



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by [Elizabeth Kikkert]:

In relation to: Improving health outcomes for people with disability

1. Annual Reports state that the Disability Reference Group is working to improve health outcomes for people with disability. What advice have they provided the ACT government on this goal, and what measures will be taken to reach better health outcomes for people with disability?

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Disability Reference Group has identified better health outcomes for Canberrans on their work plan. There are two ex-officio members on the DRG that represent the ACT Health Directorate and Canberra Health Services.

The specific areas of advice that has been provided to Ministers and government officials include:

- **National Disability Strategy** – the DRG provided advice to government on the development of the new National Disability Strategy, which will include an outcome area relating to health and wellbeing.
- **The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project** – the DRG has provided ongoing advice to the ACT Government and other key stakeholders about the inclusion of, accessibility for, and consultation with people with disability about this project.
- **Canberra Health Services Disability Action and Inclusion Plan** – the DRG is providing ongoing advice to Canberra Health Services regarding the development of their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.
- **COVID-19 health outcomes** – the DRG provided advice to government on the most pressing issues for people with disability, and members were regularly consulted as part of development of the COVID-19 Disability Strategy and Action Plan. DRG Members provided advice on a range of covid related areas.
- **COVID-19 vaccine rollout** – members have provided, and will continue to provide, advice and input on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan for people with disability in the ACT.



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By the Minister for Disability, Emma Davidson MLA