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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR JAMES MILLIGAN MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ref: Output class 4: Emergency Services. Budget Outlook. JACS book D

Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: Patient Transport Services

(1) On p. 27 of Book D you list as an that the percentage of Patient Transport Service 'Fixed booking' were attended by booked time as having dropped.

- (a) What is the reason for this reduction?
- (b) Are these patient transport tasks shown on the ESA website incident map?
- (c) What is the basis of the projected improvement?

MICK GENTLEMAN MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

(1)(a) As stated on page 28 of Book D:

The above target estimated outcome for 2022-23 can be attributed to the legacy and ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on crewing levels, and the increase of people calling for an ambulance in non-emergency situations. The increases reflect a trend seen by ambulance services across the country, and despite this, ACT Ambulance Service remains one of the fastest responding ambulance services in Australia.

(1)(b) Yes.

(1)(c) As announced in the 2023-24 ACT Budget, to continue the implementation of the ACT Ambulance Service Modernised and Sustainable Service Plan, funding has been allocated for an additional 4 FTE for Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT). This is part of the funding received in the 2022-23 ACT Budget for an additional NEPT ambulance.

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

Signature:

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Date: 25/7/2023

By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA