



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Health Justice Partnerships

(1) An independent external review on the Health Justice Partnerships from June 2022 to March 2023 was conducted. Has the review been completed? If so, what were the key findings of the review?

- (a) Can a copy of the review be attached as part of the answer to this Question on Notice?
- (b) If the review has not yet been completed, what is the cause of the delay, when is the review expected to be completed and published?

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- (1) The review was completed by ARTD Consultants in March 2023. It found the Health Justice Partnerships effective in providing a simple pathway for people (mostly women) to access legal assistance and connections to other domestic and family violence services.
 - a. The full report is not publicly available to protect the privacy of the clients who participated in the review. A plain English summary was prepared by ARTD Consultants and is attached.
 - b. Not applicable.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

Date: 30/11/23

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