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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services

Ref: Budget Statements G, p. 22

Hearing Date: 25 July 2023

In relation to: Youth Justice: Future Strategy

- (1) In the hearing, a question was asked about designing a future youth justice strategy, and it was said that funding for this can be found on p. 22 of Budget Statements G. Was this a reference to the new throughcare program?
- (2) Beyond designing a new throughcare program, what work is being done on designing a new youth justice strategy, and when do you expect that strategy to be ready for implementation?
- (3) In the hearing, it was said that one question that has been asked in regards to the future strategy is what best practice from elsewhere looks like. To date, which other youth justice systems have been reviewed and/or visited, and which are on the list to be reviewed and/or visited?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Community Services Directorate is co-designing a new youth justice strategy with children, young people, key youth justice stakeholders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families, service providers and communities. It is anticipated the new youth justice strategy will be finalised by mid 2024.

- (3) Examples of domestic throughcare programs and transition supports for young people reviewed include the youth throughcare model used by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), Creating Futures (NSW) and Transition to Success (QLD).

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Signature: 

Date: 17 August 2023

By the Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services, Emma Davidson MLA