



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Andrew Braddock MLA on 1 September 2022: Georgina Whelan, Commissioner ACT Emergency Services Agency took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MR BRADDOCK:** Okay. And I think you might have mentioned the answer before, but was the total wellbeing budget \$15 million, was it—do I recall correctly?

**Mr Gentleman:** I might pass on to—Dragana might have that figure.

**MR BRADDOCK:** And does that include things like gyms as well and health screening?

**Ms Whelan:** I will have to take that question on notice, because we can give you a complete breakdown of the work we have got in play, both in terms of programs, the infrastructure, and the forward work plan.

Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Police and Emergency Services: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The \$27.648 million announced as part of the 2022-23 ACT Budget is for 30 new staff for an enhanced Emergency 000 Communication Centre, Extended Care Paramedics, and Intensive Care Paramedics specialised in treating bariatric patients. This investment will also allow the addition of two new front-line ambulance vehicles, along with five other vehicles. It will also provide more resources for the Clinical Governance and Education Units within the ACT Ambulance Service.

As part of this initiative \$1.717 million has been allocated for staff development and wellbeing, which includes training and development for managers, professional development of the workforce, refresher training for Peer Support Officers, and support for staff and wellbeing throughout their work life.

The staff development and wellbeing component of this initiative is additional to the other supports available to ACT Emergency Services Agency personnel, as outlined by Commissioner Whelan at the Public Hearings.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA