



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2) **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Ms Castley MLA to ask the Treasurer

Ref: Budget Review 2022-23

1. Can I be supplied a spreadsheet of initiatives in the health portfolio that have reduced or zero net cost to Budget, as they are to be wholly or partially funded by offsets from the Health Funding Envelope and/or expense offset provisions?
2. For each initiative, can this spreadsheet include (a) a description (b) its annual and total cost over the quadrennium (c) its annual and total funding subvention from the Health Funding Envelope (d) the amount of Health Funding envelope money currently in the Health budget (e) what outputs this money was previously meant to deliver (f) the amount of any expenses offsets (g) a description and estimate of those offset savings and explanation of how they will be achieved?

Mr Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Reponses to 1 and 2 (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) are provided at [Attachment A](#).

In respect to 2(d), the Health Funding Envelope (HFE) is a term to describe the total level of funding allocated across the health portfolio for Canberra Health Services, the ACT Local Hospital Network and the ACT Health Directorate, and the way in which funding is indexed. The full amount of the HFE is allocated to the health budget up to the 2022-23 Budget and 2022-23 Budget Review. Outyear growth funding is held in a Health Central Provision and will be allocated to the health portfolio in future budgets.

In respect to 2(e) outputs for funding contained in the HFE for new initiatives are not determined until the funding is specifically allocated to new initiatives through a Budget or Budget Review process.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 

Date: 17.5.23

By the Treasurer, Mr Barr MLA