

Appendix A SCHEDULE OF QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Questions taken on Notice Friday, 26 February 2021

Canberra Health Services and ACT Health Directorate

No.	Asked by	Directorate/ Portfolio	Subject
CHS - 1	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Emergency Department - Rapid Assessment
CHS - 2	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Budget Statement C (Page 10) - Sexual Health Centre
CHS - 3	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Budget Statement C (Page 10) - Sexual Health Centre and why it was not mentioned in the Annual Report
CHS - 4	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Budget Statement C (Page 10) - Sexual Health Centre
CHS - 5	MRS JONES MLA	Canberra Health Services	Forensic Health Centre
ACTHD - 6	Minister for Health	ACT Health Directorate	<p>Budget expenditure data - ROGS data - 2016-17, non- admitted patients has increased with funding decreasing by 4.8% on average per annum.</p> <p>1) Which items have been removed in the data cleansing process - line by line?</p> <p>2) When was the decision taken to go to health funding envelope approach?</p>
CHS - 7	MRS KICKERT MLA	Canberra Health Services	Junior Doctors - Workloads
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ATCHD - 9	Giulia JONES MLA	ACT Health Directorate	Cross-border revenue arrangements- revenue breakdown and FTE of staff
ACTHD - 10	Giulia JONES MLA	ACT Health Directorate	Number of beds in residential rehabilitation
ACTHD - 11	MRS KIKKERT MLA	ACT Health Directorate	Safe Haven Cafes
CHS - 12	Minister for Mental Health	Canberra Health Services	Answered During Hearing/ Drug and Alcohol Page 44 Table 14 - You would not happen to know, so I guess, at a somewhat specific level, what the vacancies are?
CHS - 13	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Junior Doctors- Training Positions in Psychiatry
CHS - 14	Mrs Jones MLA	Canberra Health Services	Centenary Hospital for Women and Children - New Adolescent Ward
CHS - 15	MR DAVIS MLA	Canberra Health Services	Alexander Maconochie Centre - Smoking
CHS - 16	MR PETTERSSON MLA	Canberra Health Services	Psychiatrists
ACTHD - 17	MR PETTERSSON MLA	ACT Health Directorate	Mental health Service in the ACT
ACTHD - 18	MR PETTERSSON MLA	ACT Health Directorate	The Eating Disorders Residential Treatment Centre
ACTHD - 19	Giulia JONES MLA	ACT Health Directorate	Emergency apprehensions assessments occurring within four hour timeframe



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QTON No. AR -1

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA (CHAIR), ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
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Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Emergency Department – Rapid Assessment

What percentage of people being assessed by the Emergency Department would be classified as seniors?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

In 2019-20, there were 87,386 presentations to Canberra Health Services Emergency Department. Of these presentations, 17,549 patients were aged 65 years and older at the date of presentation. The percentage of patients classified as seniors was 20.1 per cent of presentations.

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
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Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Budget Statement C (Page 10) – Sexual Health Centre

Can you provide data on demographics for the Sexual Health Centre?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The percentage of clients presenting to Canberra Health Services, Sexual Health Centre by statistical area between July 2017 and February 2021 is provided below.

Client Demographics CHS Sexual Health Centre July 2017 to February 2021	
Statistical Area	Percentage
North Canberra	19%
Belconnen	16%
Goulburn - Yass	14%
Tuggeranong	12%
Gungahlin	11%
South Canberra	6%
Fyshwick – Pialligo - Hume	6%
Cotter - Namadgi	5%
Woden	3%
Queanbeyan	2%
Other	6%

The percentage of clients presenting to Canberra Health Services, Sexual Health Centre by age between July 2017 and February 2021 is provided below.

Client Demographics CHS Sexual Health Centre July 2017 to February 2021	
Age Group	Percentage
<15	0.1%
15-29	13%
20-24	25%
25-29	21%
30-34	13%
35-39	8%
40-44	5%
45-49	5%
50-54	4%
55-59	2%
60-64	2%
>65	2%

The total number of clients presenting to Canberra Health Services, Sexual Health Centre by sex between July 2017 and February 2021 is provided below.

Client Demographics CHS Sexual Health Centre July 2017 to February 2021	
Male	17,210
Female	10,970
Total	28,180

*Canberra Health Services, Sexual Health Centre are currently unable to provide data on patients who identify as indeterminate, non-binary or other

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Estimates 2020-2021

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26 February 2021

Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Budget Statement C (Page 10) – Sexual Health Centre and why it was not mentioned in the Annual Report:

- 1 How much money is spent on the Sexual health Centre?
- 2 What is the overall proportion of the Canberra Health Services Budget is spent of the Sexual Health Centre?
- 3 Is that going up or down or is it staying at level?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1 In 2019-20, Canberra Health Services spent \$2.938 million on the Canberra Sexual Health Centre.
- 2 In 2019-20, the Canberra Sexual Health Centre expenditure budget was 0.22 per cent of the overall Canberra Hospital Services budget.
- 3 In 2020-21, the Canberra Sexual Health Centre expenditure is \$3.307 million, an increase of 12.5 per cent on the prior year. This amount represents 0.24 per cent of the overall Canberra Health Services budget.

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Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Budget Statement C (Page 10) – Sexual Health Centre

Provide the figures on how many presentations to the service during drop-in hours in the last financial year compared to booked in services this year?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Canberra Sexual Health Centre Occasions of Service month by month comparison pre and post March-May 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic.

2019/20			2020/21
	Walk in Presentations	Booked Presentations	Booked Presentations*
July	1223	51	918
August	1051	86	910
September	1120	69	990
October	1080	79	954
November	1124	80	984
December	947	75	898
January	1282	55	998
February	1076	108	1005

(*Note – Walk in Presentations have not been available in 2020/21 due to COVID-19 measures.)

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Asked by MRS JONES MLA:

In relation to: Forensic Health Centre

Could there be a possibility of a forensic and medical sexual assault care unit at Canberra Hospital being mobile?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Clinical Forensic Medical Service (CFMS) at Canberra Hospital is able to offer a mobile service, however, medical evidence collection outside of the CFMS at Canberra Hospital is not routine practice. For example, CFMS can collect forensic medical evidence from operating theatres and the intensive care unit where moving the patient will compromise the patient's physical condition.

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Asked by Guilia Jones MLA [ref: UPT Page 27 – 28]

In relation to: Budget Expenditure – Health Funding Envelope

1. **Mr O'Halloran:** Indeed. So it is not necessarily showing that there is fundamentally a drop in funding. What it is demonstrating is that, as we are going through and cleansing our data, and as you are aware, we have been doing a great deal of work in the last few years on actually cleaning our data, that is ensuring that we are much more accurate in what we are reporting and how the costs are apportioned across the system.

Secondly, as I said before and the minister has said, there has been significant work in the health services—Canberra Health Services and Calvary—in being more efficient in what they do. And so that is actually enabling them to deliver more services.

MRS JONES: So can I just maybe ask, on notice, for which items have therefore been removed from the data in that cleansing process, line by line? Can you provide that on notice?

Mr O'Halloran: We can provide that information on notice, yes.

2. **Ms Stephen-Smith:** Well, this is part of the reason that are actually currently looking at those issues around health funding, sustainability, and whether we are going to continue this approach going forward or whether we are going to take a slightly different approach or whether we, you know, simply—we will retain the envelope approach, but we will, know you, change the envelope. We really are still working through those positions.

MRS JONES: So can I just maybe ask on notice if the department can work out or if your office can work out when that decision was taken historically to go to that envelope approach where we look at the overall growth of the bucket rather than that specific projection per service, let us say, for the growth of the population?



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Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The reduction in non-admitted service events from 2015-16 to 2016-17 reflects a change in reporting by the ACT. Prior to 2016-17, the ACT data submission included Community Mental data, which is block funded and should not have been included. From 2016-17 onwards this block funding data has been excluded from Commonwealth Submissions.
2. The Health Funding Envelope was established in the 2006-07 ACT Budget. Reference to the funding envelope can be found on pages 72 and 73 of 2006-07 Budget Paper 3.

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
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Asked by MRS KIKKERT MLA:

In relation to: Junior Doctors- Workloads

What are you doing to address the heavy workloads, more than 40 hours per week or 60 hours per week?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Canberra Health Services proactively monitors and assesses Junior Medical Officer (JMO) workload and ensures that rostering and leave arrangements are managed appropriately for a training setting. This includes and is not limited to ensuring that:

- leave is taken and used within appropriate timeframes
- the Medical officer rostering office will actively monitor the rosters and flag staff who are consistently working more than 100 hours per fortnight.
- Junior Medical Officers in their first and second year of post graduate training do not work more than three on-call shifts per fortnight; and
- there is clarity on overtime expectations during orientation.

As part of this monitoring and assurance, JMO overtime trends are reported to the Executive Director of Medical Services, highlighting any instance where a JMO's timesheet exceeds 100 hours per fortnight, or includes more than three on-call shifts per fortnight, so that issues can be addressed with the responsible Clinical Director in the unit where the overtime occurred.

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Asked by MRS JONES MLA:

In relation to: Junior Doctors- Exams

When will those pass marks be known—the level of passing? Those delayed exams.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I am advised that Canberra Health Services anticipates that the results of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians exams, which were delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be known by mid-May 2021.

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Asked by Giulia JONES MLA [ref: UPT page 70 - 71]

In relation to: Cross-border revenue arrangements – revenue breakdown and FTE of staff

Ms Chambers: The way the funding comes through, is actually through our state pool accounts, through the National Health Reform Agreement.

For New South Wales actual breakup of that quantum, of the \$200,000, I could take that on notice, to get the actual specific. I did not bring my annual report booklet up with me. But there is actually a good blurb in the financial reporting section about what our cross-border revenue is. And also we have cross-border expenses of course.

And the way it is actually measured is on an annual basis we calculate, through the National Health Funding body reconciliations about how many interstate patients we have treated. And also how many ACT residents have been treated interstate.

MRS JONES: And how many staff are engaged in the business of managing, collecting, the data on how many people we have served? What is—let us say, which things they have had done to them in our system? And then how much therefore, you know. So is it like a 10-person team? Or, you know, can you take that—maybe you have to take that on notice.

Ms Jonasson: We would probably have to take that one on notice, I think, Mrs Jones.

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

For 2019-20, total cross-border revenue recognised by the ACT for treatment of interstate patients was \$201.650 million and can be broken-down as follows:

	Direct from State/Territory	From Commonwealth	Total
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
New South Wales	110,524,557	83,803,195	194,327,752
Victoria	2,004,176	1,427,596	3,431,772
Queensland	1,324,656	1,016,140	2,340,796
South Australia	397,101	304,615	701,715



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Western Australia	243,002	186,406	429,408
Tasmania	216,331	165,947	382,278
Northern Territory	20,744	15,913	36,657
Total	*114,730,566	86,919,811	201,650,377

** Note: the figure contained in the ACT Local Hospital Network financial statements for 2019-20 of \$116.596 million includes adjustments for prior year reconciliations, hence it differs from the above number which is a 2019-20 exclusive figure.*

These amounts are estimates at 30 June 2020 and are subject to reconciliation following exchange of patient data between the States and Territories.

There are no staff dedicated to the collection specifically for cross border data, rather the same level of information is collected for all patients, including post code, which then triggers a cross border claim.

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Asked by Giulia JONES MLA [ref: UPT page 82]

In relation to: Number of beds in residential rehabilitation

MRS JONES: So do you have any statistics about the number of beds we have in residential rehabilitation? The number of places that we have in non-residential rehabilitation for drug use? And other options that are available to people for recovery who want to? Because the feedback—the casual feedback that I have had is that it is really hard to get in. Really hard to get in.

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Number of beds in residential rehabilitation services

- There were 104 AOD residential rehabilitation beds in the ACT in 2019-20:

Community Partner	AOD Residential Beds	Bed Types
Karralika Programs Inc	44 beds ¹	
Directions Health Services	11 beds ²	combined AOD rehabilitation and withdrawal beds
Ted Noffs Foundation ACT	10 beds ³	combined AOD rehabilitation and withdrawal beds, targeting 12 to 17 year-olds
The Salvation Army	39 beds ⁴	

¹ACT Health Directorate Karralika Service Funding Agreement

²Directions Health Services Annual Report 2019-20

³ACT Health Directorate Ted Noffs Service Funding Agreement

⁴Confirmation of bed numbers with The Salvation Army. ACT Health Directorate provides a financial contribution to the Salvation Army towards an unspecified number of rehabilitation beds (with the exception of the Drug and Alcohol Court Program).

The Alexander Maconochie Centre also delivers an 'on site' alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation program.

Non-residential rehabilitation options

- Non-residential (day) rehabilitation treatment places being delivered in the ACT by Directions Health Services and Toora Women Inc are funded by the Capital Health Network. The ACT Health Directorate is unable to provide advice on the number of places available through these services. However, service information can be found here: www.chnact.org.au/for-consumers/alcohol-and-other-drug-programs/



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- 22 day rehabilitation treatment places have been dedicated to ACT Drug and Alcohol Court Program participants:
 - Directions Health Services – 8 to 10 treatment places across combined day rehabilitation and counselling package (12 week program)
 - Toora Women Inc – 12 treatment places across combined day rehabilitation and counselling package (12 week program overall with 8 weeks in day rehabilitation).

Other treatment options

There are several other AOD treatment and support options for people to access in the ACT with the aim of matching suitable treatments, including:

- Counselling – one to one, family and group (may be delivered in-service, or in outreach settings);
- Withdrawal - residential and non-residential services (medicated or non-medicated);
- Support and case management;
- Information and education (for example following diversion by police);
- Pharmacotherapy maintenance treatment and treatment support;
- Sobering-up Shelter service;
- Pre-treatment support for residential programs;
- Nicotine Replacement Therapy access through the AOD treatment services;
- Treatment delivered within hospital settings, including services by consultation and liaison staff;
- Non-rehabilitation treatment delivered within correctional centres;
- Treatment delivered in primary health care settings, including general practice;
- Harm reduction services such as provision of sterile injecting equipment and access to the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone; and
- Adjunct medical services such as Hepatitis C screening, assessment and treatment.

The delivery of some of these services were also impacted by COVID-19. For example AOD treatment services were required to change the treatment delivery method for counselling services, from face to face to on-line.

The ACT Government provided an additional \$518,000, including \$200,000 of flexible funding to the sector, to support alcohol and other drug services respond to demand pressures and to innovate service delivery models due to the impact of COVID-19.

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Asked by Elizabeth KIKKERT MLA [Ref: UPT page 174]

In relation to: Safe Haven Cafes

MRS KIKKERT: Okay, and so when will the Safe Haven ED site begin to be constructed?

Mr Ord: I do not have a definitive answer for you, Mrs Kikkert, but as soon as possible.

MRS KIKKERT: Okay. As soon as possible. Okay. Would it be possible for the committee to receive the discussion papers when you have had the discussion with the—Brisbane and Melbourne, is that correct?

Mr Ord: Yes, of course.

MRS KIKKERT: Yes.

Mr Ord: Yes, of course. It is actually online. The webinar is online and we have also done—and as part of that co-design work, we actually had as an independent advisor and facilitator—we actually had a lady who was the manager of the Safe Haven Cafe in Brisbane who was an independent facilitator and able to talk us through some questions and experiences that they have had. But we have got a significant body of work that sits behind that that we would be happy to share, yes.

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- The ACT Government committed to deliver a pilot program of two Safe Haven Cafés under the Mental Health Support package announced in May 2020.
- ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) hosted a webinar on 7 July 2020 to showcase Safe Haven Cafe models currently in existence in Australia. The webinar can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/office-mental-health-and-wellbeing/resources>



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Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Junior Doctors- Training Positions in Psychiatry

THE CHAIR: But is there scope to even fill or create positions for entry level medical professionals to get on top of them?

Dr Coatsworth: So thank you for the clarification. Because there is a concrete answer to that, which is that the number of accredited junior medical staff position in psychiatry, which includes drug and alcohol, has increased over the past year. I am afraid I would have to tell you on notice specifically what that is.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Canberra Health Services has the following accredited training positions in Psychiatry:

- 33 registrars (College accredited for specialist training);
- six senior resident medical officers (College accredited); and
- six post graduate year 1 and 2 positions (accredited by the Canberra Region Medical Education Council for prevocational training), three of which are new this year.

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Asked by Mrs Jones MLA:

In relation to: Centenary Hospital for Women and Children – New Adolescent Ward

How many beds will it have?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Expansion of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children will have a total of 14 adolescent beds:

- six dedicated Mental Health beds within the Adolescent Mental Health Unit;
- two Enhanced Care Beds (these are flex beds for Mental Health and/or Medical/Surgical patients who have complex behavioural disorders); and
- six dedicated Medical/Surgical beds.

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Asked by MR DAVIS MLA:

In relation to: Alexander Maconochie Centre - Smoking

Just a supplementary. Accepting what Mrs Kikkert just said, that corrections do, in fact, have a policy that they collect data on the inmates at AMC on whether or not they are smokers, would that not be useful information for Health to have one providing healthcare services to inmates at the prison?

Is it potentially in the initial screening when people first arrive?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Justice Health Services does a health assessment on each detainee who is inducted into the Alexander Maconochie Centre. As part of this assessment, a person is asked about tobacco use and other drug use. These questions form part of an overall health assessment and are not asked for the purposes of data collection but rather to understand how smoking may impact other health issues.

The main source of health data for prisoners in Australia, is from the National Prisoner Health Data Collection (NPHDC) which is collected by the Australian Institute Health and Welfare (AIHW) every three years. It presents information about the health experiences of people throughout the prison cycle. AIHW does regular health surveys of prisoners and releases reports titled "Health of Prisoners". According to the AIHW, of prison entrants surveyed in 2018, three in four (75 per cent) reported that they were current smokers.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
26 February 2021

Asked by MR PETERSSON MLA:

In relation to: Psychiatrists

How Many Psychiatrists are employed by ACT Health?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

ACT Health Directorate employs two Psychiatrists, who are currently not practicing as Psychiatrists in the ACT Health system.

Canberra Health Services employs 44 Psychiatrists as Staff Specialists and Senior Staff Specialists who provide clinical services to the ACT population.

As of 3 March 2021, there are also nine Psychiatrists employed by Canberra Health Services as Visiting Medical Officers (VMO).

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

26 February 2021

Asked by Michael PETTERSSON MLA [ref: UPT page 136]

In relation to: Mental Health services in the ACT

MR PETTERSSON: I would be curious, if on notice, someone could answer if there is a mental health service with no waitlist in the ACT?

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Canberra Health Service

There is no wait list for the Access Mental Health Service. Any member of the public can call the service on 1800 629 354 or consult with a General Practitioner (GP) who may write a mental health care plan or send a referral to the appropriate mental health team on their behalf.

All other mental health services are triaged dependent on clinical needs/assessment which influence how long someone needs to wait.

In an emergency, mental health services can be accessed through the Emergency Departments at Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing

There are a wide range of different types of mental health services for people in the ACT. These include crisis and information and support lines, early intervention supports such as headspace, General Practitioner developed mental health plans and clinical care through Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The process for access to these services varies widely and while some services operate waitlists others do not.

A number of services operate on appointments rather than a waitlist approach.

General Practitioner developed mental health care plans are available to people with diagnosed mental disorders through long appointments with GPs and may refer people to allied mental health services.

Specialist mental health services will assess people for eligibility and criticality and if eligible will make an appointment with the relevant clinician. Specialised programs such as residential and day programs often have defined referral pathways and consider referrals based on established criteria rather than a waitlist. For group programs, individual assessed need and compatibility of participants are often key factors for access.



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The Australian Psychological Society and services such as Lysn aim to assist people to find a psychologist that fits with their needs both via face-to-face appointments and through telehealth options, often without a wait time.

Online supports including group interventions are often accessible without a wait time. There is increasing interest in access to these programs.

The ACT Government recognises the need for continued investment to support the mental health and wellbeing of the ACT community. In the February 2021 ACT Budget, we announced that we are investing over \$19 million into the mental health system.

These investments include:

- \$3.156 million for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for continuation of the Adolescent Mobile Outreach Service;
- \$14.1 million to the Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response (PACER) program through until 2024;
- \$1.7 million to continue a range of mental health programs and services that were funded by the COVID-19 Mental Health Support Package; and
- \$655,000 to establish two scoping studies for multidisciplinary services for adolescents and young people and to fund an Alcohol and Other Drug Nurse.

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Asked by Michael PETTERSSON MLA [ref: UPT page 148]

In relation to: The Eating Disorders Residential Treatment Centre

MR PETTERSSON: —can you also take on notice—the question was when the construction starts and when do you expect to be able to take patients?

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

There is a considerable amount of planning work required to successfully complete this project. This includes work currently underway to finalise the model of care which will influence the infrastructure requirements. Once these are finalised, the ACT Government will be in a position to determine a schedule for the design, construction and operational date.

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Asked by Giulia JONES MLA [ref: UPT page 151]

In relation to: Emergency apprehensions assessments occurring within four hour timeframe

MRS JONES: Okay. And do we know how good we are at achieving the four hours at the moment? Or can you maybe take on notice to get some data back?

Dr Arya: It is very rare that we are not.

MRS JONES: Yes. But I would love to see that in a statistical profile.

Dr Arya: Certainly. We can take that on notice.

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Under Section 84 (2) the *Mental Health Act 2015*, a person who is detained under Section 81 must receive an initial examination within four hours of either:

- the person arriving at the facility – if the person is apprehended and transported to a facility, or
- the person being detained at the facility – if a person is detained following their attendance at a facility.

During the 2019–20 financial year, 2479 people attended the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department under s80 of the *Mental Health Act 2015*. Of those people, 2392 people were seen within four hours.

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