



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by **MS ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA** on 10 November 2022:

Reference: JACS Annual Report 2020-2021 – Government response to recommendation 18

CHS Annual Report 2021-2022, page 35

In relation to: Hume Health Centre expansion

1. ACTCS stated that they continue to explore the accommodation needs at the AMC, including health and wellbeing facilities in response to recommendation 18 of the JACS 2020-21 annual reports hearings. They stated something similar in response to recommendation 109 from the last estimates hearings. What has come from that continued exploration?
 - a. Has Justice Health identified any scope for expanded health services at the AMC?
 - b. If so, what options can be pursued for expanding the health care services?

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

1. Since the last estimates hearing, ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) has facilitated some alterations to the Hume Health Centre including the transformation of office space into a third waiting room, renovation of the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Community Services (NAHCS) clinic space, and the updating of the former Forensic Mental Health office into a clinical space for allied health and telehealth services.
 - a. Justice Health Services has identified several areas for potential expansion of health services at the AMC.
 - b. Potential options for expansion include on-site optometry services, radiology and ultrasound services, a GP-led smoking cessation clinic, and the mental health metabolic monitoring clinic.

Availability of space and providers are current limiting factors on the expansion of health services on site at the AMC.

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Ms Emma Davidson MLA