



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity

In relation to: Carers ACT announcement and Notification and meetings

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Suzanne Orr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

Ms Orr: Certainly. So as Ms Tough has pointed to, the particular programs that have been referenced in Mr Cain's question are programs that are directly funded by the commonwealth government. Given that the ACT government, whilst certainly aware of the programs does not have a detailed knowledge of the contractual arrangements. Also following the decision by Carers ACT, noting that when that decision was made and announced I did hold the carers portfolio, they did reach out to my office to advise of their decision in light of the changes made by the commonwealth government and certainly offered to meet me and discuss and answer any questions that the ACT government may have in regards to their decision. Certainly, I responded and I put them in touch with Ms Tough who had taken on the ministerial responsibility for the portfolio shortly after that.

MR CAIN: But when did they first reach out to you?

Ms Orr: Mr Cain, I believe when they announced it publicly is when I got the letter, but I will take it on notice and check the exact dates.

MR CAIN: Thank you. And have you not met with them since this announcement in June?

Ms Orr: Mr Cain, like I said—well, yes, Mr Cain I have met with Carers ACT a number of times.

MR CAIN: Since this announcement?

Ms Orr: Mr Cain, I will have to go back and check my diary as to the actual last time

I met with them.

MR CAIN: Will you take that on notice?

Ms Orr: Mr Cain, I have already said I will take it on notice and find out. Mr Cain, the letter I received in regards to the recent announcement it came to me at the same time as the announcement. Carers ACT has a very good working relationship with my office and is in contact with them on a regular basis. I will go back and check my notes as to when the time I formally met with them, noting that they are in the process of changing CEOs. And I usually meet with the CEO, which I believe is an acting position at the moment. And I will come back to you with a full record of what I have or have not done on this matter.

MR CAIN: Thank you. Although you should be able to confirm, have you met with them since they made this announcement back in June?

Ms Orr: Mr Cain, I will have to go back and check my diary.

THE CHAIR: I think she has taken that on notice, Mr Cain.

Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Carers ACT announced the closure of the Hub Disability Day Program and NDIS Support Coordination service on their [website](#) on Friday 24 July 2026.

I was made aware of this on Friday 24 July 2026 when my office received correspondence from Carers ACT. My office responded promptly to the correspondence of Friday 24 July and discussed matters directly with Carers ACT on 28 July 2026.

I have not met with Carers ACT since the announcement was made on Friday 24 July 2026, noting that Minister Tough assumed portfolio responsibility for Carers Strategy and policy on Thursday 30 July 2026. I will continue to engage with Carers ACT on matters relating to Disability.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026-2027

Signature:

By the Minister for Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity, Suzanne Orr MLA

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