



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by: **Ms Leanne Castley MLA**

Reference: Hearing on 16 November 2023, Annual Report of ACT Health Directorate

In relation to: Digital Solutions Division Budget

- 1) Did the Digital Solutions Division (DSD) overspend its Budget in 2022-23: if so, by how much?
- 2) Were consultants or the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) engaged to audit DSD's spend versus spending on the Digital Health Record (DHR): if so (a) what were the findings of this audit (b) will the Minister table this audit?
- 3) How much of DHR capital was converted to (a) assets (b) recurrent expenditure?
- 4) Was any part of the cost of DHR charged to Canberra Health Services: if so (a) how much, and (b) for what items?
- 5) Were any amounts paid to Digital Data and Technology Solutions (DDTS): if so (a) how much (b) what for?
- 6) How much is DSD now forecast to spend in 2023-24, compared to Budget estimates?
- 7) Has DSD asked Treasury for more money for IT: if so (a) how much (b) for what purposes (c) for DHR, does this match business case forecasts?

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

- 1) In 2022-23, additional DSD recurrent expenditure was \$40.955 million.
- 2) Following the Digital Health Record (DHR) Go-Live, ACTHD engaged KPMG to undertake an audit of the DSD current and historical spend, which includes the implementation of the DHR. This audit currently forms part of the Government's Budget process which is Cabinet-in-Confidence.
- 3) (a-b) \$103.585 million of DHR capital was converted to assets and \$3.983 million was classified as recurrent expenditure as of 30 June 2023.

- 4) (a-b) \$0.639 million was charged to Canberra Health Services for labour expenses during the DHR program.
- 5) (a-b) \$60.718 million was paid to Digital Data and Technology Solutions (DDTS) in 2022-23, mainly for ICT infrastructure related services and project support.
- 6) Forecast recurrent expenditure for 2023-24 is \$135.162 million. The Budget Review process will determine expenditure and offsets for the remainder of the 2023-24 financial year.
- 7) This forms part of the Government's Budget process.

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By the Minister for Health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA