



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to: Minister for Health

In relation to: Treasurer and Growth in hospital demand data source

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Mr Rattenbury: You have spoken a number of times about the growth in hospital demand in other jurisdictions as well in the ACT. We have obviously had quite a few discussions about it. What is your data source for all those other jurisdictions? Is it a table you are able to share with us or what is the place from which you are drawing that comparison?

Mr Campbell: We do not have that in Treasury. There is a data set that ACT Health does—

Mr Rattenbury: Are you happy to take it on notice?

Mr Campbell: Yes, we might have to then.

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

National Weighted Activity Units (NWAUs) are a way to describe hospital activity on a consistent basis across different hospital services based on their clinical complexity and resource use.

States and territories provide the Independent Hospital and Aged Care Pricing Authority with an annual submission that includes the NWAUs that were delivered over the year. The National Health Funding Body then finalises the submission for the purpose of Commonwealth funding.

The table below outlines the national level of NWAUs from 2019-20 to 2024-25. The data is sourced from the National Health Funding Body, as of October 2025, that demonstrates a consistent growth in public hospital activity since COVID-19.

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State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 Actuals
National NWAUs	8,539,188	9,090,551	8,996,236	9,575,644	10,011,612	10,641,486
Growth rate		6.5%	-1.0%	6.4%	4.6%	6.3%

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA