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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 – 40 - ECI

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: 2021-22 ACT Women's Budget Statement

In relation to: Health Act

1. When was the most recent review of part 6 of the Health Act relating to abortions?

MS STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In September 2018, the Legislative Assembly supported the *Health (Improving Abortion Access) Amendment Act 2018*. This legislation commenced on 1 July 2019 and provides different definitions for medical and surgical abortions, with the aim of improving access to medical abortion services for ACT residents.

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

Signature:

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Date:

16/11/21

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen Smith