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Member for Kurrajong

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 1**

**6 DECEMBER 2024**

**Question No. 36**

**MR RATTENBURY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Health

What is the current estimated date for the opening of the (a) Watson Health Precinct, (b) Garran Safe Haven and (c) Southside Hydrotherapy Pool.

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

- a) Construction of new health facilities at the Watson Health Precinct is expected to be completed in early 2026, with operational commissioning occurring soon after this time, followed by opening of the precinct.
- b) The current scheduled date for the opening of the Canberra Hospital Safe Haven is August 2025.
- c) The new Southside Hydrotherapy Pool is expected to open in mid-2025. Construction on the Southside Hydrotherapy Pool has commenced. The facility will be opened following technical commissioning, staff training and commercial negotiations with the operator.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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