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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr James Milligan: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: CMTEDD Annual Report, Output 1.4, Digital Strategy

In relation to: ACT Digital Health

1. What involvement does CMTEDD have in the ACT Digital Health project?
2. What work has been done to address security concerns about data collection for ACT Digital Health?
3. How will ACT Digital Health interact with other digital accounts and records such as ACT Digital and My Health Record?
 - a. Is the ACT Government working with the Federal Government on this project?
 - i. If so, how the ACT Government Federal Government are working together and on what aspects of the project.
 1. What is the Federal Government's position on the project?
 - ii. If not, why not?

The answer to the Members question is as follows:

1. The Digital Health Record (DHR) program is being run by the ACT Health Directorate. The program is currently in the procurement phase with several CMTEDD officers involved. CMTEDD officers are involved in all major ICT procurements undertaken by the ACT Health Directorate.
2. The existing security provisions for ACT Government ICT systems will extend to the DHR when it is procured. Additional DHR specific security controls will be implemented prior to the system going live.

3. The DHR will utilise ACT Digital as the identity management/user authentication component for consumer/carer interactions with the system and the DHR will upload diagnostic imaging reports, pathology reports and discharge summaries to the My Health Record as currently occurs with our existing systems. Clinicians will also be able to view the My Health Record of health consumers that they are treating through the DHR.

The DHR has a different scope and purpose to the My Health Record, but the two systems are complementary.

The DHR is a record of all interactions between a person and the public health system in the ACT. As such, it is much more detailed. It will contain records of observations, medications, data fed from devices such as infusion pumps and patient monitors, information on who is in which care facility bed, or which operating theatre and much more. It is a complete view of health care activities in the ACT public health system.

The My Health Record is a summary of information about a person's health. It contains information such as medications, diagnoses, discharge summaries, diagnostic imaging and pathology results. This subset of data is essential for accurate and appropriate healthcare across the sector but is not sufficiently detailed to provide care to individuals on a day-to-day basis.

The ACT Government is not currently working with the Commonwealth Government on this project as the expectation is that states and territories operate their own hospital systems. Once a vendor is chosen and the detailed design phase commences, the Australian Digital Health Agency will be engaged by ACT Health to plan and undertake the interfacing work between the two systems.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith