



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Women

Reference: Women/Health and Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 11 November 2025

In relation to: Period products

Question received: 12 November 2025

Answer Due: 26 November 2025

1. When the ACT Government ran its free period products pilot program, how many accessible bathrooms were specifically included in the pilot?
2. Are free period products available in all accessible bathrooms at the current locations included in the scheme?

Dr Marisa Paterson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The implementation of the *Period Products and Facilities (Access) Act 2023* has supported period products being made available in a range of ACT Government locations.

ACT Government directorates have advised the Office for Women that 34 accessible bathrooms have period product dispensers installed as part of the pilot, as at November 2025.

A further 17 unisex or all-gender bathrooms have dispensers installed and may also be accessible bathrooms.

2. The Office for Women encourages ACT Government directorates to make products available in accessible locations.

However, each dispenser location is dependent on the site infrastructure and thus determined on a site-by-site basis by the relevant directorate.

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By the Minister for Women, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA