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Supplementary Question



The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to Bimberi Semi-Independent Living program (pg 6 AR vol 1) – How many residents of Bimberi have used the Bimberi Semi-Independent Living Program? Is this available for all residents of Bimberi?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question No 112 is as follows:

To date, two young people have participated in this program.

The program is available for all sentenced young people who are assessed as low risk and as part of their case management plan.

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Minister for Children and Young People

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The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to Parenting tip sheets (pg 45 AR vol 1) – How many pharmacies and GPs have the parenting tip sheets on CD available?

How have you marketed these (and the tip sheets in General)?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

A list of approximately 350 Canberra GPs has been prepared and the CD is currently in the process of being mailed out. A list of pharmacies has not yet been prepared and no final decision has been made to promote the CD's through pharmacies.

Parent guides, CD's, posters and a range of other publications produced by ParentLink are available at more than 150 outlets including schools, childcare centres, libraries, government shopfronts, community agencies, health centres and hospitals.

ParentLink continues to expand its community education approach through a range of multimedia initiatives including advertisements in The Canberra Times, The Chronicle, A-Z Parenting Guide (produced by The Canberra Times), and the ACT Department of Education and Training website. An advertisement promoting parenting guides and the ParentLink website will be circulated to school principals inviting them to use the advertisement in their school newsletters.

From July 2009 to June 2010 the ParentLink website attracted 94,000 visits. Among the most popular pages visited were the babies and toddlers, and teenager parenting guides.

An article promoting the CD appeared in the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services newsletter in The Chronicle in July 2010. Approximately 50 orders were received as a result of this article.

The CD has been sent to approximately 300 childcare agencies in the ACT. Several agencies have requested up to 200 additional copies to hand out to parents and staff.

The CDs will be placed in the ACT Government Shopfronts for collection by the members of the public.

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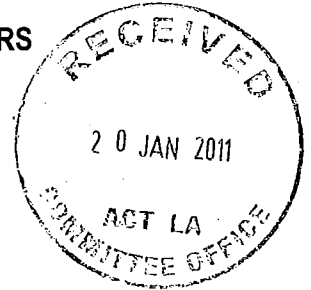
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The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to Children and Young People Taskforce (pg 70-71 AR vol 1) – What is the composition of the Children and Young People Taskforce?

What is an example of a recommendation or advice they have given to government in relation to the implementation of the Children's Plan?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

The Children and Young People's Taskforce is chaired by the Executive Director, Office for Children, Youth and Family Support, Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services and is comprised of 34 senior officers representing 8 Departments and various agencies of the ACT Government.

Recently the Children and Young People's Taskforce provided advice to the Manager, Road Safety, Department of Territory and Municipal Services on the draft *Vision Zero - ACT Road Safety Strategy 2011 – 2020* drawing on community consultation with children, families and young people and emphasising the importance of planning and designing safe and inclusive spaces that support children's optimal development and active participation in the community.

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The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to the Youth Advisory Council (pg 73 AR vol 1) – Has the Youth Advisory Council held any open meetings recently or do they plan to?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

The Youth Advisory Council held an Open Meeting on 3 August 2010 at the Canberra College. The Youth Advisory Council plan to conduct two Open Meetings in the community during 2011, however, no dates have been selected.

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The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to the G8 Project (pg 79 AR vol 1) –

1. Has a communication protocol been developed as part of the G8 project?
2. Is the model being created ready for implementation in 2011?
3. Will this model be rolled out across Canberra?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

1. Yes, it includes the following aspects:

- development of a guide of local services for families;
- resolving barriers of accessibility to existing services;
- promotion of the school as a community;
- individual monthly meetings for each school;
- developing community awareness of services and resources;
- facilitation of information sharing and collaboration between Care and Protection Services and Schools;
- shared training and development resources between Care and Protection Services and the Department of Education and Training;
- provision of research papers and policies which will inform best practices; and
- improved practices that are in accordance with best Case Management principles.

2. and 3. Yes, the model was developed with eight schools in Gungahlin. Work has already begun with the 22 schools in the Tuggeranong network, with plans in place for the model to be implemented across Tuggeranong by the end of 2011. Effectiveness and applicability across Gungahlin and Tuggeranong will later be assessed to determine whether the model should be rolled out across the whole of Canberra.

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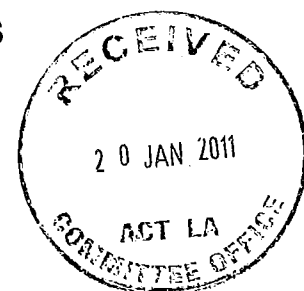
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The Chair asked the Minister for Children and Young People in relation to Young People's Plan Consultation (pg 148 AR vol 1) – Did the Youth Advisory Council consult more widely than is described in the consultation table on page 148 for their submission into the Young People's plan?

MINISTER BURCH - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

The Youth Advisory Council conducted two surveys regarding the *Young People's Plan 2009-2014*. The first survey was conducted in ACT Schools, the Canberra Institute of Technology and ACT Universities to identify what young people were concerned about in their community. A total of 280 young people responded. A second survey was conducted at the Youth InterACT Conference 2009 asking respondents to look at the *Young People's Plan 2009-2014* priorities with a total of 200 surveys returned.

The Youth Advisory Council members participated in three consultations regarding the *Young People's Plan 2009-2014*. The first consultation was held in Wreck Bay with 13 Aboriginal young people and the wider community participating. The second consultation was held at Gungahlin G-Club with 22 young people with disabilities and the third consultation was an open consultation for community members held in the ACT with a total of 12 people attending.

The total number of young people and community members consulted included 480 through surveys and 47 through face-to-face consultations.

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