



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Reference: HCSD - ACT Health

Hearing: 11 November 2025

In relation to: Aged care

Question received: 17 November 2025

Answer Due: 26 November 2025

1. Given that Labor has decided to privatise another aspect of our healthcare system, would you be able to clarify whether ACT Health will still be providing assessments under the 'Single Assessment System', or whether these will still be provided by hospitals?
2. There have already been concerns raised that wait times for Aged Care assessments are already too long, and now that an individual needs to seek a private provider they will be longer. What does the government intend to do to prevent this from occurring?
3. Won't this new scheme increase demand on hospitals?

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Canberra Health Services (CHS) is contracted by the Commonwealth to provide all aged care assessments in hospital and 40 per cent of aged care assessments in the community.
2. CHS has made significant efforts in recent months to address assessment waiting times and is now meeting or exceeding key performance indicators for all assessment types. More broadly, recognising that the Commonwealth is responsible for the aged care system, the ACT Government will continue to work collaboratively to ensure the Commonwealth is made aware of any challenges being experienced in the ACT.
3. The ACT Government will monitor the impact of any changes to aged care assessments on hospital demand, in the context of significant reform to the aged care system as a whole.

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Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA