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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 68

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence:

Ref: Budget Outlook Appendix H – Safer Families

In relation to: Watch Your Back pilot program by Relationships Australia

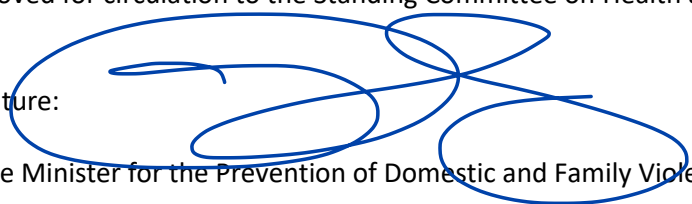
1. When will this pilot program be launched?
2. How many young people are expected to participate in the pilot?
 - a. What is the age range of participants in the pilot?
3. What services and supports are provided as part of the pilot?
4. Who will be evaluating the pilot in 2022?
 - a. What is the estimated total cost of such an evaluation?

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

1. Relationships Australia began the first two Got Your Back groups in November 2020. A third began in April 2021.
2. 30 young people have attended a group and an additional 24 have been supported individually by the Got Your Back coordinator with safety planning, one-on-one support or have begun the intake process to join a group.
 - a. The participants are aged 12 to 18 years old.
3. Got Your Back is a peer group program that uses restorative and trauma-informed practice to support young people who have experienced domestic and family violence. The group is led by an experienced practitioner and a youth worker. The groups are a safe environment in which young people can share their experience of domestic and family violence with other young people who have had the same experience. The groups also have guest speakers on specific topics. The subjects discussed in the group are chosen by the young people and include relationships, safety planning, family dynamics, legal issues and mental and physical health. The group also connects young people with other specialist services they may need and provides case work support and one-on-one outreach support for young people.
4. A request for tender will be released in early 2022 to secure a suitable provider for the evaluation.
 - a. The estimated total cost is \$50,000 to \$80,000.

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

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Date: 18/11/21

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