



## Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

---

Asked by **MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA:**

Reference: Hearing on 1 November 2022, Annual Report of CHS

In relation to: Page 64 ACT Health annual report 2021-22

On page 64 of the ACT Health Annual report 2021-22 for the office of Professional Development and Education

- (1) Can you list which executives utilised this office:
- (a) A breakdown of all of the activities organised by the office for 2021-22 including which executives attended and,
  - (b) The total cost for all executives and costs broken down by each executive for activities organised by the office.
  - (c) Total hours for executives and hours broken down by each executive for activities organised by the office.
  - (d) If executives were paid during trips or training organised through the office.
  - (e) The total cost of travel and accommodation expenses and costs broken down by executive for activities organised by the office.

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

- (1)
- (a) Activities organised by the Office of Professional Leadership and Education (OPLE) are attended by a range of executive across the ACT health system and the ACT public service. Much of OPLE's work relates to policy, practice and recognition of excellence and achievement associated with the various clinical/professional streams within the ACT health system. In 2021-22 the following activities were organised:
    - Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer (CNMO):
      - 2021 National Safer Baby Bundle Virtual Forum
      - ACT Nursing and Midwifery Ratios Implementation Workshop

- Nurses and Midwives Towards a Safer Culture Roadshow Event
- Aged Care Nursing Development in the Workforce Roundtable Event
- Nurses and Midwives Remembrance and Thanksgiving Ceremony
- Nurses and Midwives Excellence Awards Celebration
- Nursing and Midwifery Leaders Network
- Executive of Academic Unit of General Practice (AUGP):
  - Public Health Impacts of COVID-19 Working Group
  - Canberra Health Services (CHS) Research Strategic Workforce Working Group
  - Care Close to Home Reference Group meeting
  - Primary Care Emergency Response COVID-19 Working Group
  - Northside Clinical Services Plan Steering Committee
  - Cancer Australia Advisory Group
  - Southern NSW Clinical Council Coordinate Board
  - ACT Health, CHS and Education Cross-Directorate Governance Committee
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement Coordination Group
  - ANU Medical School Executive Committee
  - International Primary Care Review
  - ACT Kindergarten Health Check Governance Committee
  - ACT Kindergarten Health Check Stakeholder Committee
  - Integrated Care Working Group
  - Capital Health Network (CHN) Clinical Council
  - Education: Evidence-Based Medicine, General practice, Population Health – for the ANU
  - Research: Primary Health Care Services Research, Kindergarten Health Care research
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO):
  - ACT Health Professional Colleges Advisory meeting
  - ACT Maternity Services Advisory Network meeting
  - ACT Annual Strategic Blood Forum
  - Clinical Leadership Forum
  - Gynaecological Transvaginal Mesh Review Group
  - Medical Workforce Reform Advisory Committee
  - Health Technology Advisory Committee
  - Jurisdictional Blood Committee
  - Nationally Cohesive Health Technology Working Group
  - Australian Medical Council (AMC) Accreditation Assessments
  - National Cardiac Registry (NCR) Board
  - NCR Audit and Risk Committee
  - Meeting with clinical leaders around 4th Atlas recommendations
  - Therapeutic Goods Administration Interjurisdictional Face Mask meeting
  - Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) Interjurisdictional Committee
  - ACSQHC Clinical Standards reviews
  - ACT Chronic Conditions Working Group
  - ACT Health Workforce Strategy 2022-2032 and Plan 2022-2033
- Chief Psychiatrist (CP):
  - ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Hearings for Care Coordinator
  - Meeting with ACAT Presidential Member
  - Mental Health Advisory Council
  - Mental Health Act Oversight Committee
  - Equally Well - Policy Community of Practice

- ACT Countering Violent Extremism Steering Committee
- National Mutual Recognition Scheme Interjurisdictional Committee
- Restrictive Practice Oversight Steering Group
- National Chief Psychiatrists' Meeting
- Chief Allied Health Officer (CAHO):
  - Allied Health Excellence Awards
  - Allied Health Professional Association Forum
  - Allied Health Symposium
  - Allied Health Network
  - Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) Implementation Working Group
  - IAHA Placement Working Group
  - Allied Health Education and Training Reference Group

(b) The total cost for all executives for activities organised by OPLE is \$59,055.26.

A cost of \$43,894.56 is attributed to the CNMO and \$15,160.70 is attributed to the CAHO. The total cost broken down to individual activities organised by OPLE include both GST inclusive and GST exclusive. A breakdown of cost by individual executive is not available and it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to determine this information.

(c) OPLE does not collect data on the total hours spent by executives to attend activities organised by OPLE. To collate this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(d) The training and conferences attended by the CNMO were during standard working hours and no additional payment was provided other than the Executive's usual salary. Additionally, as a Registered Nurse, the CNMO is required to achieve 20 hours continuing professional development related to their nursing role in order to maintain their nursing registration as per the regulatory requirements laid out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

The training and conferences attended by the Executive of the AUGP were during standard working hours and no additional payment was provided other than the Executive's usual salary.

Both the CP and CMO positions are held by one Executive. The Executive completed a Masters in Data Science, Strategy and Leadership through remote learning. No other trips or training were undertaken during 2021-22.

The CAHO attended training within normal business hours and no additional payment was provided other than the Executive's usual salary. As the Executive during that time was a registered Podiatrist, they were required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing professional development. Under the Health Professional Agreement Professional Development Support is available as an entitlement, however this was not accessed in this time period by the Executive.

OPLE did not provide allowances or additional payment to external executives when attending the activities listed in the above response to question 1(a). Information on additional payments or allowances received by external executives is not recorded by OPLE and to collate this information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

(e) No travel or accommodation expenses were incurred by any executive within OPLE during 2021-22.

Information on travel or accommodation expenses incurred by external executives is not recorded by OPLE and to collate this information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Stephen-Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 16 | 11 | 22

By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA