



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Mr Dave Pepper, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Health Services

In relation to: Adult Mental Health Unit

Hearing: 11 February 2025

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Answer Due: 21 February 2025 5.00 pm

Mr Pepper took on notice the following question(s):

MS BARRY: Thank you. Minister, I know the Official Visitor's Annual Report has flagged concerns about the lack of secure accommodation for consumers exiting the adult mental health unit, in what is described as an inappropriate transfer to aged-care facilities. Can you please provide data on the number of consumers exiting the adult mental health unit being transferred to aged-care facilities with a break down by age?

Mr Pepper: Dave Pepper, Chief Executive of Canberra Health Services. And thank you, I have read and acknowledge the privilege statement.

We would need to take that question on notice, but we would be – we would certainly be able to provide disaggregation by age, destination aged care – we will just have to have a look at the data and see if we can provide it in a format that will be useful.

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

Data in relation to the discharge destination recorded in the patient clinical record cannot be provided at this time. Unfortunately, data quality issues were identified in responding to this question and further investigation is being undertaken.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith