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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5**

Friday, 11 April 2025

Question No. 271

MS BARRY MLA: To ask the Minister for Children, Youth and Families

1. In relation to a hearing of the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 10 February 2025, at which the committee was advised that the Solid Ground program had recently been evaluated by ARTD Consultants, has the evaluation report been published; if so, can the Minister provide a link to that report; if the report has not been published, can the Minister provide a copy of the evaluation report.
2. Has the Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) responded to the evaluation report; if so, can the Minister provide a copy of the response.
3. What changes have been made to the Solid Ground program since the evaluation was completed.
4. Was the evaluation conducted in accordance with the ACT Government Evaluation Policy and Guidelines.
5. Did the evaluation look at the capacity of PCYC to accommodate demand for this program.



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

1. Please note that responsibility for the Solid Ground pilot, delivered by Police Community Youth Club (PCYC), sits with the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence. The evaluation report has not yet been published, noting the report was finalised in January 2025. It is intended to make the report available online shortly on PCYC's website.
2. The evaluation report does not require a formal response from PCYC and so PCYC has not responded to the evaluation report. PCYC was provided an opportunity to review the draft report and provide comments.
3. There have been no changes made to the Solid Ground program since the evaluation was completed. The evaluation found the program was effective, represents value for money and is a cost-effective way to provide evidence-based support to young people. The evaluation report recommends considering trialling the addition of a part-time counsellor to the Solid Ground program to provide a co-located therapeutic response to young people. The findings of the evaluation are currently being considered by the ACT Government.
4. Yes.
5. Yes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Children, Youth and Families

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