



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA:

Ref: Justice Health, Budget paper C, page number 40, Output 1.2

In relation to: The 2021-2022 ACT Health Budget Statement, “providing health assessments and care for people detained in corrective facilities” on page 40

1. Have there been any formal concerns raised by Justice Health staff or other interested parties regarding their operating space in the AMC?
2. Are the rooms that Justice Health currently operates from within the AMC, the original rooms that Justice Health was set up in when the prison was first opened?
 - a. Have they had any expansion to their rooms since the prison opened?
3. At least \$5 million is being funded to the prison for improving infrastructure and wellbeing over the next two years. Is any of this going to the expansion of Justice Health premises?
 - a. If so, can a breakdown of this be provided?

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. Yes – Both Canberra Health Services through Justice Health Services and and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services
2. Yes, the rooms that Justice Health Services currently operate from (Hume Health Centre and the satellite clinic in the Women’s Correctional Centre) are the original rooms build during original construction of AMC.
 - a. While the Health building itself has not had any expansions, an additional 288sqm purpose-built health administration and support building was opened in December 2019. The satellite clinics located in the Special Care Centre and Accommodation Unit are expansions. Further, several areas around the Health building have been repurposed to allow for additional space. Two upcoming projects include the creation of an additional detainee waiting room, to improve throughput, and the enhancement of the Winnunga treatment room space in building H.
3. No, this funding will not be used to expand the Justice Health Services treatment building.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson