



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

QON No. 58

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
CHRIS STEEL MLA (CHAIR), ELIZABETH KICKERT MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), VICKI DUNNE MLA,
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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Dunne:

In relation to Brian Hennessy Rehabilitation Centre:

On March 2, 2017 in the Annual Report hearings you advised that Brian Hennessy Rehabilitation Centre (BHRC) would not be closing before the end of 2018. The budget for 2017-18 contains \$500,000 to upgrade BHRC. In your answer to Question on Notice 619, you advised that a decision on BHRC would be made in 2018 as part of the 2018-19 budget,

1. What will the \$500000 in this year's budget be used for and is this work underway?
2. When will the project funded in this year's budget be completed?
3. What gaps were identified in the market for long term supported accommodation and how many people would fall through these gaps if changes are not made?
4. When will you release the forward plan regarding both the future uses of Brian Hennessy Rehabilitation Centre and also how to improve access to supported accommodation options in the community?
5. Will this plan inform the decision in the 2018-19 budget regarding the future of BHRC?
6. What consultation will be held with residents and staff at BHRC as well as interested community groups about the future of BHRC?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Work is currently underway to install window shades, replace plywood fencing, double door consultation rooms and roof repairs to the main building and Villas C and D, replacement and repair of external walkways and backflow prevention valve throughout the facility.
2. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by 30 June 2018.
3. There is a gap for providing long term supported accommodation for a cohort of people with complex, severe and persistent mental illness, with significant functional impairment and/or risks associated with complex needs to live successfully in our community.
4. The future use of BHRC is currently being considered and a plan will be developed along with a plan on how to improve access to supported accommodation options in the community.
5. The plan may feed into the 2018-19 budget process.



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6. Residents and staff have been actively consulted since 2014. This will continue.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Shane Rattenbury MLA