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Appropriation Bill 2024-2025 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative
Assembly) Bill 2024-2025

Question on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Health – Health Endoscopy

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In relation to: Canberra Health Services and Health-Endoscopy

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Question

Labor's 2020 health policy position statement said, "ACT Labor will also inject \$16 million over three years to upgrade and expand existing endoscopy facilities at the Canberra Hospital."

(1) Did this \$16m investment occur?

(a) If not: what happened to it?

(2) Will the Government meet its commitment of delivering an additional 5,000 endoscopy procedures each year from 2023?

(3) Can I be supplied a breakdown by procedure and by triage category of people waiting elective procedures, such as endoscopies, showing

(a) the numbers waiting

(b) the numbers overdue?

(4) With regard to endoscopy procedures outsourced to either:

(a) Queanbeyan Hospital

(b) other providers;

(i) how many are outsourced?

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

- 1) The ACT Government has allocated capital funding for the upgrade and expansion of endoscopy services as follows:
 - \$825,000 in the 2021-22 Budget to undertake a feasibility study and design work;
 - \$8.5 million in the 2023-2024 Budget to progress design and early construction work; and
 - \$13.4 million in the 2024-25 Budget to remediate the operating theatre complex in Building 12 to support new services including the new endoscopy complex.

- 2) The expansion of endoscopy infrastructure at Canberra Hospital will enable a significant uplift in procedures once complete. While this work is underway, CHS has increased the number of procedures every year across NCH and Canberra Hospital. The Government invested \$7.9 million over three years from 2021-22 to deliver an additional 2700 endoscopy procedures at Canberra Hospital. The 2024-25 Budget includes \$3.75 million to operationalise a newly refurbished suite at NCH, enabling the delivery of an additional 2000 endoscopies annually from this financial year.

- 3)
 - a) and b)

Procedure	Category	Total Waiting	Total overdue
Colonoscopy	Urgent	8	4
Colonoscopy	Category 1	328	189
Colonoscopy	Category 2	1102	853
Colonoscopy	Category 3	525	309
Colonoscopy	Recall	2155	0
Colonoscopy	Routine	2	0
Colonoscopy w Argon Beam Coagulation	Category 1	1	1
Colonoscopy w Dilatation	Category 2	1	0
Colonoscopy w EMR	Urgent	1	0
Colonoscopy w EMR	Category 1	1	1
Colonoscopy w EMR	Category 2	1	1
Colonoscopy w EMR	Category 3	1	0
Colonoscopy w Haemorrhoids Banding	Category 1	11	5
Colonoscopy w Haemorrhoids Banding	Category 2	9	6
Colonoscopy w Haemorrhoids Banding	Category 3	11	0
Colonoscopy w Haemorrhoids Banding	Recall	1	0
Colonoscopy w Haemorrhoids Banding, w Polypectomy	Category 2	1	1
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy	Category 1	13	13
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy	Category 2	38	33
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy	Category 3	39	25
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy	Recall	3	0
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy, w Haemorrhoids Banding	Category 1	1	1
Colonoscopy w Polypectomy, w Haemorrhoids Banding	Category 2	1	0

Procedure	Category	Total Waiting	Total overdue
ERCP	Category 1	10	5
ERCP	Category 2	1	1
ERCP	Category 3	1	0
ERCP	Inpatient	6	0
ERCP	Recall	15	0
ERCP w Balloon Dilatation	Recall	1	0
ERCP w Biliary Stenting	Recall	2	0
ERCP w Cholangioscopy, w Spyglass	Recall	1	0
ERCP w Duodenal Stenting	Inpatient	1	0
ERCP w Sphincteroplasty	Recall	2	0
EUS (Lower)	Category 1	1	1
EUS (Upper)	Category 1	14	7
EUS (Upper)	Category 2	20	14
EUS (Upper)	Category 3	8	2
EUS (Upper)	Inpatient	1	0
EUS (Upper)	Recall	6	0
EUS (Upper)	Routine	1	0
EUS (Upper) w Biopsy	Urgent	1	0
EUS (Upper) w Biopsy, w FNA	Urgent	1	1
EUS (Upper) w FNA	Category 1	1	1
EUS (Upper) w FNA	Category 2	2	2
EUS (Upper) w FNA, w Linear	Category 2	4	4
EUS (Upper) w Linear	Category 1	1	0
EUS (Upper) w Linear	Category 2	2	1
EUS (Upper) w Linear, w Biopsy	Category 1	1	1
EUS (Upper) w Linear, w Fluoro, w Cystgastrostomy	Category 1	1	0
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Category 1	4	1
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Category 2	9	7
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Category 3	4	1
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	Recall	4	0
Gastroscopy	Urgent	9	4
Gastroscopy	Category 1	222	131
Gastroscopy	Category 2	872	686
Gastroscopy	Category 3	122	66
Gastroscopy	Inpatient	8	0
Gastroscopy	Recall	167	0
Gastroscopy	Routine	4	0
Gastroscopy w Banding	Urgent	1	1
Gastroscopy w Banding	Category 1	5	5
Gastroscopy w Banding	Category 2	6	3
Gastroscopy w Banding	Category 3	1	0
Gastroscopy w Banding	Recall	21	0

Procedure	Category	Total Waiting	Total overdue
Gastroscopy w Dilatation	Category 1	6	3
Gastroscopy w Dilatation	Category 2	1	0
Gastroscopy w Dilatation	Category 3	1	0
Gastroscopy w Dilatation	Recall	2	0
Gastroscopy w Dilatation, w Sclerosing Injection	Category 1	1	0
Gastroscopy w ESD	Category 1	2	1
Gastroscopy w RFA, w Argon Beam Coagulation	Recall	1	0

4)

a) and b) CHS has been offering long wait ACT residents access to procedures in Queanbeyan as procedures for high-risk NSW residents need to be performed at Canberra Hospital and there is capacity for low-risk patients at Queanbeyan Hospital.

In 2023-24, 623 referrals were sent to Queanbeyan with 448 procedures completed.

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By Rachel Stephen-Smith, Minister for Health