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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Community Health Centres

Hearing Date: 25/07/2024

In relation to: ACT Health and Community Health Centres

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Community Health Centres

What is the estimated:

- (a) cost
- (b) size in square metres
- (c) completion date
- (d) location
- (e) proposed health services to be offered, if known, for each promised new community health centre?

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

- (a) In the 2023-24 Budget, the ACT Government committed \$16.8 million over four years to design and construct the new health centre in South Tuggeranong, and to progress site planning and preliminary design for additional facilities in North Gungahlin and the Inner South. An additional \$52.8 million was committed over four years through the 2024-25 Budget to design and construct the health centres in North Gungahlin and the Inner South, and to progress site planning and preliminary design for a health centre in West Belconnen. The final cost of each centre will be subject to the current market conditions, which will be identified through the tender processes.
- (b) The size of each health centre will vary based on several factors, including the final scope of services that will be delivered through each health centre, any site conditions and the configuration of the site.

- (c) Construction of the South Tuggeranong Health Centre is expected to commence by the end of 2024 and be completed by early 2026. The other health centres are still in the planning stages, with consultation underway to seek feedback from the community about the type of services they would like to see delivered through the Inner South and North Gungahlin Health Centres. The design stage for these two health centres will commence in 2024-25. This will determine the exact construction timeframes.
- (d) The South Tuggeranong Health Centre will be delivered on Block 13, Section 228 in Conder. The Inner South Health Centre will be delivered on Blocks 33, 34 and 39, Section 78 Griffith. The North Gungahlin Health Centre will be delivered on part of Blocks 12 and 13, Section 132 Casey. The preferred location for the West Belconnen Health Centre is still being considered by the Government and a site is expected to be identified in 2024.
- (e) The services for the South Tuggeranong Health Centre will include paediatrics, pathology collection, diabetes clinics, falls and falls injury prevention, dementia care, chronic disease programs, community nursing and a virtual care interview room. These services were identified through ACTHD service planning as well as feedback from clinicians, consumers and the local community. ACTHD is working closely with Canberra Health Services to undertake a similar approach to identify the services for the other health centres.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA