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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
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Dear Chair

Thank you again for your time on 14 November to discuss the progress the Department of Health has made in implementing mental health and wellbeing related recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.

In response to the Committee's questions on notice, I provide the following information.

- 1. Please provide data on the episodes of care provided by CYMHS to children in OOHC in each region, for the past five years.**

Due to current data collection methods, I am advised that the Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) is unable to provide historical data for the past five years in relation to service provision to children in OOHC.

The Department of Health (DOH) will work with the Department for Education Children and Young People (DECYP) to ensure that both referrals and episodes of care can be reported.

- 2. For the most recent full year period, please provide data indicating the number and proportion of children exiting AYDC, having received a mental health/trauma assessment and plan during their time at AYDC, that subsequently accessed government provided therapeutic support services in the community?**

All young people remanded to AYDC have a screening mental health assessment.

In the 12-month period (1 Nov 2023 to 31 Oct 2024) 46 young people were registered by Correctional Primary Health Services (CPHS) for 57 episodes (receptions) at AYDC. 100 per cent of these episodes received a clinic appointment from CPHS.

Eight of the 46 consumers or 17.4 per cent commenced an episode of care with a community MHS team within 90 days of AYDC release. Note that this may not represent the full number of therapeutic support services provided in the community following release.

The CYMHS Youth Forensic Clinical Psychiatrist has been employed since September 2024 and attends AYDC one day per week providing clinical services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Jaensch', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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