



## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**Inquiry into Auditor-General's Performance Audit Reports July – December 2022**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**5 July 2023**

Asked by the Chair, **MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA** on 5 July 2023: **MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH**, took on notice the following questions:

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- 1) When the program was launched in 2015 was it a pilot program?
- 2) How much was the funding on that first years, in 2015?
- 3) How much funding was received, every year after that it continued to be in a pilot mode for the remainder of the forthcoming years, from 2015?
- 4) How many children are treated by the program annually and is there a waiting list?
- 5) What is the relationship between SKIP and the Paediatric Weight Management Program that we have invested more funding into in the budget?

**MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH:** the answer to the member's question:

- 1) The School Kids Intervention Program (SKIP) commenced following the identification of service gaps in the *Canberra Hospital and Health Services Obesity Service Redesign Project Services Proposal 2012*. It was proposed that the service would commence at a small scale using existing resources and be expanded over time.
- 2) No specific funding was allocated in 2015. The service commenced using existing resources and reallocation of internal funds within the Division of Women, Youth and Children.
- 3) The program functioned using existing resources and reallocation of internal funds.
- 4) Current resourcing of the SKIP provides capacity for enrolling 25 children at any given time. There are currently five children/families on the waitlist.
- 5) The SKIP is the only government funded paediatric weight management program in the ACT. The SKIP currently provides a 12-month program of support for children aged four to 12 years old. The additional investment in the SKIP (described as the Paediatric Weight Management Program in the Budget) will provide the development of an expanded multidisciplinary program for children in this age range.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

Date:

30/7/23

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA