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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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QoN No – HCW

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
20 October 2021

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Asked by Ms Jones on 20 October 2021: Minister Stephen-Smith took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Breakdown of the numbers across both hospitals, and whether there was any transfer in either direction. Is there still bed block or have we created a solution now.

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

In September 2019, the Canberra Maternity Options Service (CMOS) was established to create a streamlined intake process to the public maternity system in the ACT. As a result, births at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) have increased, with overall number of births in each hospital as per below:

Hospital	2019-20 Financial Year	2020-21 Financial Year
Centenary Hospital for Women and Children	3487	3430
Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce	1639	1776

A woman who presents to birth at CHWC or CPHB will birth there and will not be transferred unless care is required at a tertiary hospital. Under some circumstances, for example high risk pregnancy and/or birth, a woman may ultimately birth at CHWC instead of CPHB.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing.

Signature:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

