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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 21

JOHNATHAN DAVIS MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Canberra Health Services, Budget paper C, page number 40, Output 1.2: Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol and Drug Services

In relation to: ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan

1. The ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan ends this year. Is there a new strategy underway?
2. What does the Minister see the priorities of this strategy to be?

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

1. The Government is currently developing the next Drug Strategy Action Plan.
2. The ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan sets out the actions that the Government plans to undertake to deliver on the goal of harm minimisation, agreed by all Australian governments through the *National Drug Strategy 2017-2026* (the National Strategy). The National Strategy outlines the constituent elements required to achieve the goal of harm minimisation are harm reduction, supply reduction and demand reduction.

The next plan will build on the progress made on the current plan and be developed in close consultation with the community sector over the coming months.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA