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

Asked by Ms Berry on 20 June 2014: Dr Brown took on notice the following question:

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In relation to the cost of having a patient in adult mental health unit as opposed to sub-acute care in Calvary.

MS BERRY: I just might have one other question which is; what is the cost to the government of having a patient in an adult mental health unit, as opposed to a sub-acute care in Calvary?

Ms Gallagher: So the difference between acute mental health bed and a lesser or a—

MS BERRY: Yes.

Dr Brown: I would have to take that question on notice. However, Hennessy, as it currently is configured because it has three distinct blocks is actually a more expensive facility to staff than the new facility is likely to be. So the comparison is probably higher than it may otherwise be, because of the design of the current Hennessy facility, but I can get that figure.

Katy Gallagher MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

ACT Health calculates the average cost of an ACT acute mental health inpatient was \$724 per inpatient per day in 2012-13. In comparison, the cost of a sub acute inpatient stay at Calvary is \$618 per day.

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By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA