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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Petterson MLA

**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Kikkert: To ask the Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services

Ref: Community Recovery and Emergency Relief, CSD Annual Report 2020–21, p. 37.

In relation to: community recovery following the 3 January thunderstorm in West Belconnen

1. In the hearing, it was stated that the ESA coordinates efforts immediately after an emergency/natural disaster and that the CSD's Community Recovery team is more involved with the long-term recovery. Can the minister please clarify what the efforts of the Community Recovery team have been following the period when the ESA was coordinating the emergency response, including any long-term plans to help the West Belconnen community recover from the impact of this storm?

**MS DAVIDSON:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

A basis for strong, long term recovery is not recreating existing services, but linking people into services in their community who can provide in place, wrap around services for the period required.

Following the storm event in January 2022, CSD worked and will continue to work as required, with community partners to enable impacted community members to be linked with immediate supports such as food and material aid. It is at this time discussions around any requirement for longer term service needs or wrap-around supports are undertaken and put in place with appropriate community organisations.

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

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 16 March 2022

By the Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services, Emma Davidson MLA