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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

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Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Calvary takeover - Non-disclosure agreements

- 1) Can the Minister provide the number for how many (a) ACT Government staff (b) Legislative Assembly staff signed non-disclosure agreements (NDA) in relation to compulsory acquisition of Calvary announced in May 2023?
- 2) In relation to (1) could the Minister:
 - a. provide a breakdown of how many NDAs were signed from each directorate?
 - b. the date that the first NDA was signed for (1)?
- 3) Were there any breaches of NDAs related to the compulsory acquisition?
- 4) Will the Minister provide a copy of an unsigned NDA relating to the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Hospital?
- 5) The opposition heard reports that executives were taken away from their normal duties in the weeks before the announcement of compulsory acquisition for Calvary. How many executives from (a) ACT Government (b) Legislative Assembly were a part of this team?
- 6) (a) In relation to (5) can the Minister provide a breakdown of executives on this team by directorate? (b) Could the Minister provide the date that this "secret team" left their duties to work on the compulsory acquisition?

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

- 1)
 - a. One hundred and seventy-five ACT Government staff signed non-disclosure agreements (NDAs).
 - b. No NDAs were provided to Legislative Assembly staff.

2) A breakdown by directorate is as follows with the first NDA signed on 3 April 2023:

Directorate/Agency	Number of signed NDAs
Canberra Health Services	68
ACT Health Directorate	43
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	55
Major Projects Canberra	4
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	3
Community Services Directorate	1
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate	1

3) The Transition Team is not aware of any breaches of the NDA.

4) See Attachment A to this QON.

5) A total of six existing executives were allocated to the Transition Team prior to the announcement on 10 May 2023. Two additional executive roles were filled on a temporary basis. No ACT Legislative Assembly Executives were part of the Transition Team.

6)

- a. One existing executive from ACT Health Directorate, whose nominal position was backfilled, and two temporary executives (filled by existing ACT Government staff). Two existing executives from Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate. Three existing executives from Canberra Health Services, whose positions were backfilled immediately upon their secondment to the Transition Team.
- b. The Transition Team was gradually formed from 3 April 2023, initially comprising the Northside Hospital Infrastructure Project and Canberra Health Services leads. The majority of the team commenced later in April 2023.

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Signature:



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