



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 131, 132 CHS Annual report 2021-22

The expansion of the women's and children hospital which is due to be complete next year in September. The total expenditure to date is just over 50% of what is budgeted.

- 1) Will the project be complete by September 2023?
- 2) What wards and facilities are still under construction and what has been complete?

The Clinical Services and inpatient unit design and infrastructure expansion reduced the value for this project from around 41 million to 27 million.

- 1) Why was the clinical services project reduced by such a significant amount?
- 2) What is the Clinical services and inpatient design project?
 - a. Is the design being implemented? If not, why?
- 3) Was this project outsourced?
 - a. Which company won the tender and what was their total cost?

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

Centenary Hospital for Women and Children (CHWC) Expansion Project:

- 1) The CHWC Expansion Project is on track for completion in September 2023.
- 2) The program summary is provided in the table below.

Item	Service	Construction Completion Date
1	Paediatric High Care Unit	October 2020
2	Administration Building	July 2021
3	Maternity Assessment Unit	October 2022
4	Gynaecology Procedure Suite	October 2022

5	Clinical Administration, Teaching and Education Spaces	December 2022
6	Antenatal Ward & Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit	February 2023
7	Adolescent Unit & Adolescent Mental Health Day Service	June 2023
8	Neonatology Special Care Nursery	September 2023

Clinical Services Design:

- 1) Funding for the project has not reduced. The original project budget was \$40.8 million. It contained several separate components, with the main Emergency Department (ED) and Paediatric Streaming Expansion component representing \$26.9 million that is reported against expenditure of \$26.3 million as of 30 June 2022.

The balance of the original funding was redistributed to other projects as noted in the relevant budget papers from 2016-17, please see the below.

Clinical Services and Inpatient Unit Design and Infrastructure Expansion Budget Appropriation		
Adjustment	Financial Year	Amount (\$000s)
2013-14 Budget Appropriation - Clinical Services & Inpatient Unit Design & Infrastructure Expansion (CSIUDIE)	2013-14	40,780
2016-17 Technical Adjustment - Funding for System Innovation Program (SIP) to improve access to services, increase efficiency and free up hospital capacity through contemporary service delivery solutions and models of care	2016-17	(11,900)
2017-18 Technical Adjustment - Supplementary funding to complete Bowes Street office fitout works	2017-18	(285)
2017-18 Technical Adjustment - Supplementary funding to complete Bowes Street office fitout works	2017-18	(1,000)
2018-19 Project variation offset - Supplementary funding to complete mental health ligature minimisation works	2018-19	(923)
2019-20 Technical Adjustment - Supplementary funding to complete cancer ward (Ward 14A/14B) redevelopment works	2019-20	(486)
2020-21 Technical Adjustment - Funding to support Emergency Department triage desk redesign and Behavioural Assessment Unit refurbishment	2020-21	700
Balance		26,886

- 2) In 2013-14, the ACT Government provided \$40.8 million under the *Clinical Services and Inpatient Unit and Infrastructure Expansion (CSIUDIE)* project to:

- Prepare a Proof of Concept and forward design for major clinical buildings at the Canberra Hospital;
- Expand the ED on finalisation of the proof of concept; and
- Provide a paediatric service in the ED at Canberra Hospital.

The POC and forward design scope for major clinical buildings was not progressed following a revaluation by government in 2015. The Canberra Hospital Master Plan is now the guiding document for Canberra Hospital infrastructure development. Subsequent work in this area culminated in the development of the Canberra Hospital Expansion which is currently under construction and due for completion in 2024.

- a. In December 2016, the project delivered an expanded emergency department with an extra 1,000 square metres of refurbished space, including 21 treatment areas (an increase from 54 to 75), a dedicated parent's room, triage assessment bay and clinical forensic medical service. The expansion also delivered dedicated paediatric treatment areas, three new ambulance bays and a sub-acute area for treating patients with less-serious injuries.

3) Yes.

- a. In August 2015, a contract for the main ED and PSE component was awarded to ISIS Group Australia Pty Ltd (now Shape Australia Pty Ltd) with a contract amount of \$20.2 million (including GST). The final contract cost was \$21.7 million (including GST).

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Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA