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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
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Supplementary Question Number 21, 22 Department of Education and Training Annual Report (p44)

The Chair asked - 'We understand that DET and CIT are finalising protocols to improve education and training pathways for young people transitioning out of care. What has been the nature of these discussions and the strategies within the protocols to improve pathways and supports?

Minister Burch - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

In the first half of 2010 mechanism were reviewed to improve transitions from care. Improving transitions from care. This included high level discussions with the Department of Education and Training and the Canberra Institute of Technology about the development of draft protocols in relation to information sharing about young people in care, planning transitions and the resources that were available for care leavers.

A discussion paper on transitioning from care was released by the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services in September 2010 which put forward a possible model of service delivery and invited comment. Submissions closed on November 30th and the development of a new model based on best practice and the submissions is currently underway. Consultation with key stakeholders including Government and non government departments and the community is ongoing throughout the process.

Further discussion has occurred with DET and CIT and the service partnership agreements will be further developed and finalised as part of the development of the new model.

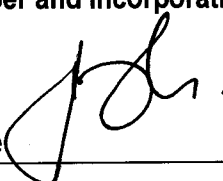
The Chair asked - When will these protocols be finalised?

Minister Burch - The answer to the Committee's question is as follows:

It is anticipated the protocols will align with finalisation of the new model which is anticipated to be finalised by September 2011.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Minister for Children and Young People



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