



# Inquiry into men's suicide rates

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Ms Stacy Leavens, CEO

In relation to: Capital Health Network and ACT Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan

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Ms Stacy Leavens took on notice the following question(s):

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you, Ms Leavens. I will start. Capital Health Network played a lead role in delivering the ACT Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan 2019- 2024. I am just curious why it is not mentioned in your submission.

**Ms Leavens:** I think because it is—we have it currently a revised version of that in draft form that is currently being finalised, and so that will be coming through. I think we, in our submission, really wanted to have a, sort of, like, really targeted focus, rather than going broad and trying to cover up on anything—on everything. But it is certainly—suicide prevention is certainly going to be an ongoing focus under the renewed regional plan once that is finalised.

**THE CHAIR:** When do you have a timeline for when that will be finalised?

**Ms Leavens:** It is in final draft. We are going through the final approvals at the moment.

**THE CHAIR:** Okay, so that is—

**Ms Leavens:** Should be very, very soon.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. The original plan from the senior(?) [09.24.18] reporting on implementation progress, including latest data that is experienced in important case studies, are those annual reports available somewhere?

**Ms Leavens:** I have to take that on notice. I am aware that would be of—where that information would be available. I do know as part of the drafting of the new plan, there has been a—sort of a reflection piece done that I would be happy to share with the committee.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. When exactly did the plan expire?

**Ms Leavens:** I believe that was 20204. I would have to double check that.

**THE CHAIR:** That reflection is that the—also looking at the plan, it mentioned there would be a final report, including data and progress toward outcomes reporting on the experiences of consumers, carers and the workforce under the plan. Do you know, if that is the same document or if there is a

separate, kind of, final report?

**Ms Leavens:** I think there is a separate piece. There is a reflection piece that was done reviewing the whole plan with stakeholders.

**THE CHAIR:** Okay. Do you know if that final report is been completed?

Ms Stacy Leavens. The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government and CHN are working together to complete the *ACT Regional Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan 2019-2024 Reflective Review* (the Reflective Review), which will be the final report for the 2019-2024 Regional Plan.

The Reflective Review is being undertaken at the same time as the collaboration to complete the next ACT Regional Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan (Regional Plan). Considering the two together will enable learnings from the last Regional Plan to be incorporated, building on current programs, addressing areas of continuing need, and improving implementation of the new Regional Plan.

The Reflective Review is expected to be published alongside the 2025-2030 Regional Plan Framework, which is intended to be by the end of this year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:



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By Stacy Leavens, CEO Capital Health Network