Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by James Milligan MLA -

[Ref: CMTEDD Annual Report, Output 8.1, Infrastructure, Finance and Capital Works]

In relation to: SPIRE

1. How much work had IFCW and ACT Health done on the SPIRE project prior to its transfer to Major Projects?
   a. Was the SPIRE project on track to meet deadlines as at 30 June 2019?
      i. Was IFCW and ACT Health on track to meet its deadlines on SPIRE?
   b. How many times has the location, scope, costing or timetable for the SPIRE project changed since 1 November 2016?
   c. What involvement did Infrastructure Finance and Capital Works have in the development of SPIRE in the period immediately before the caretaker period in 2016?
   d. What is the estimated cost of SPIRE?
   e. How much will it cost to complete SPIRE?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:-

1. ACT Health, with the support of IFCW, had completed a Tier 1 detailed business case, as well as 50 per cent Proof of Concept design prior to transfer to Major Projects Canberra.
   a. The project was on track for construction completion in 2024.
      i. Please refer to the response above.
   b. The proposed location for SPIRE has changed once since 1 November 2016.

   Significant planning and consultation with clinicians and stakeholders has continued since 2016. This ongoing engagement means that models of care and clinical scope are evolving over time. However, the high level scope has remained relatively unchanged in delivering a state of the art health care facility on the Canberra Hospital campus. The scope of the project has remained substantially the same as 2016, but has evolved as a result of feasibility, planning and design work, including engagement with the clinical workforce. This has resulted in the inclusion of two more operating theatres and twelve more ICU beds than originally planned, with four ICU beds to be paediatric ICU.
estimates for any capital project are adjusted as due diligence and design progresses.

The overall completion timeframe for SPIRE has changed once since 2016.

c. Consistent with most projects in their early planning phase, Procurement and Capital Works (subsequently Infrastructure Finance and Capital Works and now Major Projects Canberra) was not involved in the development of SPIRE immediately before the 2016 caretaker period.

d. The ACT Government has previously stated that the project is expected to cost more than $500 million dollars.

e. The final cost to complete SPIRE will be determined through the current procurement process.

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Signature: [Signature]

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By the Acting Treasurer, Yvette Berry MLA