



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Ms Rebecca Cross, Director-General, ACT Health Directorate

In relation to: Towards our Vision Strategy

Hearing: 11 February 2025

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Answer Due: 21 February 2025 5.00 pm

Ms Cross took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: I have a question towards our vision, re-envisioning older people's mental health and wellbeing in the ACT strategy. How has funding been allocated in 2024-25, and how much of this is new funding, and can you indicate what this funding has been used for?

Ms Cross: So a number of the initiatives in that strategy, from memory, were going to be taken up using existing resources, so there may not be a direct budget allocation for some of the actions. If it is okay, we would like to take that on notice and just come back, but there will be, from memory, some actions which directorates or we have taken up as using our existing resources, and I am not sure if there is anything specifically being allocated, but I will check that for you.

MS CARRICK: Thank you.

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

The [Towards our Vision: Re-envisioning Older Persons Mental Health and Wellbeing in the ACT Strategy 2022-2026](#) (the Strategy) provides strategic guidance to the ACT Government on priorities and initiatives that can be implemented between 2022 and 2026 to enhance the mental health and wellbeing outcomes of older Canberrans.

The initiatives recommended in the Strategy focus on improving knowledge or coordination of existing services. To date, the Strategy's actions have been delivered within existing resources where possible. As such, there is no specific funding allocated in 2024-25 for the implementation of the Strategy.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

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