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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Health Bed Occupancy – hospitals

Hearing Date: 25/07/2024

In relation to: Canberra Health Services and Bed Occupancy at Hospitals

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Answer Due date: 02/08/2024

Bed occupancy

What was the average bed occupancy for 2022-23 and 2023-24 at the Canberra Hospital, the Northside Hospital and also the University of Canberra Hospital?

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

Table 1: Average bed occupancy, ACT public hospitals, 2022-23 and 2023-2024

Hospital	2022-23 ¹	2023-24
Canberra Hospital	683	689
University of Canberra Hospital	136	138
North Canberra Hospital ²	n.a.	252

1. Unqualified newborns (as defined by the AIHW) were included in the calculation up to 11/11/2022.

2. North Canberra Hospital commenced services on 3 July 2023. Therefore, figures for 2022-23 are 'n.a.' not applicable. Average bed occupancy is calculated by dividing the total count of the midnight bed occupancy census across the time period by the number of days in the time period.

Data sourced from ACT Health data repository. Data to 11/11/2022 sourced from data provided from ACT Patient Administration System and data sourced from the Digital Health Record from 12/11/2022

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA