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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to: CYPs New Practice Initiatives

The Annual Report mentions nine new 'specific policy and practice documents to support CYPs staff in their work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families'. Can the minister please provide a copy of each of these documents?

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

The following nine new policy and practice documents that are outlined in the Community Services Directorate (CSD) 2019-20 Annual Report, are listed below and attached:

1. Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families – providing culturally responsive practice
2. Cultural plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people procedure
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Plan (revised)
4. Placing a child in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle practice guide
5. Adoption of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People policy
6. Working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Service Team practice guide
7. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander father inclusive practice guide
8. Advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children involved with child protection practice guide and
9. Supporting our Kids and Families with Child Protection – Information sheet for community.

Please note that *Placing a child in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle practice guide* has since been developed as a procedure to elevate its significance. In the hierarchy of policy artefacts, a procedure gives clear directives to staff whereas a practice guide provides background reading and theoretical perspectives. The Updated procedure is attached rather than the superseded practice guide.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

Date: 28/3/21

By the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA,