

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

Minister for Health

Minister for Mental Health

Minister for Finance

Minister for the Public Service

Member for Kurrajong

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****9 MAY 2025****Question No. 405****MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Health

- 1) How many ministerial advisory councils and other special advisory bodies operate under the Minister's ministerial portfolios.
- 2) How many times since the Territory election have these councils met.
- 3) Do the councils meet regularly or at the Minister's discretion.

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

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Minister for Health	6
Minister for Mental Health	3
Minister for Finance	1
Minister for the Public Service	0

2)

Minister for Health:

Council Name	Number of Meetings Since 2024 Election (19 October 2024)
ACT Health System Council*	2
Canberra Region Medical Education Council (CRMEC)	3



Council Name	Number of Meetings Since 2024 Election (19 October 2024)
Gene Technology Advisory Council (GTAC)	1
Non-government Organisation Leadership Group (NGOLG)*	No meetings since the 2024 election.
Restricted Medical Treatment Assessment Board	3
Union and Professional Associations Forum (UPAF)	No meetings since the 2024 election.

Minister for Mental Health:

Council Name	Number of Meetings Since 2024 Election (19 October 2024)
ACT Health System Council*	2
Mental Health Advisory Council	2
Non-government Organisation Leadership Group (NGOLG)*	No meetings since the 2024 election.

Minister for Finance:

Council Name	Number of Meetings Since 2024 Election (19 October 2024)
Government Procurement Board	18

**Note, the ACT Health System Council and NGOLG provides advice to the Minister for Health and Mental Health.*

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Minister for Health:

Council Name	Frequency of Meetings
ACT Health System Council*	The Council meets at least quarterly each year but no more than six times.
Canberra Region Medical Education Council (CRMEC)	There are four Council meetings per year, multiple sub-committee meetings (accreditation committee and education committee each of which meet four times/year) and out-of-session meetings as required by business arising.
Gene Technology Advisory Council (GTAC)	GTAC does not have a set schedule and meets at the discretion of the Minister or the Chief Health Officer. GTAC regularly provides advice out-of-session on Office of Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) Licence Applications circulated for consultation.

Council Name	Frequency of Meetings
Non-government Organisation Leadership Group (NGOLG)*	NGOLG has previously met approximately four times a year, with meeting frequency dependent on need and other demands on members' time. The NGOLG was established in 2019 and during the COVID-19 pandemic met more frequently.
Restricted Medical Treatment Assessment Board	The Board meets four times per year. Committees of the Board meet more frequently to assess applications for Restricted Treatment, as they are received.
Union and Professional Associations Forum (UPAF)	UPAF normally meets quarterly, although the meeting rhythm has been interrupted by the caretaker period and Machinery of Government activity.

Minister for Mental Health:

Council Name	Frequency of Meetings
ACT Health System Council*	See above.
Mental Health Advisory Council	The Council meets every two months.
Non-government Organisation Leadership Group (NGOLG)*	See above.

Minister for Finance:

Council Name	Frequency of Meetings
Government Procurement Board	Usually meets weekly.

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 Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA Minister for Health	Date: 22/6/25
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