



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **Mrs Kikkert MLA**

Reference: Hearing on 4 November 2022, Output Class 1.5 Safer Families, CSD Annual Report 2021-22, p 83.

In relation to: Partnership with Care Inc to support people experiencing financial abuse

1. The ACT Government is funding Care Inc to support people experiencing financial abuse, and a training program was delivered to frontline community sector staff. Can the Minister please list all the frontline community services that participated in the training program?

- a. Were there any frontline community services who were invited to participate, but did not receive the training? If so, who?
- b. What other measures will the ACT Government take and what services are available to support people who experience financial abuse?
- c. Asides from the training program, is Care Inc funded to provide any further support for people experiencing financial abuse? If so, can the Minister please detail the nature of that support?

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

1. The Domestic Violence Crisis Service, Toora Women Inc and Woden Community Service participated in the training program.
 - a. All frontline community services who were invited attended and participated in the training.
 - b. The ACT Government is exploring options to continue to deliver training programs to frontline community service organisations to respond to financial abuse for people who experience domestic and family violence. The Women's Legal Centre, the Domestic Violence Crisis Service, Woden Community Service and Toora Women Inc currently provide services in relation to financial abuse.
 - c. Care Inc provide information, advice, and ongoing support to people who experience financial abuse.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA