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Appropriation Bill 2024-2025 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative
Assembly) Bill 2024-2025

Question on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Mental Health

Redirect to: Canberra Health Services

Reference: ACT Health Directorate Canberra Health Services, Mental Health

Date: 23/07/2024

In relation to: Canberra Health Services and Mental Health Hotlines

Question Lodgement Date: 23/07/2024

Date Answer Due: 31/07/2024

Question

- (1) What is the cost to operate, and maintain the Access Mental Health phone hotline?
- (2) How many FTE (Full-time Employees) are required to maintain the Access Mental Health phone hotline?

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

- (1) In 2023-24, the total yearly spend for the Access Mental Health Team was \$3,266,455.
- (2) The total staffing profile for the Access Mental Health Team is 23 FTE.

Notes:

The Access Mental Health Team operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides both assessment via the Access Mental Health phone hotline, and short-term mental health support via Access Comprehensive.

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

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 5 August 2024

By Ms Emma Davidson, Minister for Mental Health