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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023**

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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

Ref: Youth Justice, Budget Outlook, pp. 84, 100, 136, 386; Budget Statement G, pp. 5, 7, 20, 23, 26, 28  
(Community Services Directorate)

In relation to: Franklin House (for young people on community justice orders)

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 01/09/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 05/09/2022

- 1. In the hearing, it was confirmed that staff increases in 2021–22 included eight staff for Franklin House. It was also stated in hearings that the operation of Franklin House has been delayed multiple times and that it won't be operation for another few weeks. What exactly have the eight FTE staff for Franklin House been doing for work from their employment until now?**
- 2. It was stated in the hearing that some community youth justice orders require a specific residence. What are the reasons for that requirement**
- 3. It was stated in the hearing that NGOs are sometimes used to provide residence for young people in this circumstance if Narrabundah House and Franklin House are not available. Which NGOs are used, and what has been the cost of this?**

1 September 2022

Minister Davidson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. Bimberi Residential Services youth workers are trained to work across all Bimberi settings. The eight Franklin House youth workers are currently working at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.
2. In supporting a young person's community-based youth justice order, the Childrens Court Magistrate may direct, as part of the young person's conditions, a young person to reside at a specific address or as directed by the Community Services Directorate. Child and Youth Protection Services staff will support the young person to comply with the requirements of their order, including a 'reside as directed' condition. The Magistrate may include this condition to ensure the young person's whereabouts are known and to reduce risks of offending away from the residence, particularly overnight.
3. Focus ACT are the only non-Government organisation used to provide accommodation for youth justice clients. There have been 2 clients who have required Focus ACT's accommodation service. The service provides 24-hour support at a cost of approximately \$11 000 per week.

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Date: 9 September 2022

By Minister Davidson [Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services]

