



## Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Reference: Hearing on 16 November 2023, Annual Report of ACT Health Directorate

In relation to: Digital Solutions Division and Lingo Project

In relation to the Lingo Project (a) what was its purpose (b) who was the vendor (c) how much were they paid (d) was money also spent on contractors: if so, (i) what for (ii) what amounts (e) was this solution implemented: if so, with what result (f) has it been (i) treated as an asset (ii) written off?

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

- a. The aim of the Lingo Project was to support clinician to clinician communication across the health service.
- b. The ACT Health Directorate used open-source code, therefore there was no vendor.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Yes.
  - (i) To build and configure the requirements from the open-source code.
  - (ii) \$0.592 million (excluding GST).
- e. The solution was not implemented, however much of the work completed for Lingo supported the implementation of similar functionality in the Digital Health Record (DHR).
- f. The Lingo Project was not written off as it was capitalised and added to the DHR software asset.

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