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Question on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Redirection: Canberra Health Services

Reference:

Date: 30/07/2024

In relation to: Nurses Observation Unit in CSB

Question Lodgement Date: 30 July 2024

Date Answer Due: 06 August 2024

Question

- 1) Were frontline nurses consulted in the design and placement of the Nurses Observation unit and station for the post operation recovery ward for the new critical services building?
- 2) Is it true that from the station it is impossible for nurses to actually observe the patients as it is placed in a corner?

Ms Stephen-Smith: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) Yes. The planning and design of the Perioperative Suite was undertaken with extensive consultation with the frontline nursing staff.
- 2) This is incorrect. Nursing staff can observe patients from the nurse station.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

Date: 21/8/24

By Minister for Health Rachel Stephen-Smith