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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 1 6 December 2024 Question No. 23

MISS NUTTALL MLA: To ask the Minister for Human Rights –

What support is currently given to allow the ACT Children and Young People Commissioner to advocate publicly on proposed policy in the Assembly.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's guestion is as follows:

The Children and Young People Commissioner (the Commissioner) seeks to ensure that the rights of children and young people are upheld through various activities, including consulting with children and young people, providing advice on laws, policies and service design, and appearing before inquiries in the Assembly.

The Commissioner is also the Public Advocate. These roles are jointly funded and operate within a budget of approximately \$2.4 million in 2024-2025. The President of the Human Rights Commission is responsible for the effective financial management of the budget in accordance with her functions under section 18 of the *Human Rights Commission Act 2005*. The President works with the Commissioner to apportion the Commissioner's budget across her various activities.

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