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Mr Andrew Wall  
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Dear Chair *Andrew*

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2018 to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Ms Meegan Fitzharris about the evidence presented to the Select Committee on Estimates 2018-2019 at the public hearing on 21 June 2018. Minister Fitzharris is currently on leave and I am responding on her behalf as Acting Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

As stated during Estimates, there are some issues in Radiology that need to be addressed with respect to trainees and their training. It is important to emphasise that there is no impact to clinical service provision and also that this matter relates to teaching and not patient care.

ACT Health was provided a preliminary report by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) in March 2018. While ACT Health acknowledges the findings in the report, we are reviewing the factual accuracy of the RANZCR report and this is being done in consultation with the medical imaging department and the radiologists.

The issues identified include:

- The working relationship between the hospital executive and the Clinical Director and Director of Training.
- The allocation of teaching time to trainees and level of supervision on modalities.
- Lack of an accredited network for trainees.
- Concern on training in specific modalities in radiology.
- Lack of exposure to a systems-based learning environment.

ACT Health has taken immediate action on receiving the report. The Radiology Department at the Canberra Hospital is now working towards meeting the report's recommendations as its highest priority.

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Canberra Hospital and Health Services (CHHS) is confident that by providing a detailed response and action plan that addresses the factual inaccuracies contained in the preliminary report, that the final assessment will see this training program back to a C rating.

ACT Health will continue to work closely with RANZCR in progressing the recommendations to see our training accreditation status further improve over the next 12 months.

ACT Health would be happy to provide you with a copy of the final RANZCR accreditation report once received from the college.

In relation to public interest disclosures, I am able to advise the following.

**How many public interest disclosures does ACT Health have on its books at the moment?**

ACT Health is currently dealing with one submission under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (PID Act). The delegate for ACT Health is considering the request to ensure that all the requirements set out in section 26(1)(c) of the PID Act are met. ACT Health assesses all submissions made as Public Interest Disclosures in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure Guidelines.

ACT Health had a further two requests under the PID Act in the 2017-18 Financial Year. One request was withdrawn by the applicant with no recommendations. One request was declined by the Head of Service as it did not meet the requirement under section 26(1)(c) of the PID Act.

**How many have been dealt with in accordance to the relevant legislation, and if not, why not?**

All Public Interest Disclosures are dealt with under the PID Act.

**What areas these cover and what recommendation of completed PIDs have been implemented?**

This matter refers to employment.

**How many are there (beyond their timeframe) and what is being done in ACT Health to address public interest disclosures?**

None.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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