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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 1****Friday, 6 December 2024****Question No. 72**

Miss Nuttall MLA: To ask the Minister for Children, Youth and Families — What policies and protocols exist to enable the ACT Youth Assembly to disagree with the decisions of ministers or contest the Government response to their recommendations.

Michael Pettersson MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Youth Assembly brings together young Canberrans aged 12 to 25 years to share ideas on how to advance youth issues and is hosted by the ACT Youth Advisory Council. It has been held every 2 years since 2018. Participants discuss issues and contribute to an ACT Youth Assembly Report, which the ACT Youth Advisory Council presents to the Minister responsible for youth affairs. The Government then provide a formal response. The ACT Youth Assembly Report is a mechanism for the Council to put forward direct and well informed advice to the Minister on the issues and interests of young people more broadly.

The ACT Youth Advisory Council Terms of Reference provides the policy mechanism for the Council to put forward their issues and interest on youth affairs. The Council has meetings with the Minister for Children, Youth and Families where they can raise issues directly with the Minister, including to disagree with the decision of a Minister or contest the Government response to their recommendations.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

**Michael Pettersson MLA****Minister for Children, Youth and Families****Date:** 15/1/25

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