



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: Health

Hearing: 20 February 2025

In relation to: Disability Royal Commission

Question received: 24 February 2025

Answer Due: 3 March 2025

I refer to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (Disability Royal Commission) and note that 129 recommendations call for action by the ACT Government.

- 1) Can you provide an update on the progress of those recommendations relevant to ACT Health.
- 2) Can you provide details of your implementation plan?

MINISTER FOR HEALTH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) There are five recommendations that are being led by ACT Health.

Disability Royal Commission recommendation 6.26 states that the Health Ministers Meeting should expand its role in monitoring progress under the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework. In response, all Health Ministers have committed to annual reporting on progress of actions under the Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

As outlined in the ACT Government response to the Disability Royal Commission, published in July 2024, recommendations 6.31, 6.32 and 6.34 are being addressed through the *ACT Disability Health Strategy 2024-2033* and its *First Action Plan 2024-2026*. I will provide regular updates on implementation of the Disability Health Strategy.

Disability Royal Commission recommendation 6.33 regarding the development of specialised health and mental health services for people with cognitive disability is being addressed through Canberra Health Services' *Disability Action and Inclusion Plan 2022-2025* and the Mental Health Service for People with Intellectual Disability.

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The *Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing Outcomes for People with Intellectual Disability Position Statement*, published by the ACT Government in September 2024, also supports the ACT Government's actions against this recommendation by informing future planning and investment in the health system to improve the wellbeing of people with intellectual disability.

- 2) The Disability Health Strategy *First Action Plan 2024-2026* outlines the steps being taken to implement the *ACT Disability Health Strategy 2024-2033*.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith