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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2011-12 REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL 2011-12 –
UPDATE ON HEALTH RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS**

(Recommendation 99)

**Presented by
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**Select Committee on Estimates 2011-12 report on the
Appropriation Bill 2011-12 - Update on health related recommendations**

For Members I wish to provide an update on the Governments progress against Health Recommendation 99 made by the Select Committee on Estimates 2011-12 in the Report on the Appropriation Bill 2011-12.

Recommendation 99 – this recommendation relates to the progress of the Calvary Health Care ACT staff entitlement issue.

The committee recommendation requests that if the issue is not resolved by 1 December 2011 that we report this to the Legislative Assembly.

The issue raised by Calvary Health Care ACT (CHC ACT) has not been resolved to date as we have not received the requested documentation to enable us to investigate their claim. CHC ACT has cited workplace priorities and pressures for the delay in providing their documentation.

The issue raised by CHC ACT, as we understand it, is that for the period when they operated under cash accounting they claim that they did not receive cash to cover leave entitlements that had not been taken by employees. It is for this reason that we are requiring documents for the public hospital for the period that they operated on a cash accounting basis.

CHC ACT public hospital employees are not disadvantaged by this exercise. They are accessing their entitlement on an ongoing basis and staff who resign are being paid their accumulated leave benefit.

It should be noted that once the requested documentation is provided it may take several months to investigate their claim and resolve the issue. When the issue is resolved, we will advise the Legislative Assembly.