

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 8
Friday, 27 June 2025
Question No. 486

MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services —

1. Does the government intend to commit land and/or funding to the establishment of a dedicated care facility on the Holt Primary site, which Carers ACT will construct and maintain as a co-contribution, as petitioned by Carers ACT ahead of the 2024 election?
2. Will the government consider the recommendation of Carers ACT to establish a non-means-tested Carer Recognition Card?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Government has committed to explore options for a purpose-built carers respite centre in the ACT, including identifying options for a potential site. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with Carers ACT, the government's key community partner for carer policy. Implementation of the project will be subject to future funding decisions by the ACT Government.

The ACT Government has commenced scoping work to explore options for a purpose-built respite centre. This work will include consideration of the feasibility of different options and will explore similar respite services or support provided in other jurisdictions.

2. The ACT Government has made a commitment to explore the feasibility of a carers recognition card so carers can more easily access services and supports without having to verify their carer status each time. Policy work to explore the feasibility of a carers recognition card is underway.

This work will consider what carers have already told government and advocacy organisations about what would be helpful for them, aligning their feedback with options for a potential card's purpose and administration. Once complete, the advice

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will require government consideration on feasibility and next steps, at which point a timeline for implementation will also be considered.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA
Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

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