



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Health – Canberra Health Services

Hearing: 20 February 2025

In relation to: Aboriginal Health Unit

Question received: 24 February 2025

Answer Due: 03 March 2025

1. When will the Aboriginal Health Unit be established?
2. When will it start operating full time?
3. Where will it sit within the government's organisational structure?

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

1. Canberra Health Services (CHS) proposes to reorganise the existing Aboriginal Liaison Units which are currently operationally managed in three areas, Division of Allied Health, Mental Health, Justice Health, Alcohol and Drug Services and North Canberra Hospital.

CHS has been working with the existing Aboriginal Liaison Unit workforce on a future structure and model of care to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers into the future. This reorganisation is proposing to combine the current three teams into one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Hub. A consultation process will be undertaken with the workforce over the coming months.

2. The Aboriginal Liaison Service is currently operational and delivers services to consumers of CHS across standard business hours.
3. The future proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Hub will sit within the Division of Allied Health in CHS.

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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith