



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2)

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Kikkert MLA on 27 February 2023: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: How much of the COVID-19 public health support package is going toward the hospital

THE CHAIR: Okay, thank you.

And just a—there is just one minute left. I think I might actually save this for question on notice—actually I might—I will just ask away.

Why is the government spending an additional \$56 million for continuing the COVID-19 public health support package when it is winding down its COVID response?

Mr Barr: Well because this increase—well, the extra appropriation covers the full fiscal year. The wind-down has commenced but it is not complete. There are still COVID related services that were provided over the summer and will continue to be provided until the end of the fiscal year.

THE CHAIR: Okay. And so do you know, Treasurer, how much of the \$56 million is going towards the hospital?

Mr Barr: I would need to take that on notice.

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

Of the \$55.970 million in 2022-23 COVID-19 funding reported in the 2022-23 Budget Review initiative, *COVID-19 response – Continuing the COVID-19 public health support package*, \$42.724 million is provided to the hospitals, as outlined below, with the remainder allocated to the Health Directorate for COVID-related activities:

- \$24.748 million to Canberra Health Services, and
- \$17.976 million to Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA