

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education:

Early Childhood Integrated Service Models

1. Minister, in your answer to Written Question 105 you promised to evaluate a range of early childhood integrated service models across the Northern Territory. Has this review commenced?

The Department of Education is planning to evaluate a range of early childhood integrated service models across the Northern Territory. The Child and Family Centre Model will be evaluated as part of this larger evaluation. The early childhood integrated services evaluation is expected to commence in September 2018. The review is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. The evaluation framework is still in design stage.

2. Which external organisation will be engaged to conduct the evaluation?

Procurement of an external organisation to conduct the evaluation has not yet commenced.

3. What is the cost of the review?

Further planning will be undertaken to define the scope and cost of the review.

4. Will the findings of the review be made public?

Yes, the findings of the review will be made public.

The Department of Education is considering the evaluation of the Child and Family Centre Model in the context of the whole-of-government focus on integrated service delivery outlined in the *Generational Strategies - Starting Early for a Better Future and Safe, Thriving and Connected*. It is expected that this evaluation will continue beyond 2019; there will be an interim report by the end of 2019.