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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

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Hearing Date: 19/07/2023

In relation to: Paediatrics

- 1) Will the Critical Services Building have a Level 1 PICU as described in the Paediatric Operational and Service Plan 21-23? If yes, provide details. If not, why?
- 2) When will it be operational in the Critical Services Building?
- 3) How many additional staff does CHS need to hire before the Level 1 PICU is operational? Provide details of the roles and FTE of each position.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) The Critical Services Building will include physical space to enable development of a Level 1 Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). The Child and Adolescent Clinical Services Expert Panel is currently finalising its work, which includes considering the evidence regarding a Level 1 PICU and the Paediatric High Dependency Unit at the Canberra Hospital. This has involved consultation with Intensive Care and Paediatric medical teams as well as external experts to determine which services are appropriate for the ACT to deliver, where these should be located and staffing requirements. The Panel's report and the Child and Adolescent Clinical Services Plan will be finalised in the coming months.
- 2) See response to question 1.
- 3) See response to question 1.

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith