



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2025–2026 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2025–2026

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Peter Muir, Chair of the Official Visitors Board, ACT Official Visitors

In relation to: Official Visitors Board and data on number of visits

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Peter Muir took on notice the following question(s):

MR RATTENBURY: Yes. I just want to ask, in light of the observations you have made around capacity, has that resulted in a reduced number of visits in recent times or just an inability to grow visits?

Mr Dulhunty: No, in disability and in mental health it means less capacity to visit.

MR RATTENBURY: Okay. Do you have data on the number of visits each year, say over the last four years maybe, you could provide to the committee on that?

Mr Muir: Yes. We can.

MR RATTENBURY: I do not imagine you have it off the top of your head, but if you could provide that?

Mr Muir: They are all in our annual report but we will provide it to the committee. Yes, so we are required to report those.

Mr Dzwonnik: Yes.

Mr Muir: So we will do that. I am not sure—we are assembling the data for this year’s annual report—whether that can be embargo?

MR RATTENBURY: I do not know. It is your information.

Mr Muir: Look, we will seek some advice. I am happy to provide it if we are able.

MR RATTENBURY: That would be great. Thank you very much.

MS CARRICK: Yes, and to know where the gaps are.

MR RATTENBURY: I think the question I am asking is just an actual recording of number of visits. I think there is a second question around more.

MS CARRICK: Where are the gaps?

MR RATTENBURY: Where are the shortcomings.

Mr Muir: Yes.

Peter Muir: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Visiting numbers over the last four financial years, and up to Q3 in 2024-25, is as follows:

2020 – 2021

Mental Health 123, Disability 200, Corrections 153, Children and Young People 205,

Homelessness 40. Total visits 721.

2021 – 2022

Mental Health 204, Disability 99, Corrections 116, Children and Young People 194,

Homelessness 22. Total visits 635.

2022 – 2023

Mental Health 170, Disability 156, Corrections 144, Children and Young People 236,

Homelessness 60. Total visits 766.

2023 – 2024

Mental Health 182, Disability 219, Corrections 154, Children and Young People 219,

Homelessness 51. Total visits 825.

2024 – 2025 – up to Q3

Mental Health 182, Disability 109, Corrections 89, Children and Young People 202,

Homelessness 16. Total visits 598.

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Signature:

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Date: 7 August 2025

By the Chair, Official Visitors Board, Peter Muir