



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: **Ms Leanne Castley MLA**

Reference: Hearing on 16 November 2023, Annual Report of ACT Health Directorate

In relation to: Digital Solutions Division and travel by officials

- 1) How much money did Digital Solutions Division (DSD) spend on travel in 2022-23?
- 2) Have DSD staff attended any conferences: if so, for each conference (a) how many staff (b) what was the conference (c) did the attendee(s) speak about the Digital Health Record (d) what was the total cost (e) did the conference organisers (i) subvene any travel costs or (ii) provide any gifts to attendees: if so, were such benefits declared in accord with ACTHD's Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality policy?

Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

On advice from the ACT Health Directorate:

- 1) Based on a search of invoices, travel expenditure for Digital Solutions Division (DSD) officials in 2022-23 was \$72,000 (excluding GST). This includes flights and accommodation.
- 2) Yes. Please refer to the below table for responses to questions (2)(a-d).

a. Number of staff attended	b. Conference	c. Did the attendees speak about the DHR	d. Total cost
9	Digital Health Festival	Yes	\$7,373.52 (GST exclusive)
2	Australian Healthcare Week	Yes	\$1,573.24 (GST exclusive)
1	KLAS Conference	Yes	Flights and accommodation for the KLAS conference were paid by the conference organisers as agreed in the membership signed up by the ACT Health Directorate
1	Tech in Gov	Yes	There was no cost for flights and accommodation as the conference took place in Canberra.

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- i. The flights and accommodation for the KLAS conference were paid by the conference organisers in accordance with ACTHD's KLAS membership.
- ii. No gifts were provided.

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Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA