

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 15

6 February 2025

Question No. 843

Shane Rattenbury MLA: To ask the Treasurer

In relation to the 2024-25 Financial Year Consolidated Annual Financial Statements,

(a) at the end of 2024-2025, what was the Territory's total liability arising from unpaid overtime for staff in Canberra Health Services as referenced on page 79,

(b) why is it that personal injury claims in Canberra Health Services and ACT Education Directorate decreased but our overall liability is still \$30 million as referenced on page 82,

(c) what types of personal injury claims (in Canberra Health Services staff) have been made in the last financial year, including what proportion were

- (i) psychosocial,
- (ii) physical and
- (iii) any other meaningful category,

(d) using the same categorisation, including dividing between physical and psychosocial injury claims, what types of personal injury claims were made each year for the last five financial years and

(e) what were personal injury claims budgeted for in 2024-2025.

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(a) The Territory's total liability arising from unpaid overtime relates to the Junior Medical Officers (JMO) settlement in Canberra Health Services was \$31.3 million.

(b) Personal injury claims for Canberra Health Services and the Education Directorate decreased by \$17.8 million from 2023-24 to 2024-25. The total personal injury claims for the Territory had decreased by \$19.2 million from \$49.5 million in 2023-24 to \$30.3 million in 2024-25. While there is a reduction, a contingent liability for these types of claims remains for both Directorates. These claims do not relate to staff which are covered under the Public Sector Workers Compensation Fund.

(c) CHS received a total of 186 workers compensation claims in the 2024–25 financial year, as reported by Employers Mutual Limited (EML). Of these, 155 claims related to physical injuries, while 31 related to psychological injuries.

(d) The table below outlines CHS workers compensation claims over the past five financial years.

Financial Year	Physical	Psychological	Total
2020–21	116	22	138
2021–22	114	28	142
2022–23	73	20	93
2023–24*	139	31	170
2024–25	155	31	186

**Please note that from July 2023, claims from the North Canberra Hospital were incorporated into CHS reporting. Claims prior to this are not included as this is prior to acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.*

(e) The types of liabilities on page 82 of the 2024-25 Consolidated Annual Financial Statements are contingent in nature. They are contained in a disclosure note only and do not form part of the primary financial statements. As such, there is no recognition for these types of liabilities in the budget estimates. Contingent liabilities are only disclosed in notes because they do not meet the liability recognition criteria under the accounting standard AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*. The Statement of Risks on page 309 of the 2025-26 Budget Outlook identifies these types of liabilities as a risk to the Territory's estimates.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Treasurer

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