



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:**

Reference: Hearing on 9 November 2022, Annual Report of CSD

In relation to: Page 65, 68, Best Start Strategy

1. When will the Best Start Strategy be launched, and what is in the first action plan?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Best Start for Canberra's Children: The First 1000 Days Strategy (Best Start) and its interim Action Plan were publicly launched on 4 November 2022. Best Start and the interim Action Plan were tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 23 November 2022.

The Best Start webpage inclusive of the interim Action Plan has been publicly available since 4 November 2022 and is at: www.communityservices.act.gov.au/best-start

The Action Plan has been titled 'interim' as there will be opportunities to build on and refine actions with sector partners in early 2023. Following this, the Action Plan will then be finalised and 'published' on the aforementioned webpage.

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

Signature:

Date: 20 / 12 / 22

By the Acting Minister for Families and Community Services, Chris Steel MLA