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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No 26 - HCW

Mrs Giulia Jones: To ask the Minister for Health

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In relation to: National Partnership on COVID-19 Public Health Response

- (a) What assumptions about COVID-19 case numbers are incorporated into the estimate of receipts under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Public Health Response in 2021-22?
- (b) What assumptions about COVID-19-related hospitalisations are incorporated into the estimate of receipts under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Public Health Response in 2021-22?
- (c) What assumptions about COVID-19-related admissions to intensive care are incorporated into the estimate of receipts under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Public Health Response in 2021-22?
- (d) What assumptions about patients requiring ventilation because of COVID-19 are incorporated into the estimate of receipts under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Public Health Response in 2021-22?
- (e) What limitations and caveats should be noted about the assumptions in (a)-(d)?
- (f) Are the assumptions in (a)-(d) of sufficient quality such that they could be seen as reflecting an estimate of COVID-19 case numbers in the ACT in 2021-22? If not, please provide context as to why not.

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

(a) – (f):

The estimated 2021-22 costs for receipts under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Response (NPCR) reflects a range of eligible services including:

- The Health Emergency Control Centre;
- The Public Information Co-ordination Centre;
- Quarantine and compliance activities;

- Hospital and testing services, including all associated protocols and support services such as increased security and screening, cleaning, traffic management, PPE consumables and bookings and check-in support; and
- Additional cleaning of various settings, including schools.

Estimated costs were developed using existing workforce and supply costs and using 2020-21 COVID-19 expenditure and activity as a baseline. This included projected testing numbers and enhanced quarantine arrangements for returned domestic travellers in the event of an outbreak in the ACT.

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA