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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by **MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA** on 20 July 2023: **MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH** took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: Training Accreditation

- 1) There are no other units at risk of losing or having their training accreditation being suspended?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

On 2 August 2023 I was advised by the Canberra Health Services Executive that they had become aware on 26 July 2023 that there will be a mid-cycle review of training accreditation for the Child at Risk Health Unit. This was in response to concerns received by the Royal Australian College of Physicians about training due to workforce shortages of senior staff specialists. The College email was sent in June 2023 to a clinician during a period of extended leave and was responded to urgently on their return to work.

Specialty Colleges accredit registrar training programs which teach doctors who are seeking to qualify in a specific subspecialty. On 2 August 2023 I was also advised that the Canberra Region Medical Education Council (CRMEC), which accredits the training terms junior doctors undertake after finishing university in order to achieve their general medical registration, had revoked accreditation for the Plastic Surgery term. Work is underway to address workforce concerns and no junior doctor has been or will be disadvantaged by this as they have been reallocated to other training terms.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Stephen-Smith".

Date: 15/8/23

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA