



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA on 15 November 2023: Ms West took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Next Steps Strategy/Step Up for Our Kids – Evaluation Report

THE CHAIR: There was a question taken on notice during the hearings last year in relation to a stage 2 review of A Step Up for Our Kids. The Minister stated that this review would be completed and released during 2023. Has this review been done and has it been published? Is it publicly available? It is about the stage 2 review of A Step Up For our Kids.

Ms Sabellico: If what you are talking about, Mr Milligan, is the stage 2 review of the performance data that was undertaken as part of A Step Up For our Kids, that has been completed and it has been provided to all of those that participated. I believe it has also informed the learnings for the development of the Next Steps strategy, which is also currently in the public domain, as well as all of the information that has gone towards informing that strategy. The performance data will be part of that, and the learnings from that.

THE CHAIR: Has that been made publicly available or is it just internal?

Ms Sabellico: I do not know whether that one has been made publicly available. Certainly, the findings from it have gone into listening reports to inform where we need to head with the Next Steps strategy.

Ms Stephen-Smith: There are quite a lot of background documents available around the Next Steps strategy. There is a lot of summary information about what occurred through the A Step Up For Our Kids timeline, the changes that were made and the impact of that change, including data reporting out of that. I am also not aware of whether there is an actual evaluation report that informed that, but which is not itself available. Kate, do you know the answer?

Ms West: I will have to take that question on notice.

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

The stage 2 review of performance data under A Step Up for Our Kids was not produced as a separate document, but has been included in reports supporting the consultation and development of the Next Steps for Our Kids Strategy, including some sections that spoke to qualitative analysis.

The background documents for the development of Next Steps, including A Step Up for Our Kids Journey, What We Know Overview and Listening Reports, are publicly available at: <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/children-and-families/step-up-for-our-kids-strategy/Strengthening-families-and-keeping-children-and-young-people-safe>.

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