



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 February 2022

Asked by MRS KICKERT on 21 FEBRUARY 2022: MINISTER DAVIDSON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Can a guard can step in and stop it from happening before their colleagues attend?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

No. Security officers in Canberra Health Services mental health facilities are not afforded any other legislative powers above that of a normal member of the public.

A security officer may use various control options to try to de-escalate a situation by employing approved Canberra Health Services techniques which do not require physical restraint of a consumer.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 23 March 2022

By the Minister for Mental Health, Minister Davidson