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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Redirection: Treasurer

Reference: Health

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In relation to: Treasury and GP Payroll Tax

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Answer Due date: 05/08/2024

Payroll tax on contracted GPs

- 1) How much extra was collected in payroll tax by its extension to contracted GPs in 2023-24?
- 2) How much is it expected will be collected in 2024-25.
- 3) Are 3 practices taking advantage of a waiver on this extension of payroll tax by achieving bulk billing rates of 65%?
- 4) Is the Health Directorate able to monitor clinic's bulk billing rates?
- 5) What were these practices' bulk billing rates before this extension of payroll tax?
- 6) Are clinic's bulk billing rates ascertained: by a self-attestation process?

Andrew Barr MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The contractor provisions are a long-standing feature of the payroll tax laws and there have been no recent changes to these provisions or any reinterpretation of payroll tax legislation. The ACT Government has not introduced a new tax on medical practices or made any decisions which applied payroll tax to medical practices. Medical practices are treated the same way as any other business operating in the ACT for payroll tax purposes.
2. This information is not available. Payroll tax estimates are not produced for individual taxpayers or classes of taxpayers.

3. Three practices have applied for payroll tax relief for 2023-24 and 2024-25 on the basis of meeting bulk billing rates of at least 65 per cent.
4. Bulk billing rates are reported by medical clinics to the Commonwealth on a quarterly basis. This data is collated and reported by the Commonwealth on a state and territory basis.
5. This information is not provided by the Commonwealth.
6. Medical clinics are required to report bulk billing information to the Commonwealth in accordance with guidelines determined by the Commonwealth. The clinics that have applied for the payroll tax relief for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are able to self-assess their eligibility over this period. As with all payroll tax payers, this may be subject to verification by the ACT Revenue Office.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: **6.8.24**

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA