



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE** **2 March 2022**

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 2 March 2022: Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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MS CASTLEY: You are explaining that it could not be done quickly, so on your maths and timeframes it would have probably been the same thing. I also have questions about negative feedback with regard to design, if you could take that on notice, please. Just let me know what you are hearing from the professionals if there has been any negative feedback.

THE CHAIR: Do you want to frame that specifically as a question, Ms Castley and take it on notice?

Ms Stephen-Smith: Sorry, Chair. I am just not sure that we are going to be able to take that question on notice in the way that it is. There are a lot of reports publicly available in terms of the feedback that we have had, and how we responded to that.

THE CHAIR: Minister, I might ask you to take on notice to provide the committee with some of these reports about feedback, but I will rule that asking for specific feedback that has a specific answer is a bit out of order, so I will not be able to do that.

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

The ACT Government is committed to engaging with clinicians, other CHS staff, consumers, carers and the local community to ensure their interests, concerns and aspirations associated with the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project are heard and addressed. The following clinician and consumer forums provide ongoing feedback and input into the project:

- Clinical engagement: 10 Clinical User Groups
- Consumer and carer engagement: Consumer Reference Group and regular updates to the ACT Disability Reference Group

On 4 February 2020, a (then) SPIRE Project Local Community Forum was held to improve engagement with the local community surrounding the Canberra Hospital and as a precursor to establishing a Local Community Reference Group, which is now an ongoing reference group.

A report from this forum is available on the Canberra Hospital Expansion YourSay page at the following link: <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/hospitalexpansion>.

Prior to submitting the Development Application (DA) for the construction of the new Critical Services Building, Major Projects Canberra conducted a 10-week public pre-Development Application consultation process. This included explicit engagement with staff at Canberra Hospital. The feedback received from the community was used to inform the progression of design and the subsequent DA submission. The feedback received was publicly reported and is also accessible from the YourSay page.

In addition to the Government's own community engagement, the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal conducted the *Inquiry into planning for the Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre (SPIRE) and the Canberra Hospital campus and immediate surrounds* in the Assembly previous term. The Government Response to Standing Committee's report was tabled in the Assembly in January 2021 and summarises the ACT Government's response to the Standing Committee's Recommendations and is accessible at the following link: https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/1701071/9th-PUR-14-SPIRE-GR-released-2021-01-04-tabled-2021-02-09.pdf

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