



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 21 November 2023: Mr Stathis took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Disability Reference Group

MS LAWDER: There is also the Disability Justice Reference Group. Is there much overlap, or some of the same people? Is there any interaction between the two groups?

Mr Stathis: The justice reference group is led by Justice and Community Safety. They meet twice a year and are basically used as a sounding board for the Disability Justice Strategy. I am not sure on the overlap of those two groups. Take that on notice.

Ms Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Disability Justice Reference Group is co-chaired by the Chair of the Disability Reference Group to help ensure connection between these groups. Community Services Directorate provides secretariat support to the Disability Reference Group. The Disability Justice Strategy team (comprising of staff across the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Community Services Directorate) provide secretariat support to the Disability Justice Reference Group. A small number of individuals (both community members and ACT Government staff) interact with both groups. The groups do not formally interact with each other.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Disability, Ms Emma Davidson MLA