



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
25 February 2022

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 25 February: Catherine Rule took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Youth Interchange Program – Inter-Ministerial discussions on kids exiting Bimberi, ...case management? Conversations with Minister Davidson about working together?

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Bimberi Youth Justice Centre works in partnership with a range of services with a focus on support for young people in custody. On a weekly basis, Bimberi staff hold a client services meeting. This multidisciplinary meeting involves Bimberi staff, Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS), Murrumbidgee School, Canberra Health Services and the ACT Public Advocate. This is an effective information sharing and decision-making mechanism which can assist in guiding case management and transition service responses.

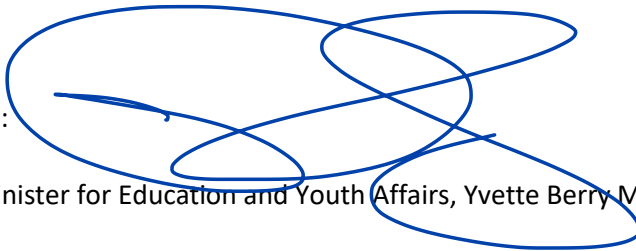
During these meetings there is a focus on transition planning. This has contributed towards a trauma-informed and holistic lens being applied for young people transitioning from custody. CYPS also leads case conferences with young people and their natural and professional supports to ensure comprehensive plans are in place prior to release. CYPS case managers meet with young people in custody to undertake case planning and develop goals associated with their transition. Additionally, Bimberi will provide practical supports, such as clothing, personal items or vouchers for young people should further support be needed upon release.

Regarding the Youth Interchange Program, there has not been discussion around young people who exit Bimberi automatically being part of the program. All participants of the program are required to be connected or referred through either the Education Directorate, a community organisation or a Job Network provider that can provide funding for the

program. Programmed Facilities Management's Social Inclusion Manager and the Manager of Apprenticeship Careers Australia provide information sessions for potential participants to inform and identify participants' interests in different trades. This also helps to identify potential employers that may employ the participants on the Housing ACT TFM contract at the end of the program.

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

Signature:

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Date: 03/05/22

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Yvette Berry MLA