specific detail of these consultations is determined by the Reference Group.
2. The date of publication has not yet been determined by the Reference Group. The ACT Government welcomes the Reference Group's advice and any report it publishes.

3. Consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities so far has identified the following four recommendations from *We Don't Shoot Our Wounded* for priority action:

- establish a specific service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women where a range of legal, advocacy, practical and healing activities can be delivered;
- develop a coordinated approach to supporting children and young people affected by family violence that recognises the importance of education and of family; and which offers practical, sustainable and non-punitive support to the parent who is also a victim of violence;
- provide advocacy, assistance and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from the time they report to police through to prosecution and court process and linked to victim support measures aimed at securing their personal, financial and social stability and security; and
- identify and implement a range of healing, supportive, advocacy and other interventions focused on addressing the trauma and harm from family violence.

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

Signature:



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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA