



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Reference: Education

Hearing: 17/11/2025

In relation to: Early Childhood and ACT Early Childhood Strategy

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Answer Due: 05/12/2025

1. The Early Childhood Strategy for the ACT only refers to safety once. Given the recent revelations about serious safety issues across the early childhood sector, when will the Strategy be updated to give appropriate consideration to this matter?
2. On 16 September, Minister Berry indicated during Question Time that 2 out of 9 actions from Phase 2 of the Early Childhood Strategy were underway, and due to be completed by December 2025. Noting Phase 2 was due to be completed in August, where is implementation of these actions up to now?
3. Which actions have been (a) commenced and (b) completed from Phase 3?
4. Has the Strategy been updated since its introduction, noting Minister Berry's indication in Question Time that it was intended to be regularly updated? Can you please provide a schedule of updates?

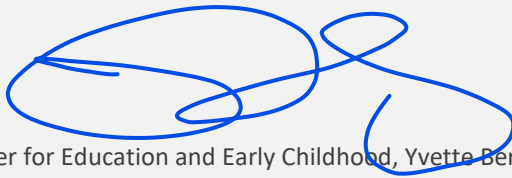
Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. *Set up for Success: An Early Childhood Strategy for the ACT (Set up for Success)* was designed to support delivery of high-quality early childhood education across the Territory. This is because it plays a critical role in supporting children's learning and development. *Set up for Success* is guided by the National Quality Framework which deeply embeds child safety principles and practices. As such, child safety is a key aspect of *Set up for Success*.
2. Phase Two of *Set up for Success* concludes in December 2025 and includes 19 initiatives that are on track for delivery in Phase Two or continuation into Phase Three.
3. Phase Three will commence in 2026, and initiatives will be formalised through development of the Phase Three Implementation Plan. The delivery of Phase Three will build on initiatives delivered throughout the first two phases and will be informed by evaluation findings.

4. As *Set up for Success* is implemented initiatives are scoped and analysed to ensure they meet current and future needs of the sector and early childhood landscape. The initiatives are outlined in the Implementation Plan for each phase.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

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Date:

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By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA