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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Ref: The Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Budget paper 3, p 138. (CSD)

In relation to: Counselling services

Date (Question Lodged by
Member): 30/08/2022 Date
(Question Sent to DLO):
05/09/2022

1. **Can the Minister please provide details on funding in this Budget for counselling services in this Territory, particularly in relation to the following:**
 - a. **Children's trauma counselling**
 - b. **Counselling services for at-risk women and their children**
 - c. **Counselling services for at-risk men**

30 August 2022

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

ACT Health has provided the following information in response to the Member's question

2022/23 Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Budget allocation specifically related to:

- a. **Children's trauma counselling**

\$8.2m over 4 years allocated for delivering better youth mental health services with ACT contribution of \$4.1m and Commonwealth contribution of \$4.1m to fund youth initiatives. Most notably the Youth at Risk initiative to provide early mental health support for young people aged 13-17 experiencing, or at risk of experiencing mental health concerns, mental illness, suicide or self-harm. This initiative aims to address co-occurring issues such as trauma.

b. Counselling services for at-risk women and their children

\$14.5m over 4 years for Strengthening mental health support for families and young children with ACT contribution of \$8.9m and Commonwealth contribution of \$5.54m to fund initiatives including:

- Perinatal mental health screening, which can play a role in identifying at risk women
- Enhancing Child Mental Health, this will provide an early mental health response to children and their families, integrated with other child and family services, increasing the potential to identify families at risk and connect them to appropriate counselling and support
- Expanding Childhood Early Intervention program (CHS)
- Establishing a mother and Infant Dialectical Behaviour Therapy program (CHS)

c. Counselling services for at-risk men

No specific funding identified for this group in the current budget.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:



Date:

12/9/22

By Minister Yvette Berry [Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence]