



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mark Parton MLA on 24 July 2023: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

In relation to:

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THE CHAIR: Just in closing, I think this is probably on notice: I am just wondering if it is possible—this could be a big ask. I am not sure it is possible. I am looking for a list of all areas for (a) staff, (b) equipment and clinical services and (c) other expenses that the government expects will have an impact on financial statements, and not to be captured by the previous Calvary Network Agreement, e.g., insurance, workers compensation, the whole kit and caboodle. Is it possible to seek that on notice, or—he is giving me that look.

Mr Barr: We will see what we can do, in the spirit of being helpful, but equally in the spirit of not tying down the entire treasury chasing down every widget for the next three months. We will see what we can do.

Mr Hocking: If your question is whether the Calvary Network Agreement funding will cover the delivery of the service by CHS, that is largely the case, expect there are some budget impacts from extra depreciation expense that we incur from now having the hospital on our books; but largely, other than that, the funding that was previously flowing to Calvary will now flow to CHS to run the hospital.

THE CHAIR: All right. Still, if it is possible to get that detail, I would like to get it.

Mr Barr: We will see what we can do.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

As outlined in the 2023-2024 ACT Budget Statement of Risks (p. 358 Budget Outlook), the consolidated estimates contain a central provision in relation to the acquisition and transition of the North Canberra Hospital.

Estimates were not reflected in the Canberra Health Services (CHS) budget statements due to the uncertainty of the final financial impacts at the time of finalising the 2023-24 Budget. The full estimates in relation to North Canberra Hospital are expected to be reflected in agency budget

statements in the 2023-24 Budget Review. Noting that further information will be revealed through the transition process, these estimates may vary from the amount centrally provisioned.

Estimates of the Local Hospital Network (LHN) include financial forecasts that include the delivery of public health care in the Territory delivered by Canberra Health Services (CHS), including the North Canberra Hospital campus (previously captured under the Calvary Network Agreement).

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA