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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

Ref: Health, ACT Health

In relation to: Retrieval Team

- (1) How much money has been spent by ACT Government for the retrieval team that takes patients between ACT and Sydney hospitals since 2016 (by financial years for all questions)?
- (2) How much has been budgeted for the retrieval team this year?
- (3) How much is spent on patient transfers from the ACT each year since 2016?
- (4) How much has been spent on patient transfers into the ACT each year since 2016?
- (5) How many children have been transferred by the retrieval team since 2016?
 - a. For the numbers provided in (5), what were the top three health conditions that children were transferred for by the retrieval team e.g. cardiology and how many for each condition.

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

- (1) ACT Government expenditure for the Retrieval team is outlined below. Patient transport events are not identified on a jurisdictional basis:

	2016-17 (\$000)	2017-18 (\$000)	2018-19 (\$000)	2019-20 (\$000)	2020-21 (\$000)	2021-22 (\$000)
Actual	2,251	2,366	2,353	2,880	2,934	3,257

- (2) The Budget for Retrieval Services in 2022-23 is \$3.412 million
- (3) The Budget for Patient/Client Transport Services funds all air/road transport costs in and out of the ACT. ACT Government expenditure for this service is outlined below:

	2016-17 (\$000)	2017-18 (\$000)	2018-19 (\$000)	2019-20 (\$000)	2020-21 (\$000)	2021-22 (\$000)
Actual	2,369	2,345	2,303	2,764	3,531	3,569

(4) See above.

(5) Assuming a child is someone 16 years of age or less, the following is the total amount of children transferred by the CRRS in calendar years:

2016	31
2017	37
2018	30
2019	23
2020	18
2021	18

a. The top three diagnoses of the children transferred over the same reporting period are:

1. Trauma - 117
2. Diabetes related - 8
3. Asthma or Pneumonia - 7

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By the Minister for Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA