



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Health - Canberra Health Services

Hearing: 11 November 2025

In relation to: Women's health – election commitments

Question received: 19 November 2025

Answer Due: 26 November 2025

- 1) What progress has there been on ACT Labor's election commitments from the 2024 election in women's health? e.g. Better access to long-term contraceptives, and increasing the care provided by GPs for women in menopause.

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

Election Commitment	Lead Directorate	Current Update
Expand the Women's Health Service	CHS	Planning is underway to expand this service in the context of the development of the new health centres.
Expand gynaecological services including specialist, nursing and allied health workers at the Canberra Endometriosis Centre	CHS	Preliminary work is underway to identify requirements.
High-risk breast cancer clinic at North Canberra Hospital	CHS	From February 2025, North Canberra Hospital has run a High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic that provides a foundation for future service growth. It offers a surgeon-led service that coordinates breast management for eligible patients, including surgery and risk-reducing medications. Public surveillance imaging is provided in partnership with Canberra Hospital Breast

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		Imaging Unit and private imaging providers in the community.
Establish a 6-bed perinatal mental health residential unit and open a peer-supported safe space in a community setting	CHS	Planning is underway for this new service including site selection and model of care work.
Develop a Women's Health strategy to address menstruation, menopause and reproductive health	HCSD	The Commonwealth Government has announced a series of initiatives aimed at addressing these important women's health issues. The ACT Government is currently considering how best to approach the development of an ACT Strategy in this context.
Establish a low-cost public IVF service	HCSD	Scoping work commenced in the previous term of government and options for a service will be considered as part of future Budget considerations.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:



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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith